

## MY COVENANT PROTECTOR

**Review: Covenant is a solemn, binding agreement. A walk into death to self by both parties.**

The first covenant (promise) was to **Eve (Gen 3:15)** her seed would conquer Satan)

- **Luke 3:38** the son of Adam, the son of God. Jesus' genealogy.

**Noah** was promised that the earth would never again be destroyed by water

**Abraham** was promised to be a blessing to all nations, have many descendants and the Land

- **Matt 1:1** The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, **the son of Abraham:**

**Moses** initiated the Law, the Old Covenant while wandering in the wilderness

- **Rom 3:20** because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law [comes] the knowledge of sin.

**David's** covenant promised that he would have a descendant on the throne eternally (Jesus)

- **Mat 1:1** The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, **the son of David**, the son of Abraham:

**New Covenant** is Jesus, we have new life eternally in Him

**We enter into covenant** with God by faith accepting the atoning sacrifice Jesus made for us

- **Heb 9:15** For this reason **He is the mediator of a new covenant**, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were [committed] **under the first covenant**, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

What do I need protection from? **First**, separation from God because of my sin. **Second**, troubles of this life (groaning in Romans 8). **Third**, the enemy of our soul, the ruler of this world, Satan and his minions.

**God is my protector, defender and vindicator.** Jonathan and David's covenant.

Who was Jonathan? Saul's son. An heir to Saul's throne. But Saul blew it. God replaced Saul with David.

**1 Sam 15:** Saul loses the kingdom through disobedience.

- 3 'Now go and strike Amalek and **utterly destroy** all that he has, and do not spare him;
- 7 So Saul defeated the Amalekites,
- **8 He captured Agag the king of the Amalekites alive,**
- **9 But Saul and the people spared Agag (Saul justifies his disobedience).**
- **22 Samuel said, "Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, [And] to heed than the fat of rams.**
- **26 But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you; for you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel."**

**1 Sam 18** Saul attempts to kill David

- 10 Now it came about on the next day that *an evil spirit from God* (remember God allowed Satan to attack Job) came mightily upon Saul, and
- He (Saul) raved in the midst of the house, while David was playing the harp;
- and a spear [was] in Saul's hand. **11 Saul hurled the spear for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David escaped from his presence twice.**

- 12 Now Saul was afraid of David, *for the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul*. 13 Therefore Saul removed him from his presence and appointed him as his commander of a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

Jonathan knew he was in line for the throne, but Saul had been rejected by God. Jonathan knew it. Jonathan loved God enough to not claim his right as a son of Saul, but surrendered his position to the will of God, knowing David had been chosen to be the next king.

**1 Samuel 18:1-5** Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself. 2 Saul took him (David) that day and did not let him return to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan *made a covenant with David* because he loved him as himself. 4 Jonathan stripped himself of the **robe** that was on him and gave it to David, with his **armor**, including his **sword** and his **bow** and his **belt**. 5 So David went out wherever Saul sent him, *and prospered*; and Saul set him over the men of war. And it was pleasing in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

When one made a covenant, a common practice was exchanging robes, armor and weapons. This symbolized one partner in the covenant would take on the other's enemies. Everything was now held in common, a mutual identity when one was under attack, the other was to come to his aid. And vice versa.

David obeyed God, fought enemies on Saul's behalf and Saul repeatedly tried to kill him. Jonathan made a covenant with David and by that binding agreement had to defend him. Jonathan did not kill his father, but he warned David and helped him escape his father's wrath. Jonathan accepted God's will.

## David's protection of Saul: Wait on God's timing, God would make David king.

**God keeps His promises; David became king according to God's schedule.** David had two reasons for not killing Saul **twice** when he had the chance.

1. He promised Jonathan in their covenant that he would protect Jonathan's household.
2. He trusted God to be his defender. And he trusted God would make him king. He did not have to rush the timeframe.

## For Jonathan's sake.

### 1 Sam 20 Jonathan agrees to protect David

- 12 Then Jonathan said to David, "The LORD, the God of Israel, [be witness!] When I have sounded out my father about this time tomorrow, [or] the third day, behold, if there is good [feeling] toward David, shall I not then send to you and make it known to you?"
- 13 "If it please my father [to do] you harm, **may the LORD do so to Jonathan and more also, if I do not make it known to you and send you away**, (Part of covenant is that the Lord is the judge between the partners)
- 14 "**If I am still alive**, will you not show me the lovingkindness of the LORD, that I may not die? 15 **"You shall not cut off your lovingkindness from my house forever, not even when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth."**
- 16 So Jonathan made a [covenant] with the **house of David**, [saying,] **"May the LORD require [it] at the hands of David's enemies."**

- 17 Jonathan made David vow **again** because of his love for him, because he loved him as he loved his own life. **David's part of the covenant was to protect Jonathan's family.**
- **Note the love Jonathan had for David pales in comparison to the love God has for us. My issue is I doubt God's love. My plans are not His plans. Jesus loved enough to die.**

## God's Timing David shows us how to wait for God's will

### 1 Sam 24 the cave of En Gedi (Notice David's friends think Saul was handed to David by God)

- 3 He came to the sheepfolds on the way, where there [was] a cave; and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the inner recesses of the cave.
- 4 The men of David said to him, "Behold, [this is] the day of which the LORD said to you, 'Behold; I am about to give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good to you.'"
- Then David arose and cut off the edge of Saul's robe secretly.
- 5 It came about afterward that **David's conscience bothered him because he had cut off the edge of Saul's [robe.] David tells his men and Saul that he would not stretch out his hand against the Lord's anointed**
- 12 "May the LORD judge between you and me, and may the LORD avenge me on you; **but my hand shall not be against you.** 15 "The LORD therefore **be judge and decide between you and me; and may He see and plead my cause and deliver me from your hand.**"

### 1 Sam 26 Saul is asleep, David and Abishai sneak into the camp.

- 9 But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him, for who can stretch out his hand **against the LORD'S anointed** and be without guilt?"
- 10 David also said, "As the LORD lives, surely the LORD will strike him, or his day will come that he dies, or he will go down into battle and perish.
- 22 David replied, "Behold the spear of the king! Now let one of the young men come over and take it.
- 23 "The LORD will repay each man [for] his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the LORD delivered you into [my] hand today, **but I refused to stretch out my hand against the LORD'S anointed.**

2 Sam 9:3 **David keeps his promise to Jonathan after his death.** The king said, "Is there not yet anyone of the house of Saul to whom I may show the kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is crippled in both feet. David received Jonathan's son into his house as family and protected him.

Our covenant with God is kept because it is the loving **God who speaks the oath**. In all the promises (covenants) of God, **God initiates them all**.

**John 17:12** "While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

Why do we take back our issues? Fear. Doubt. It's not resolved fast enough.

## What does this mean regarding the covenant I have with God?

God has given an oath and a walk unto death that I shall not perish; and have eternal life. **John 3:16**

**Heb 12:1-2** 1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, **who for the joy set before Him endured the cross**, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**How do I exchange clothes and weapons with God?** His commitment is to me, and I need to have faith in His promises to me, to use His weapons of warfare. We will cover this more when we speak about having His identity (exchange of robes).

My first weapon is obedience. Obedience is faith. One cannot have faith and disobey God at the same time. Faith and disobedience are incompatible. THINK ABOUT THIS. None of us is perfectly obedient and we all struggle with faith. Yesterday's victory does not guarantee triumph today, it is a daily, or at times moment by moment surrender and walk. It is very difficult we cannot do without the Holy Spirit. I feel frequently that my trust in God is like the "paddle ball" give it to Him, take it back, give it to Him, take it back. Repeat.

## Hebrews 11: The faith hall of fame!

### Noah:

- 7 By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

### Abraham:

- 8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, **not knowing where he was going**. 9 By faith he **lived as an alien** in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, **fellow heirs of the same promise**; 10 **for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God**.
- 17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; 18 it was he to whom it was said, "IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED." 19 **He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type**

### Moses:

- 24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,
- 26 considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.
- 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen. 28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them.

- 29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.
- **Exo 14:13-14, 19-20** 13 But **Moses** said to the people, "**Do not fear!** Stand by and see the salvation of the LORD which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever. 14 "**The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent.**" ... 19 **The angel of God, who had been going before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them;** 20 So it came *between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel*; and there was the cloud along with the darkness, yet it gave light at night. Thus, the one did not come near the other all night.

**David:** It speaks of sin (Solomon and sons) but also the eternal covenant: **Jesus descended from David.**

- **2 Sam 7:** "When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, **and I will establish his kingdom.** 13 "**He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.**"

I am in a circumstance I do not like, at all. Do I believe that all things will work together for good? The last few weeks, not so much. I've been very frustrated, angry **and I recently realized fear was controlling me.** Some things I was afraid of happened, but the consequences I feared did not. WHAT A BIG LESSON. The Lord spoke to me, "**Is this circumstance out of my control? Have you given thanks in all things as I instructed you?**" Nope and nope. Surrendering in trust is a huge battle.

This circumstance brought up old battles, some that I thought I had won, and was done with. WON AND DONE. Not so much. Deeper disobedience and lack of trust have been revealed, and I still am working on them, day by day. My faith right now is far from perfect.

**Phil 3:12-16** 12 Not that I have already obtained [it] or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of [it] yet; **but one thing [I do:] forgetting what [lies] behind and reaching forward to what [lies] ahead,** 14 **I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.** 15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; 16 however, let us keep living by that same [standard] to which we have attained.

I'm not so great at forgetting what lies behind. I have to work on this. By not putting it behind me I surrender to fear or anger (or both) and my focus and trust is not on God, who loves me unconditionally. I need to remember He died and rose for me. And no circumstance is out of His control.

**1 Pet 1:13-16** 13 Therefore, **prepare** your minds for action, **keep** sober [in spirit,] **fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.** 14 As **obedient** children, do not be conformed to the former lusts [which were yours] in your ignorance, 15 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all [your] behavior; 16 because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

**Deut 9:5** "It is not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart that you are going to possess their land, but [it is] because of the wickedness of these nations [that] the LORD your God is driving them out before you, **in order to confirm the oath (Covenant) which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.** This sounds like grace to me; we don't deserve it either.

**Psa 56: 3-4** 3 **When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You.** 4 In God, whose word I praise, In God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid. What can [mere] man do to me?

**Psalm 70:5** But I am afflicted and needy; Hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.

**Psalm 73:14, 17, 21-28** (The wicked seem to have no trials) 14 For I have been stricken all day long and chastened every morning. 17 **Until I came into the sanctuary of God;** [Then] I perceived their end. .... 21 When my heart was embittered And I was pierced within, 22 Then I was senseless and ignorant; I was [like] a beast before You. 23 Nevertheless I am continually with You; **You have taken hold of my right hand.** 24 **With Your counsel You will guide me, and afterward receive me to glory.** 25 **Whom have I in heaven [but You?]** **And besides You, I desire nothing on earth.** 26 My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.....**But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,** That I may tell of all Your works.

## Know our salvation is protected

I see our brothers and sisters martyred around the world, then I am ashamed at what little has to happen for me to lose patience with God, to struggle with my trust in God. What is the worst that could happen? Myself or my loved ones may die, those in the Lord will be done with this earth. They are in heaven already.

**1 Thes 1:6-8** 6 For after all it is [only] just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and [to give] relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. God will vindicate us, eventually.

- **Heb 11:13** **All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.** 14 For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. 15 And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.

**1 Thes 1:9-10** 9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, 10 and *to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, [that is] Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.*

**1 Cor 15:50-57** 50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 **For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.** 54 **But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.** 55 **"O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"** 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Pet 1:3-9** 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to [obtain] an **inheritance** [which is] **imperishable** and **undefiled** and **will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are protected by the power of God** through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 7 so that the proof of your faith, [being] more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in **praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ**; 8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

**Rev 3:5** 'He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and **I will not erase his name from the book of life**, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

**Heb 7:25** Therefore He is able also to **save forever** those who draw near to God through Him, since He **always lives** to make intercession for them.

**How do I then live?** In Romans 8 we see the Trinity working on our behalf.

**Rom 8:1** Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. *Never condemned!*

**Rom 8:9-11** 9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. 10 If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. 11 **But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.** *We have the power to obey!*

**Rom 8:16-17** 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we **suffer** with [Him] so that we may also be **glorified** with [Him.] **There is no promise of no suffering, quite the opposite.** *Life happens to everyone.*

**Rom 8:23-25** 23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves **groan** within ourselves, *waiting eagerly for [our] adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.* 24 For in **hope** we have been saved, but **hope** that is seen is not **hope**; for who **hopes** for what he [already] sees? 25 But if we **hope** for what we do not see, with **perseverance** we wait eagerly for it.

**Rom 8:26-30** 26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but **the Spirit Himself intercedes for [us] with groanings too deep for words**; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because **He intercedes for the saints according to [the will of] God.** 28 And we know that **God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to [His] purpose.** 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined [to become] conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, **He also glorified.** *Glorify=be the person God intended me to be.*

**Isa 50:4-11** (A picture of Jesus' trust in God, taking on my battle, by His suffering) 4 The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of disciples, **that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word.** He awakens [Me] morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple. 5 The Lord GOD has opened My ear; and I was not disobedient, nor did I turn back. 6 I gave My back to those who strike [Me,] and My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting. 7 For the Lord GOD helps Me, therefore, I am not disgraced; therefore, **I have set My face like flint,** (Jerusalem Luke 9:51 Gethsemane) and I know that I will not be ashamed. 8 He who **vindicates** Me is near; who will **contend** with Me? Let us stand up to each other; **who has a case against Me?** (My perfect sacrifice.) Let him draw near to Me. 9 Behold, the Lord GOD helps Me; **who is he who condemns Me?** Behold, they will all wear out like a garment; The moth will eat them. *10 Who is among you that fears the LORD, that obeys the voice of His servant, that walks in darkness and has no light? **Let him trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.*** *11 Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who encircle yourselves with firebrands, walk in the light of your fire and among the brands you have set ablaze. This you will have from My hand: You will lie down in torment.* **This verse spoke to me, I was trying desperately to relieve myself of my circumstance.**

Isaiah is in context rejecting the gospel, but my own plans in disobedience do not end well.

**Rom 8:26, 31-39** 26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but **the Spirit Himself intercedes** for [us] with groanings too deep for words; ... 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God [is] for us, who [is] against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? 33 **Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God** is the one who justifies; 34 who is the one who condemns? **Christ Jesus** is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, **who also intercedes for us.** 35 **Who will separate us from the love of Christ?** Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." 37 But **in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.** 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I've taken to praying to see the well like Hagar needed, the chariots of fire that Elisha saw, but his servant did not, to feel like it is crucifixion day, and need to know that resurrection is coming. We need hope.

## **We Have the Final Victory in Him**

**Rev 20:1-3, 10** 1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he threw him into the abyss, and shut [it] and sealed [it] over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time ..... 10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

**1 John 5:1-5** 1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the [child] born of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. **4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the**



victory that has overcome the world--our faith. 5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

**Rev 21:1-4, 7** 1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer [any] sea. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, 4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; *and there will no longer be [any] death; there will no longer be [any] mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.*" ... 7 "He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.

### **Psalm 71:1-24**

1 In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge; Let me never be ashamed.  
2 In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
Incline Your ear to me and save me.  
3 Be to me a rock of habitation to which I may continually come;  
You have given commandment to save me,  
For You are my rock and my fortress.  
4 Rescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked,  
Out of the grasp of the wrongdoer and ruthless man,  
5 For You are my hope;  
O Lord GOD,  
[You are] my confidence from my youth.  
6 By You I have been sustained from [my] birth;  
You are He who took me from my mother's womb;  
My praise is continually of You.  
7 I have become a marvel to many,  
For You are my strong refuge.  
8 My mouth is filled with Your praise  
And with Your glory all day long.  
9 Do not cast me off in the time of old age;  
Do not forsake me when my strength fails.  
10 For my enemies have spoken against me;  
And those who watch for my life have consulted together,  
11 Saying, "God has forsaken him;  
Pursue and seize him, for there is no one to deliver."  
12 O God, do not be far from me;  
O my God hasten to my help!  
13 Let those who are adversaries of my soul be ashamed [and] consumed;  
Let them be covered with reproach and dishonor, who seek to injure me.  
14 But as for me, I will hope continually,  
And will praise You yet more and more.  
15 My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness  
[And] of Your salvation all day long;  
For I do not know the sum [of them.]  
16 I will come with the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD;  
I will make mention of Your righteousness, Yours alone.

17 O God, You have taught me from my youth,  
And I still declare Your wondrous deeds.

18 And even when [I am] old and gray,  
O God, do not forsake me,  
Until I declare Your strength to [this] generation,  
Your power to all who are to come.

19 For Your righteousness, O God, [reaches] to the heavens,  
You who have done great things; O God, who is like You?

20 You who have shown me many troubles and distresses  
Will revive me again,  
And will bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

21 May You increase my greatness  
And turn [to] comfort me.

22 I will also praise You with a harp, [Even] Your truth, O my God;  
To You I will sing praises with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to You;  
And my soul, which You have redeemed.

24 My tongue also will utter Your righteousness all day long;  
For they are ashamed, for they are humiliated who seek my hurt.