**Psalm 9-12** - May 27th

**Psalm 9**

**For the director of music. To the tune of “The Death of the Son.” A psalm of David.**

**1**I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
**2**I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

**3**My enemies turn back;
    they stumble and perish before you.
**4**For you have upheld my right and my cause,
    sitting enthroned as the righteous judge.
**5**You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked;
    you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.
**6**Endless ruin has overtaken my enemies,
    you have uprooted their cities;
    even the memory of them has perished.

**7**The Lord reigns forever; He has established His throne for judgment.
**8**He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.
**9**The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.
**10**Those who know Your name trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You.

**11**Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done. **12**For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not ignore the cries of the afflicted.

**13**Lord, see how my enemies persecute me! Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death, **14**that I may declare your praises in the gates of Daughter Zion, and there rejoice in your salvation.

**15**The nations have fallen into the pit they have dug; their feet are caught in the net they have hidden. **16**The Lord is known by HIS acts of justice; the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands. **17**The wicked go down to the realm of the dead, all the nations that forget God.
**18**But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish.

**19**Arise, Lord, do not let mortals triumph; let the nations be judged in your presence.
**20**Strike them with terror, Lord; let the nations know they are only mortal.

**Psalm 10**

**1**Why, Lord, do you stand far off?
    Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

**2**In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak,
    who are caught in the schemes he devises.
**3**He boasts about the cravings of his heart;
    he blesses the greedy and reviles the Lord.
**4**In his pride the wicked man does not seek him;
    in all his thoughts there is no room for God.
**5**His ways are always prosperous;
    your laws are rejected by him;
    he sneers at all his enemies.
**6**He says to himself, “Nothing will ever shake me.”
    He swears, “No one will ever do me harm.”

**7**His mouth is full of lies and threats;
    trouble and evil are under his tongue.
**8**He lies in wait near the villages;
    from ambush he murders the innocent.
His eyes watch in secret for his victims;
**9**    like a lion in cover he lies in wait.
He lies in wait to catch the helpless;
    he catches the helpless and drags them off in his net.
**10**His victims are crushed, they collapse;
    they fall under his strength.
**11**He says to himself, “God will never notice;
    he covers his face and never sees.”

**12**Arise, Lord! Lift up your hand, O God. Do not forget the helpless. **13**Why does the wicked man revile God? Why does he say to himself, “He won’t call me to account”?
**14**But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand. The victims commit themselves to you; you are the helper of the fatherless.
**15**Break the arm of the wicked man; call the evildoer to account for his wickedness that would not otherwise be found out.

**16**The Lord is King for ever and ever; the nations will perish from his land. **7**You, Lord, hear the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry,
**18**defending the fatherless and the oppressed, so that mere earthly mortals will never again strike terror.

**Psalm 11**

**For the director of music. Of David.**

**1**In the Lord I take refuge. How then can you say to me: “Flee like a bird to your mountain. **2**For look, the wicked bend their bows; they set their arrows against the strings to shoot from the shadows at the upright in heart. **3**When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

**4**The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. He observes everyone on earth; his eyes examine them. **5**The Lord examines the righteous, but the wicked, those who love violence, he hates with a passion. **6**On the wicked he will rain fiery coals and burning sulfur; a scorching wind will be their lot. **7**For the Lord is righteous, He loves justice; the upright will see His face.

**Psalm 12**

**For the director of music. According to *sheminith (probably a musical term).* A psalm of David.**

**1**Help, Lord, for no one is faithful anymore; those who are loyal have vanished from the human race. **2**Everyone lies to their neighbor; they flatter with their lips but harbor deception in their hearts.

**3**May the Lord silence all flattering lips and every boastful tongue - **4**those who say, “By our tongues we will prevail; our own lips will defend us - who is lord over us?”

**5**“Because the poor are plundered and the needy groan, I will now arise,” says the Lord. “I will protect them from those who malign them.” **6**And the words of the Lord are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like goldrefined seven times.

**7**You, Lord, will keep the needy safe
    and will protect us forever from the wicked,
**8**who freely strut about
    when what is vile is honored by the human race.