

Psalm 17 – I Have Held Your Paths

Hear me, Lord, my prayer is not from lying lips.

Listen to my cry; my plea is just.

Let my vindication come from You;

may Your eyes see what is right.

Though You probe my heart at night and test me,

You will find no evil in my plans.

I have kept myself from violent ways,

as I follow what Your lips command.

All my steps have held Your paths; my feet don't fail.

I call on You, for You will answer me;

turn Your ear to me and hear my prayer.

Show me all the wonders of Your love.

Keep me, as the apple of Your eye.

Hide me, in the shadow of Your wings.

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Hide me, in the shadow of Your wings,

from the wicked who destroy me,

from my enemies who surround me.

They close up their callous hearts,

their mouths speak with arrogance,

they track me down, they now surround.

Like lions, they seek for prey;

they crouch, and they watch, and wait

to throw me down upon the ground.

Rise up, Lord, confront them, bring them down;
with Your sword rescue me from evil.

By Your hand, Lord, save me from such men,
those who only seek the world's reward.

*Send Your vengeance on the wicked;
and to their children, their children's children!

Vindicated, I will be,
and I will see Your face.
When I wake, I'm satisfied
to see Your likeness, God.

*(*NOTE: This line is written based on the NIV translation. Some other bible translations have a different text and context for this section of the Psalm (v14). Alternative lyrics are included below for those who have a different theological interpretation.)*

*Send Your blessing on Your people;
and to their children, their children's children!