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A psalm of David, written when he was in the Judean wilderness



O God, you are my God! I long for you! My soul thirsts for you, my flesh yearns for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.



Yes, in the sanctuary I have seen you,
and witnessed your power and splendour.
Because experiencing your loyal love is better
than life itself,
my lips will praise you.
For this reason I will praise you while I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
As if with choice meat you satisfy my soul.
My mouth joyfully praises you,
whenever I remember you on my bed,
and think about you during the night time
hours.

For you are my deliverer; under your wings I rejoice. My soul pursues you; your right hand upholds me.



Enemies seek to destroy my life,
but they will descend into the depths of the
earth.

Each one will be handed over to the sword;
their corpses will be eaten by jackals.

But the king will rejoice in God;
everyone who takes oaths in his name will
boast, for the mouths of those who speak lies
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