

Psalm 140

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Rescue Me from Evil Men

1For the Leader. A Psalm of David. Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man; Preserve me from the violent man;

2Who devise evil things in their heart; Every day do they stir up wars.

3They have sharpened their tongue like a serpent; Vipers' venom is under their lips. Selah

4Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; Preserve me from the violent man; Who have purposed to make my steps slip.

5The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; They have spread a net by the wayside; They have set gins for me. Selah

6I have said unto the LORD: 'Thou art my God'; Give ear, O LORD, unto the voice of my supplications.

7O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, Who hast screened my head in the day of battle,

8Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked; Further not his evil device, so that they exalt themselves. Selah

9As for the head of those that compass me about, Let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

10Let burning coals fall upon them; Let them be cast into the fire, Into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

11A slanderer shall not be established in the earth; The violent and evil man shall be hunted with thrust upon thrust.

12I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the poor, And the right of the needy.

13Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto Thy name; The upright shall dwell in Thy presence.