

# Psalm 56

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## Be Merciful to Me, O God

(1 Samuel 21:8–15)

**1**For the Leader; upon Jonath-elem-rehokim. [A Psalm] of David; Michtam; when the Philistines took him in Gath. Be gracious unto me, O God, for man would swallow me up; All the day he fighting oppresseth me.

**2**They that lie in wait for me would swallow me up all the day; For they are many that fight against me, O Most High,

**3**In the day that I am afraid, I will put my trust in Thee.

**4**In God—I will praise His word—In God do I trust, I will not be afraid; What can flesh do unto me?

**5**All the day they trouble mine affairs; All their thoughts are against me for evil.

**6**They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, They mark my steps; According as they have waited for my soul.

**7**Because of iniquity cast them out; In anger bring down the peoples, O God.

**8**Thou has counted my wanderings; Put Thou my tears into Thy bottle; Are they not in Thy book?

**9**Then shall mine enemies turn back in the day that I call; This I know, that God is for me.

**10**In God—I will praise His word—In the LORD—I will praise His word—

**11**In God do I trust, I will not be afraid; What can man do unto me?

**12**Thy vows are upon me, O God; I will render thank-offerings unto Thee.

**13**For thou hast delivered my soul from death; Hast Thou not delivered my feet from stumbling? That I may walk before God in the light of the living?