



## TEHILLIM TALKS

### Psalm 5

*To the choirmaster: for the flutes. A Psalm of David.*

לִמְנָצַח  
(lam'natzei-ach)

1

Give ear to my words, Adonai; consider my **groaning**.

2-3

Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to You do I pray. Adonai, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I **arrange** a sacrifice for you and **watch**.

עֲרַךְ  
(arach)  
“arrange”

1 <sup>st</sup> app. – Genesis 14:8	Armies
2 <sup>nd</sup> app. – Genesis 22:9	Wood on the altar
3 <sup>rd</sup> app. – Exodus 27:21	Lights on the menorah

צָפָה  
(tzaphah)  
“completely cover” or “watch”

4-6

For You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with You. <sup>5</sup> The **boastful** shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all evildoers. <sup>6</sup> You **destroy** those who speak lies; Adonai abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

הוֹלִלִים  
(holelim)  
“loud mouths”

אבד  
(*avad*)  
“to be lost”/“destroy”

7-8

But I, **because of the abundance** of Your steadfast love, will enter Your house. I will bow down toward Your holy temple in the fear of You. Lead me, Adonai, in Your righteousness because of my enemies. Make Your way straight before me.

9

For there is no **truth** in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue. <sup>10</sup> Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; **because of the abundance** of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against You.

בון  
(*cun*)  
“to be established / reliable”

*“...they exude inner decay; moreover, they entice and seduce others to fall within.”*

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11-12

But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may exult in You. <sup>12</sup> For You bless the righteous, O Adonai. You cover him with favor as with a **shield**.

צנה  
(*tzinah*)  
A large shield that covers the entire body

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## REFERENCES:

**2 Corinthians 5:2** For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling.

**Romans 8:26** Likewise the spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the spirit itself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

**Genesis 14:8** Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they **arrayed** for battle in the Valley of Siddim

**Genesis 22:9** When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and **arranged** the wood and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

**Exodus 27:21** In the tent of meeting, outside the veil that is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall **keep** [the menorah] **in order** from evening to morning before Adonai...

**Habakkuk 2:1** I will take my stand at my watch post and station myself on the tower and **watch** to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

**Exodus 25:11** You shall **overlay** [צפה, *tzaphah*] [the Ark] with pure gold, inside and outside shall you **overlay** [צפה, *tzaphah*] it, and you shall make on it a molding of gold around it.

**Psalms 75:5** To the **boastful** [הוללים, *hollelim*] I say, "Do not boast!" and to the wicked, "Don't flaunt your strength!"

**Deuteronomy 22:3** And you shall do the same with his donkey or with his garment, or with any lost thing of your brother's, which he **loses** [אבד, *avad*] and you find; you may not ignore it.

**Deuteronomy 26:5** And you shall make response before Adonai your God, "A **wandering** [אבד, *avad*] Aramean was my father..."

**Genesis 41:32** And the doubling of Pharaoh's dream means that the thing is **determined** [כון, *kun*] by God, and God will shortly bring it about.

**Romans 3:13** Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive. The venom of asps is under their lips.