

TEHILLIM TALKS

Psalm 43

[A continuation of Psalm 42]

1-2

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me! ² For You are the God in whom I take refuge; why have You rejected me? Why do I go about **mourning / in darkness** because of the oppression of the enemy?

שפט	קדר
(shaphat)	(kadar)
"judge, vindicate"	"overcast, gloomy"

3-4

Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle. ⁴ Then I will go to the altar of God, **to God** my exceeding joy, and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.

אל אל (*el El*)

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Why are you sunken down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.

REFERENCES:

Verse 1

Genesis 16:5 And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May Adonai judge (של, shaphat) between you and me!"

Genesis 18:25 "Far be it from You to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from You! Shall not the Judge (שפט, shaphat) of all the earth do justice (שפט, mishpat)?"

Verse 2

1Kings 18:45 And in a little while the heavens grew <u>black</u> (קדר, *kadar*) with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel.

Joel 3:15 The sun and the moon are <u>darkened</u> (קרר, *kadar*), and the stars withdraw their shining.

Micah 3:6 Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without divination. The sun shall go down on the prophets, and the day shall be <u>black</u> (קדר, *kadar*) over them;

Verse 4

Psalm 84:2 My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of Adonai. My heart and flesh sing for joy <u>to</u> the living God (אל אל ⊓י).