



*To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.*

*A Psalm of Asaph.*

*A Song.*

**1-3** God is known in Judah, in Israel His name is great. <sup>2</sup> His **lair** [לָד, *soch*] has been established in Salem, His **den** [מַעֲנֵה, *ma'onah*] in Zion. <sup>3</sup> There He broke the bow's flashing arrows, the shield, the sword, and the [weapons of] battle. *Selah*

**4-6** Radiant are You, more majestic than the mountains of **prey** [לַטְרֵף, *treiph*]. <sup>5</sup> The stouthearted were stripped of their spoil; they sank into sleep. All the men of war were unable to find their hands. <sup>6</sup> By Your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both rider and horse lay stunned.

**7-9** But You, You **fearsome** One! Who can stand before You when once Your anger is roused? <sup>8</sup> From the heavens You made heard **judgment** [דִּין, *din*]. The earth feared and was still, <sup>9</sup> when God arose to establish **judgment** [מִשְׁפָּט, *mishpat*], to save all the humble of the earth. *Selah*

**10-12** Surely the wrath of man shall praise You when You gird on wrath like a belt. <sup>11</sup> Make Your vows to Adonai your God and perform them. Let all around Him bring **tribute** [שָׂר, *shar*] to the **fearsome** One. <sup>12</sup> He plucks the spirit of princes. He is **fearsome** to the kings of the earth.

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### What is appropriate fear of God?

#### Exodus 20:18-20

Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." Moses said to the people, "**Do not fear**, for God has come to test you, **that the fear of Him may be before you**, that you may not sin."

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## REFERENCES:

### Verse 2

**Jeremiah 25:38** Like a lion he has left his lair [לַדֵּשׁ, *soch*] ...

**Psalms 10:9** He lurks in ambush like a lion in his lair [לַדֵּשׁ, *soch*]...

**Psalms 104:21-22** The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they steal away and lie down in their dens [בְּעֵנִיהָ, *ma'onah*].

**Amos 3:4** Does a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey [טְרֵיפָה, *treiphah*]? Does a young lion cry out from his den [בְּעֵנִיהָ, *ma'onah*], if he has taken nothing?

**Nahum 2:12** The lion tore [טָרַף, *treiphah*] enough for his cubs and strangled prey for his lionesses. He filled his caves with prey and his dens [בְּעֵנִיהָ] with torn flesh [טְרֵיפָה, *treiphah*].

### Verse 11

**Psalms 68:29** Because of Your temple at Jerusalem kings shall bear tribute [שֵׁי, *shai*] to You.

**Isaiah 18:7** At that time tribute [שֵׁי, *shai*] will be brought to Adonai of hosts from a people tall and smooth, from a people feared near and far, a nation mighty and conquering, whose land the rivers divide, to Mount Zion, the place of the name of Adonai of hosts.