

PSALM VII.

A lyric of David which he sang unto the
Lord concerning the action of Cush the
Benjamite.

The Psalmist prays
for protection from
his foes.

He declares his
innocence,

and calls upon God
to fight for him,

and to judge between
h'm and his
adversaries.

He trusts in God.

O Lord, my God, Thou are my Refuge-goal.
Save me from those who make me fly in
fear;

Lest, like a lion, he destroy my soul,
And rend it piecemeal, while no savior's
near.

O, Lord, my God, if I have done this thing,
If in my hands there be iniquity,
If I've abused him that did friendship bring,
(Yea, him I saved my causeless enemy),
Then, let my soul be hunted, and captured
by the foe.

Yea, let him tread my spirit his conquering
feet below,
And in the dust before him, my honor let
him throw.

Arise, O God, in anger unrestrained!
Lift up Thyself against the foe un-
chained,

And wake for me, Thou judgment hast
ordained;

And let the gathered peoples hedge
Thee nigh,

And over them return Thou then on
high.

Jehovah metes out justice to the world with
equity.

Oh! Judge me, Lord, according as I've
acted righteously,

And as is mine integrity, so be it unto me.
Oh! Let the wicked's wickedness come sud-
denly to end;

But Thou the righteous man, O Lord, estab-
lish and defend.

The righteous God, to try them, doth with
heart and reins contend.

My shield is in God's custody,
Who saveth those that upright be.