

## PSALM 4

### *Evening Prayer of Trust in God.*

<sup>+</sup>*For the choir director; on stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.<sup>a</sup>*

1 ANSWER me when <sup>b</sup>I call, O God <sup>1</sup>of my righteousness!  
Thou hast <sup>2</sup><sup>c</sup>relieved me in my distress;  
Be <sup>d</sup>gracious to me and <sup>e</sup>hear my prayer.

2 O sons of men, how long will <sup>a</sup>my <sup>1</sup>honor become <sup>b</sup>a reproach?  
*How long* will you love <sup>c</sup>what is worthless and aim at <sup>d</sup>deception? <sup>2</sup>[Selah].

3 But know that the LORD has <sup>1</sup><sup>a</sup>set apart the <sup>b</sup>godly man for Himself;  
The LORD <sup>c</sup>hears when I call to Him.

4 <sup>1</sup><sup>a</sup>Tremble, <sup>2</sup><sup>b</sup>and do not sin;  
<sup>3</sup><sup>c</sup>Meditate in your heart upon your bed, and be still.[Selah].

5 Offer <sup>1</sup>the <sup>a</sup>sacrifices of righteousness,  
And <sup>b</sup>trust in the LORD.

6 Many are saying, “<sup>a</sup>Who will show us *any* good?”  
<sup>b</sup>Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, O LORD!

7 Thou hast put <sup>a</sup>gladness in my heart,  
More than when their grain and new wine abound.

8 In peace I will <sup>1</sup>both <sup>a</sup>lie down and sleep,  
For Thou alone, O LORD, dost make me to <sup>b</sup>dwell in safety.

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<sup>+</sup> I.e., Belonging to the choir director's anthology

<sup>b</sup> Ps. 18:6

<sup>1</sup> I.e., who maintainest my right

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *made room for*

<sup>c</sup> Ps. 18:18, 19

<sup>d</sup> Ps. 25:16

<sup>e</sup> Ps. 17:6; 39:12

<sup>a</sup> Ps. 3:3

<sup>1</sup> Or, *glory*

<sup>b</sup> Ps. 69:7-10, 19, 20

<sup>c</sup> Ps. 12:2; 31:6

<sup>d</sup> Ps. 31:18

<sup>2</sup> [Selah] may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*

<sup>1</sup> Another reading is *dealt wonderfully with*

<sup>a</sup> Ps. 135:4

<sup>b</sup> Ps. 31:23; 50:5; 79:2

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<sup>c</sup> Ps. 6:8, 9; 17:6

<sup>1</sup> I.e., with anger or fear

<sup>a</sup> Ps. 99:1

<sup>2</sup> Or, *but*

<sup>b</sup> Ps. 119:11; Eph. 4:26

<sup>3</sup> Lit., *Speak*

<sup>c</sup> Ps. 77:6

<sup>1</sup> Or, *righteous sacrifices*

<sup>a</sup> Deut. 33:19; Ps. 51:19

<sup>b</sup> Ps. 37:3, 5; 62:8

<sup>a</sup> Job 7:7; 9:25

<sup>b</sup> Num. 6:26; Ps. 80:3, 7, 19

<sup>a</sup> Ps. 97:11, 12; Is. 9:3; Acts 14:17

<sup>1</sup> Or, *at the same time*

<sup>a</sup> Job 11:19; Ps. 3:5

<sup>b</sup> Lev. 25:18; Deut. 12:10; Ps. 16:9

<sup>i</sup>*The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.