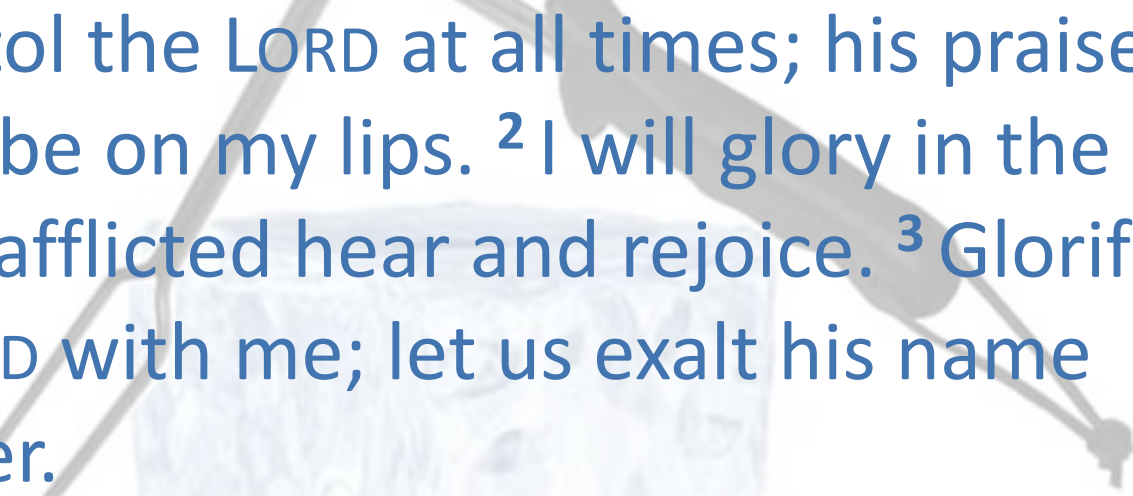




Psalm 34:1-3 (NIV)

¹ I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. ² I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. ³ Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

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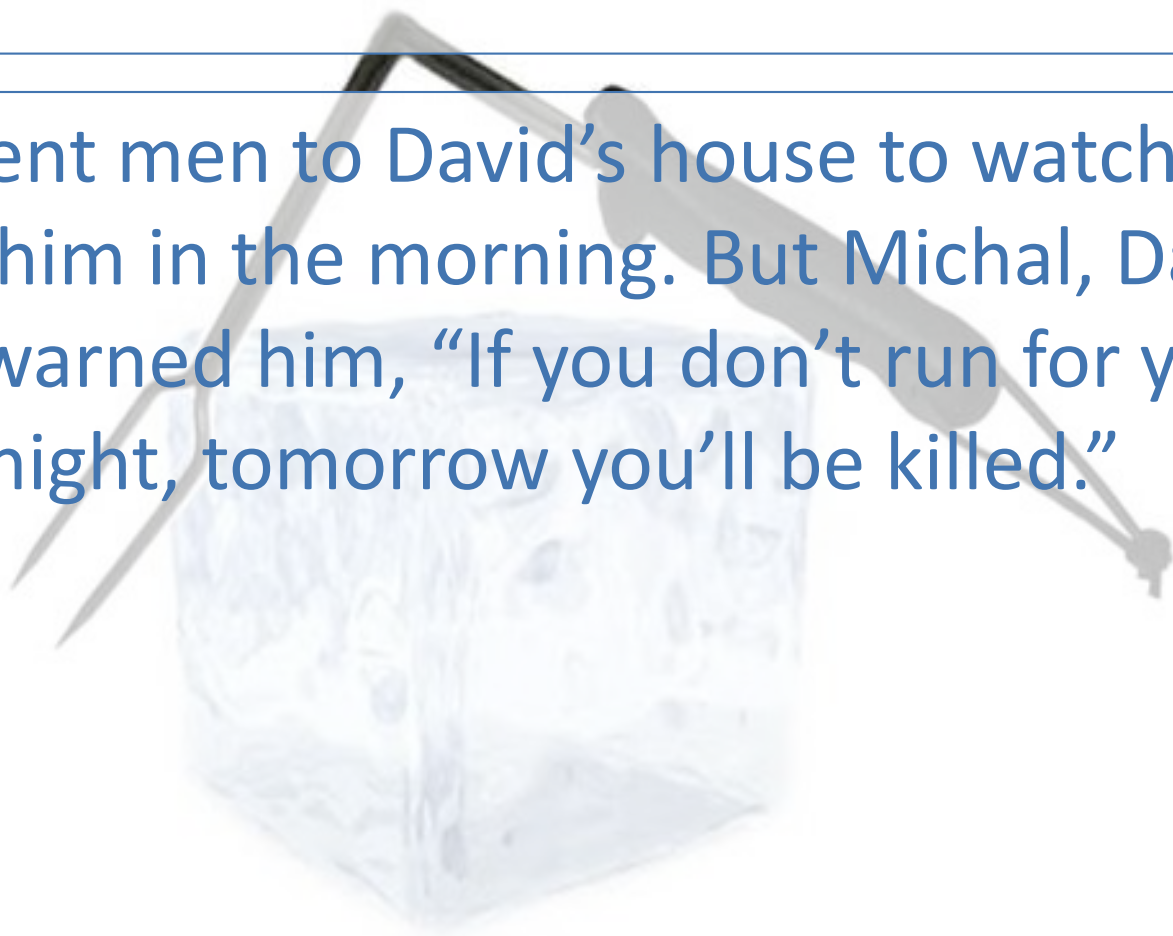


David's Circumstance Was Extreme



1 Samuel 19:11 (NIV)

¹¹ Saul sent men to David's house to watch it and to kill him in the morning. But Michal, David's wife, warned him, "If you don't run for your life tonight, tomorrow you'll be killed."

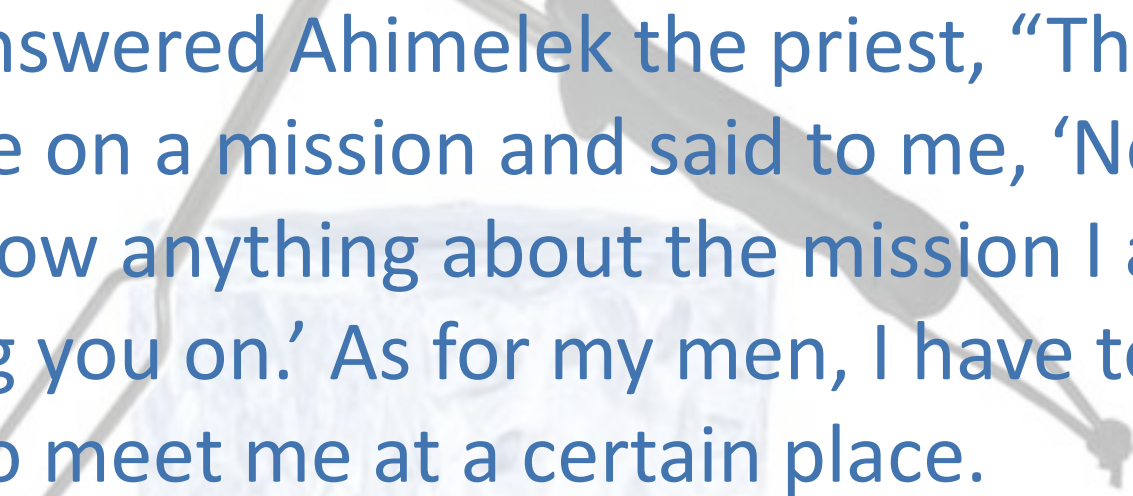


1 Samuel 19:23-24 (NIV)

²³ So Saul went to Naioth at Ramah. But the Spirit of God came even on him, and he walked along prophesying until he came to Naioth. ²⁴ He stripped off his garments, and he too prophesied in Samuel's presence. He lay naked all that day and all that night. This is why people say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

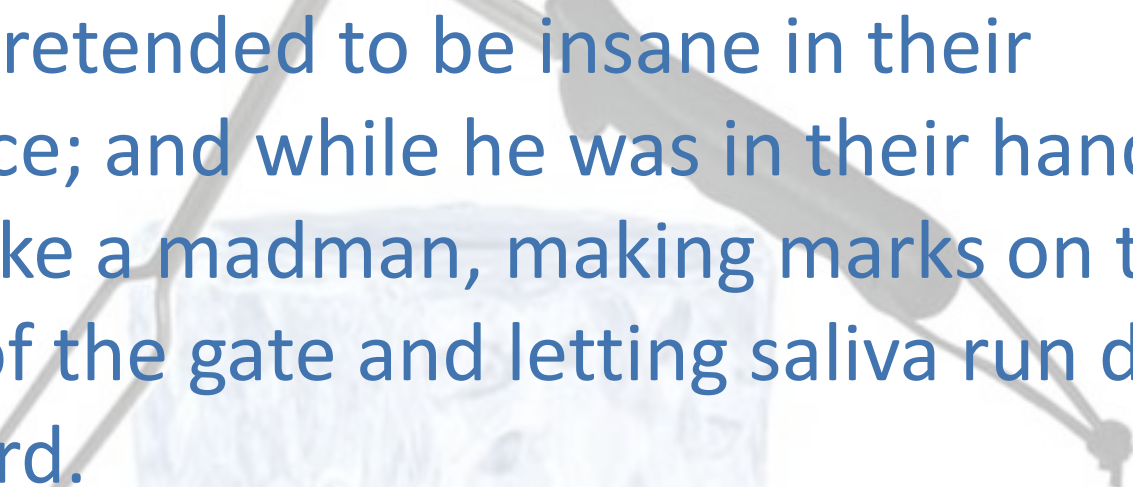
1 Samuel 21:2 (NIV)

² David answered Ahimelek the priest, “The king sent me on a mission and said to me, ‘No one is to know anything about the mission I am sending you on.’ As for my men, I have told them to meet me at a certain place.”



1 Samuel 21:13 (NIV)

¹³ So he pretended to be insane in their presence; and while he was in their hands he acted like a madman, making marks on the doors of the gate and letting saliva run down his beard.





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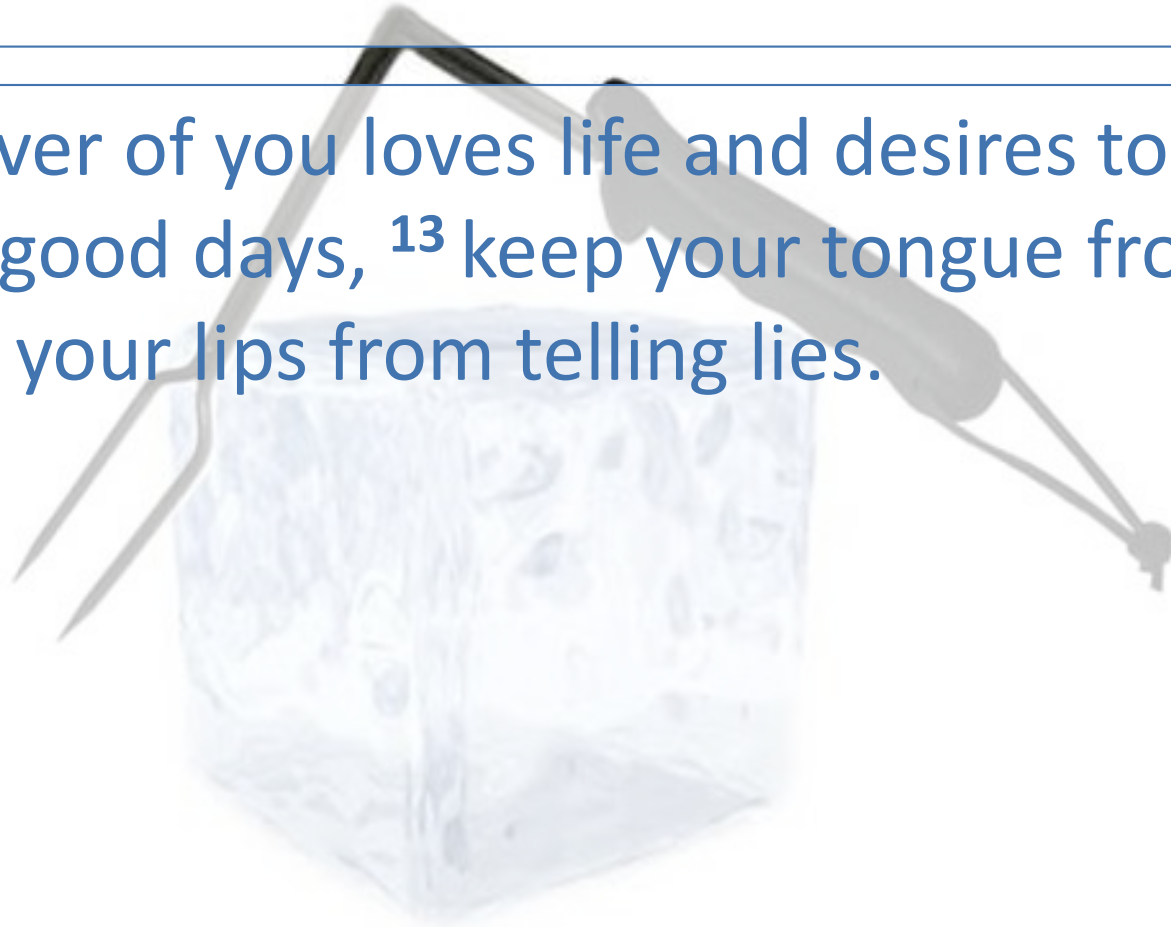
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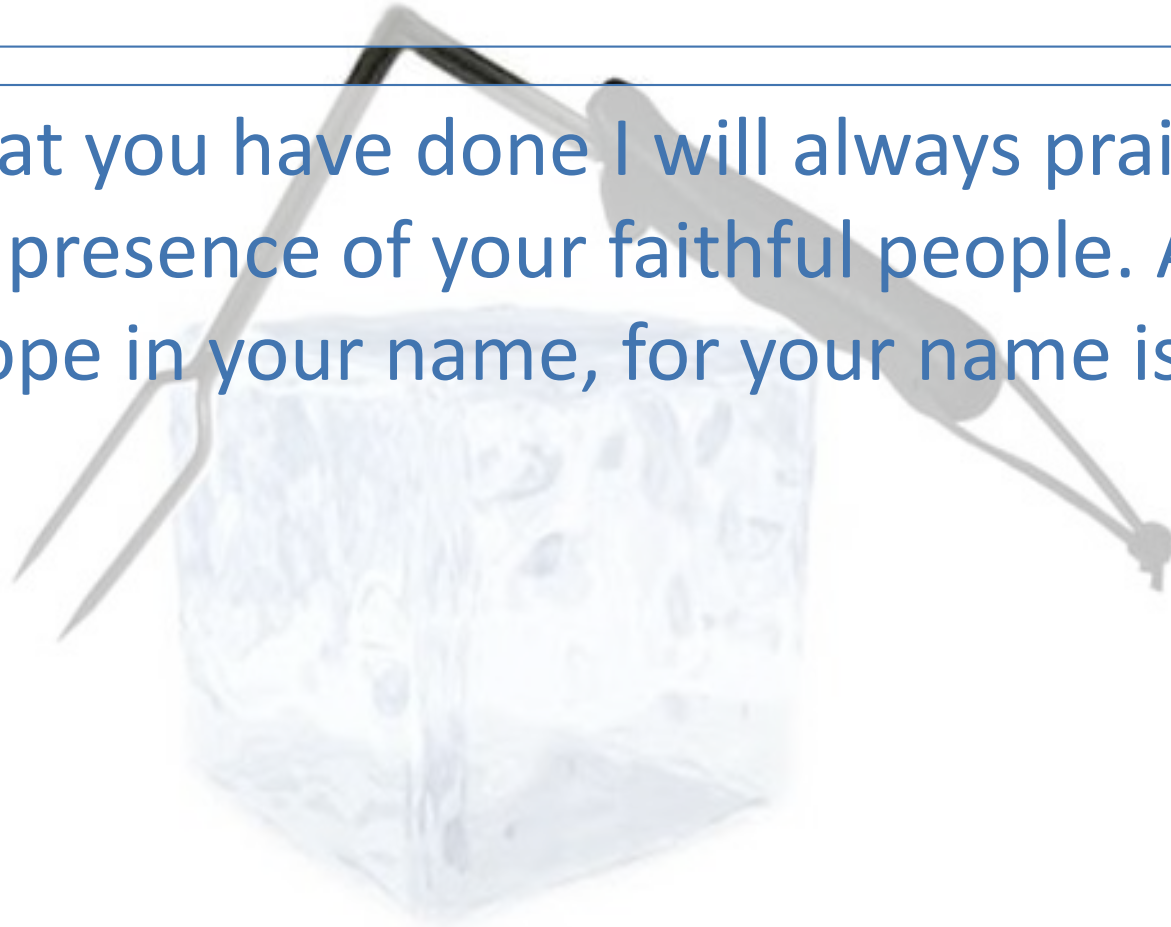
Psalms 34:12-13 (NIV)

¹² Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, ¹³ keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies.



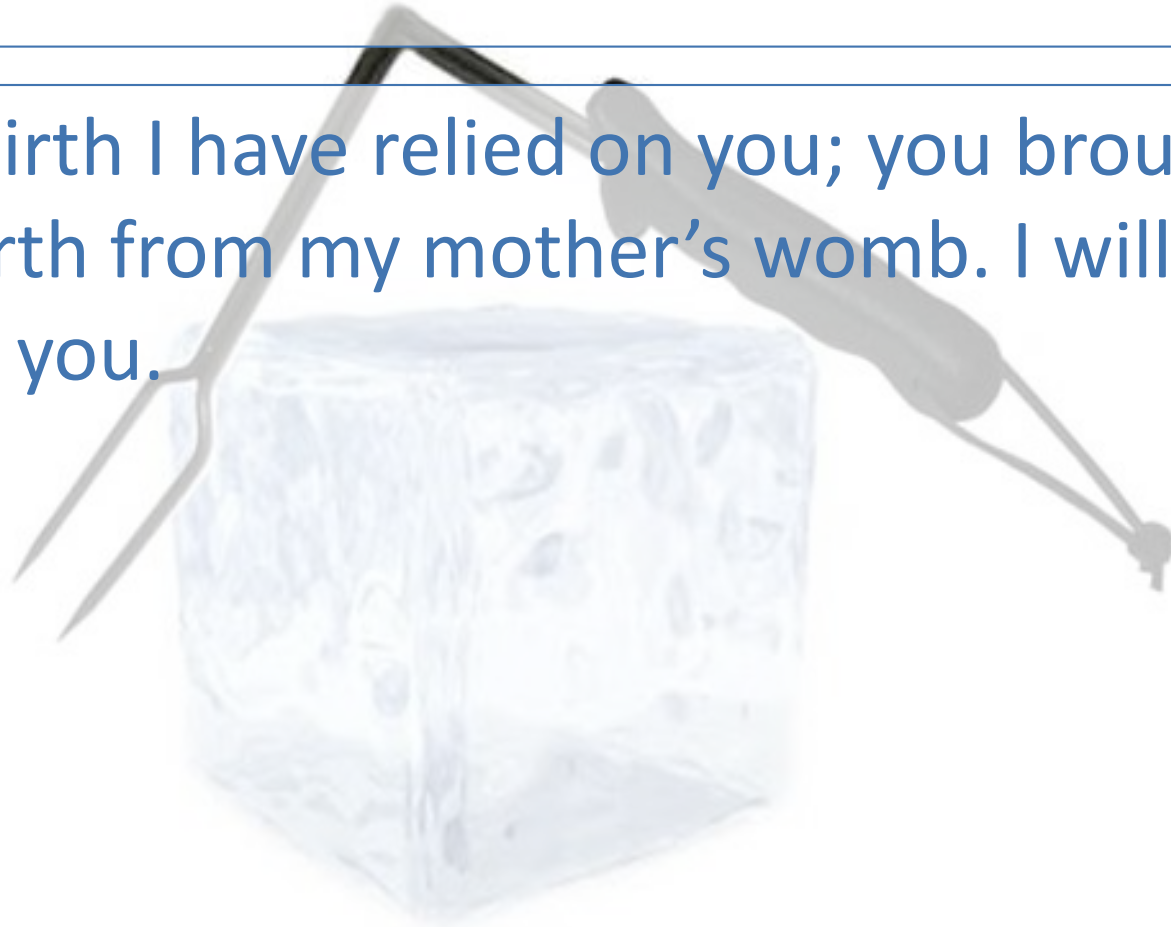
Psalm 52:9 (NIV)

⁹ For what you have done I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people. And I will hope in your name, for your name is good.



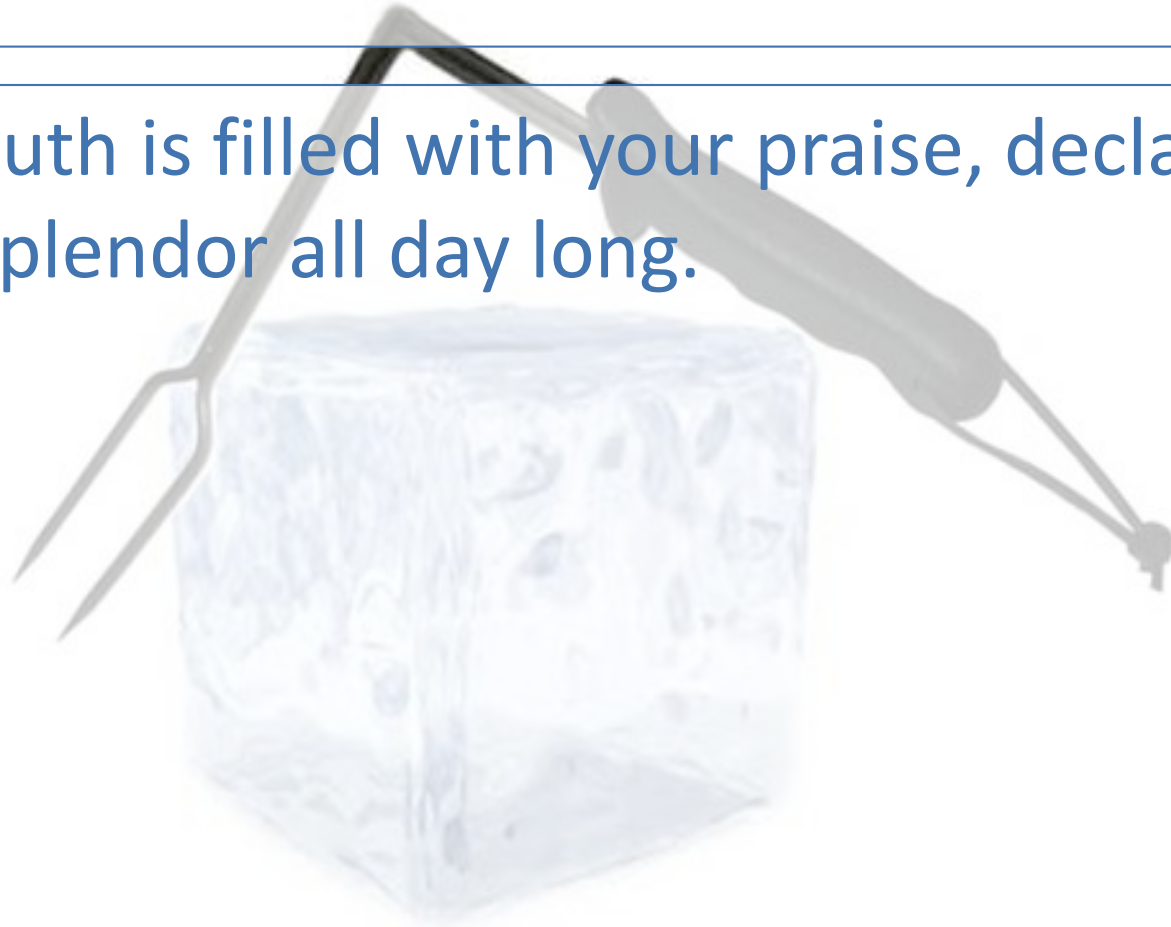
Psalm 71:6 (NIV)

⁶ From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you.



Psalm 71:8 (NIV)

⁸ My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long.



Psalm 44:8 (NIV)

⁸ In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise your name forever.



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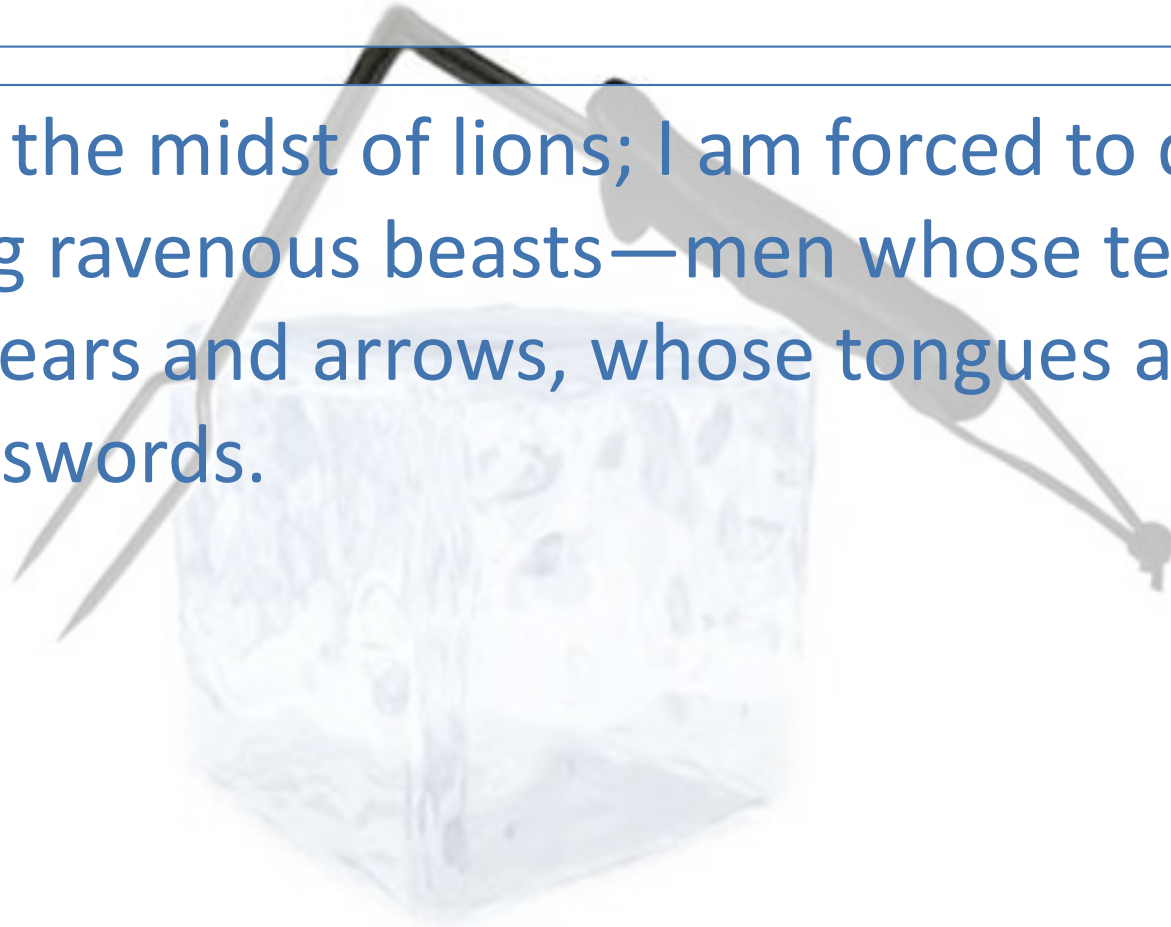
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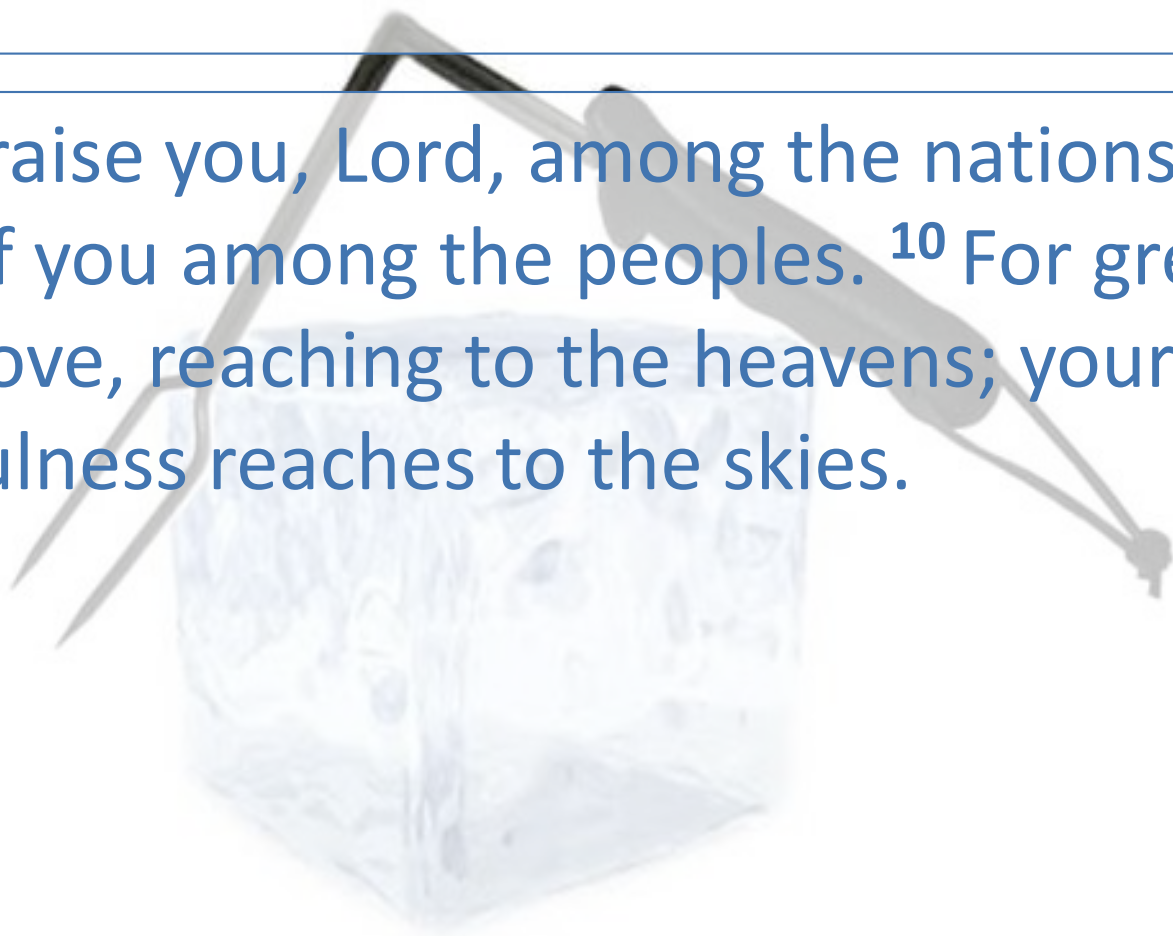
Psalms 57:4 (NIV)

⁴ I am in the midst of lions; I am forced to dwell among ravenous beasts—men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords.



Psalm 57:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. ¹⁰ For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

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2 Chronicles 20:6-7 (NIV)

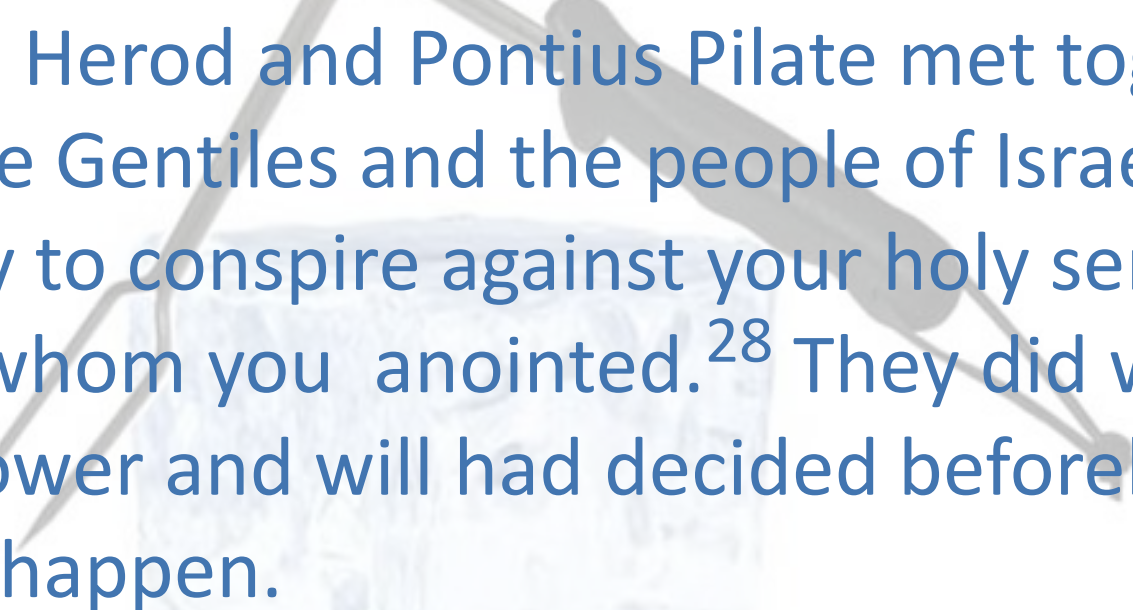
⁶ and said: “LORD, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. ⁷ Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend?

Acts 4:24-28 (NIV)

²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: ““Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.

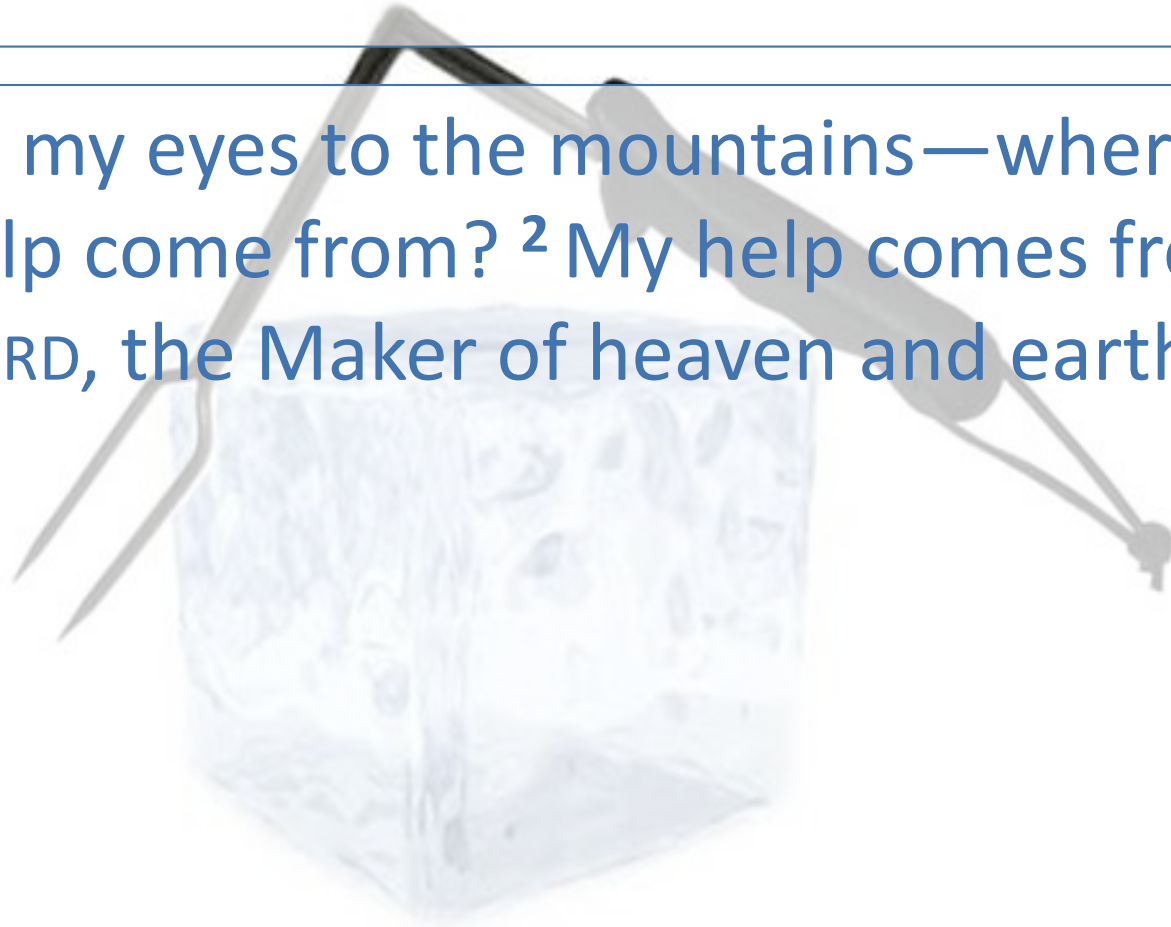
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²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.



Psalm 121:1-2 (NIV)

¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? ² My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.



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