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To those who are pure in heart.  
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My steps had well-nigh slipped,  
For I carried within me envy of the arrogant  
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.  
When I sought to understand these things,  
The task was too wearisome for me  
Up to the very moment when I entered  
The sanctuary of God most high.  
When bitterness took over my heart  
And I tormented myself within me,  
I was without reason or intelligence;  
I was, in thine eyes, like a stupid animal.  
Nevertheless, I will remain always with thee;  
Thou dost hold me by my right hand.  
Thou wilt guide me by thy wisdom,  
And then, introduce me to glory.  
Whom have I in heaven but thee?  
On earth also my desire is all for thee!  
When even my flesh and my heart fail,  
God is the strength of my heart and my portion evermore.  
For me to be near God is my blessedness  
I put my confidence in the Eternal Lord!*

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