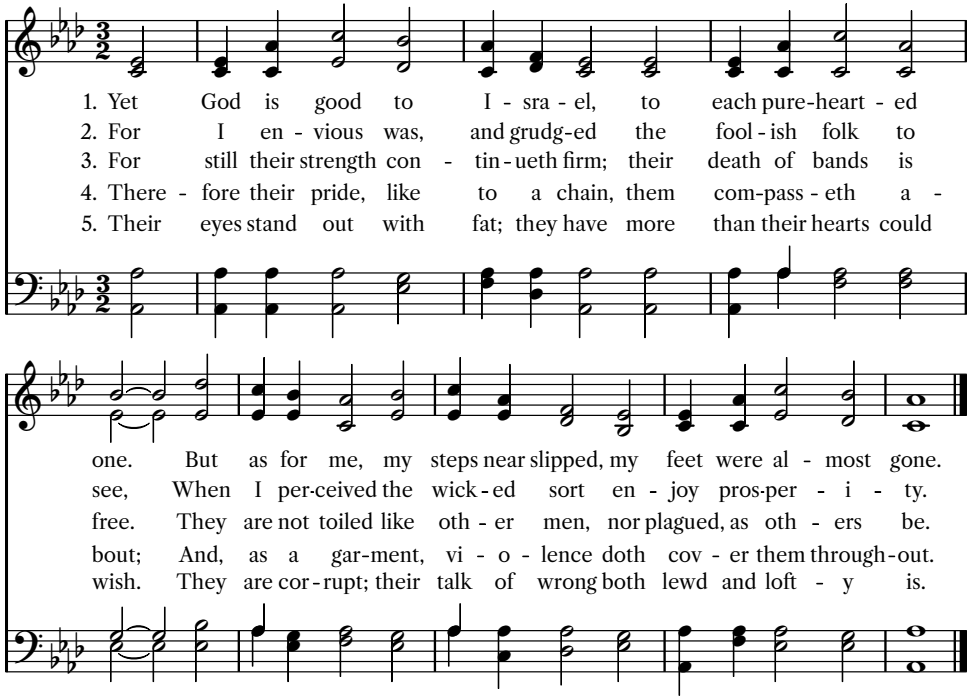
Yet God Is Good to Israel



6. They set their mouth against the heav'ns
in their blasphemous talk;
And their reproaching tongue throughout
the earth at large doth walk.

7. His people oftentimes for this
look back, and turn about;
Sith waters of so full a cup
to these are poured out.

8. And thus they say, How can it be
that God these things doth know?
Or, Can there in the Highest be
knowledge of things below?

9. Behold, these are the wicked ones,
yet prosper at their will
In worldly things; they do increase
in wealth and riches still.

10. I verily have done in vain
my heart to purify;
To no effect in innocence
washed my hands have I.

11. For daily, and all day throughout,
great plagues I suffered have;
Yea, ev'ry morning I of new
did chastisement receive.

12. If in this manner foolishly
to speak I would intend,
Thy children's generation,
behold, I should offend.

13. When I this thought to know, it was
too hard a thing for me;
Till to God's sanctuary I went,
then I their end did see.

14. Assuredly thou didst them set
a slipp'ry place upon;
Them suddenly thou castedst down
into destruction.

15. How in a moment suddenly
to ruin brought are they!
With fearful terrors utterly
they are consumed away.

16. Ev'n like unto a dream, when one
from sleeping doth arise;
So thou, O Lord, when thou awak'st,
their image shalt despise.

17. Thus grieved was my heart in me,
and me my reins oppressed:
So rude was I, and ignorant,
and in thy sight a beast.

18. Nevertheless continually,
O Lord, I am with thee:
Thou dost me hold by my right hand,
and still upholdest me.

19. Thou, with thy counsel, while I live,
wilt me conduct and guide;
And to thy glory afterward
receive me to abide.

20. Whom have I in the heavens high
but thee, O Lord, alone?
And in the earth whom I desire
besides thee there is none.

21. My flesh and heart doth faint and fail,
but God doth fail me never:
For of my heart God is the strength
and portion for ever.

22. For, lo, they that are far from thee
for ever perish shall;
Them that a whoring from thee go
thou hast destroyed all.

23. But surely it is good for me
that I draw near to God:
In God I trust, that all thy works
I may declare abroad.

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