Leader: 1 In Yahweh, I take refuge.

How can you say to my soul, “Flee as a bird to your mountain”?

Response: **2 For, behold, the wicked bend their bows.**

**They set their arrows on the strings,**

**that they may shoot in darkness at the upright in heart.**

Leader: 3 If the foundations are destroyed,

what can the righteous do?

Response: **4 Yahweh is in His holy temple.**

**Yahweh is on His throne in heaven.**

Leader: His eyes observe.

His eyes examine the children of men.

Response: **5 Yahweh examines the righteous,**

**but His soul hates the wicked and him who loves violence.**

Leader: 6 On the wicked He will rain blazing coals;

fire, sulfur, and scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.

Response: **7 For Yahweh is righteous.**

**He loves righteousness.**

**The upright shall see His face.**