Leader: 1 Fret not thyself because of evil-doers,

Neither be thou envious against them that work unrighteousness.

Response: **2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,**

**And wither as the green herb.**

Leader: 3 Trust in Jehovah, and do good;

Dwell in the land, and feed on *His* faithfulness.

Response: **4 Delight thyself also in Jehovah;**

**And He will give thee the desires of thy heart.**

Leader: 5 Commit thy way unto Jehovah;

Trust also in Him, and He will bring it to pass.

Response: **6 And He will make thy righteousness to go forth as the light,**

**And thy justice as the noon-day.**

Leader: 7 Rest in Jehovah, and wait patiently for Him:

Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way,

Because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Response: **8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath:**

**Fret not thyself, *it tendeth* only to evil-doing.**

Leader: 9 For evil-doers shall be cut off;

But those that wait for Jehovah, they shall inherit the land.

Response: **10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be:**

**Yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and he shall not be.**

Leader: 11 But the meek shall inherit the land,

And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Response: **12 The wicked plotteth against the just,**

**And gnasheth upon him with his teeth.**

Leader: 13 The Lord will laugh at him;

For He seeth that his day is coming.

Response: **14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow,**

**To cast down the poor and needy,**

**To slay such as are upright in the way.**

Leader: 15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart,

And their bows shall be broken.

Response: **16 Better is a little that the righteous hath**

**Than the abundance of many wicked.**

Leader: 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken;

But Jehovah upholdeth the righteous.

Response: **18 Jehovah knoweth the days of the perfect;**

**And their inheritance shall be for ever.**

Leader: 19 They shall not be put to shame in the time of evil;

And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

Response: **20 But the wicked shall perish,**

**And the enemies of Jehovah shall be as the fat of lambs:**

**They shall consume; in smoke shall they consume away.**

Leader: 21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again;

But the righteous dealeth graciously, and giveth.

Response: **22 For such as are blessed of him shall inherit the land;**

**And they that are cursed of him shall be cut off.**

Leader: 23 A man’s goings are established of Jehovah;

And he delighteth in His way.

Response: **24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;**

**For Jehovah upholdeth him with His hand.**

Leader: 25 I have been young, and now am old;

Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken,

Nor his seed begging bread.

Response: **26 All the day long he dealeth graciously, and lendeth;**

**And his seed is blessed.**

Leader: 27 Depart from evil, and do good;

And dwell for evermore.

Response: **28 For Jehovah loveth justice,**

**And forsaketh not His saints;**

**They are preserved for ever:**

**But the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.**

Leader: 29 The righteous shall inherit the land,

And dwell therein for ever.

Response: **30 The mouth of the righteous talketh of wisdom,**

**And his tongue speaketh justice.**

Leader: 31 The law of his God is in his heart;

None of his steps shall slide.

Response: **32 The wicked watcheth the righteous,**

**And seeketh to slay him.**

Leader: 33 Jehovah will not leave him in his hand,

Nor condemn him when he is judged.

Response: **34 Wait for Jehovah, and keep His way,**

**And He will exalt thee to inherit the land:**

**When the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.**

Leader: 35 I have seen the wicked in great power,

And spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil.

Response: **36 But one passed by, and, lo, he was not:**

**Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.**

Leader: 37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright;

For there is a *happy* end to the man of peace.

Response: **38 As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together:**

**The end of the wicked shall be cut off.**

Leader: 39 But the salvation of the righteous is of Jehovah:

He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

Response: 40 And Jehovah helpeth them, and rescueth them:

He rescueth them from the wicked, and saveth them,

Because they have taken refuge in Him.