Leader: 1 Don’t fret because of evildoers,

neither be envious against those who work unrighteousness.

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

**and wither like the green herb.**

Leader: 3 Trust in Yahweh, and do good.

Dwell in the land, and enjoy safe pasture.

Response: **4 Also delight yourself in Yahweh,**

**and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

Leader: 5 Commit your way to Yahweh.

Trust also in Him, and He will do this:

Response: **6 He will make your righteousness shine out like light,**

**and your justice as the noon day sun.**

Leader: 7 Rest in Yahweh, and wait patiently for Him.

Don’t fret because of him who prospers in his way,

because of the man who makes wicked plots happen.

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

**Don’t fret; it leads only to evildoing.**

Leader: 9 For evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who wait for Yahweh shall inherit the land.

Response: **10 For yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more.**

**Yes, though you look for his place, he isn’t there.**

Leader: 11 But the humble shall inherit the land,

and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

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

**and gnashes at him with his teeth.**

Leader: 13 The Lord will laugh at him,

for He sees 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 kill those who are upright on the path.**

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

Their bows shall be broken.

Response: **16 Better is a little that the righteous has,**

**than the abundance of many wicked.**

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

but Yahweh upholds the righteous.

Response: **18 Yahweh knows the days of the perfect.**

**Their inheritance shall be forever.**

Leader: 19 They shall not be disappointed in the time of evil.

In the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

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

**The enemies of Yahweh shall be like the beauty of the fields.**

**They will vanish—**

**vanish like smoke.**

Leader: 21 The wicked borrow, and don’t pay back,

but the righteous give generously.

Response: **22 For such as are blessed by him shall inherit the land.**

**Those who are cursed by him shall be cut off.**

Leader: 23 A man’s steps are established by Yahweh.

He delights in His way.

Response: **24 Though he stumble, he shall not fall,**

**for Yahweh holds him up with His hand.**

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

yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken,

nor his children begging for bread.

Response: **26 All day long he deals graciously, and lends.**

**His offspring is blessed.**

Leader: 27 Depart from evil, and do good.

Live securely forever.

Response: **28 For Yahweh loves justice,**

**and doesn’t forsake His saints.**

**They are preserved forever,**

**but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.**

Leader: 29 The righteous shall inherit the land,

and live in it forever.

Response: **30 The mouth of the righteous talks of wisdom.**

**His tongue speaks justice.**

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

None of his steps shall slide.

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

**and seek to kill him.**

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

nor condemn him when he is judged.

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

**and He will exalt you to inherit the land.**

**When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.**

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

spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil.

Response: **36 But he passed away, and behold, he was not.**

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

Leader: 37 Mark the perfect man, and see the upright,

for there is a future for the man of peace

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

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

Leader: 39 But the salvation of the righteous is from Yahweh.

He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

Response: **40 Yahweh helps them and rescues them.**

**He rescues them from the wicked and saves them,**

**because they have taken refuge in Him.**