Leader: 1 Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint:

Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

Response: **2 Hide me from the secret counsel of evil-doers,**

**From the tumult of the workers of iniquity;**

Leader: 3 Who have whet their tongue like a sword,

And have aimed their arrows, even bitter words,

Response: **4 That they may shoot in secret places at the perfect:**

**Suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.**

Leader: 5 They encourage themselves in an evil purpose;

They commune of laying snares privily;

They say, Who will see them?

Response: **6 They search out iniquities;**

**We have accomplished, *say they*, a diligent search:**

**And the inward thought and the heart of every one is deep.**

Leader: 7 But God will shoot at them;

With an arrow suddenly shall they be wounded.

Response: **8 So they shall be made to stumble, their own tongue being against them:**

**All that see them shall wag the head.**

Leader: 9 And all men shall fear;

And they shall declare the work of God,

And shall wisely consider of His doing.

Response: **10 The righteous shall be glad in Jehovah, and shall take refuge in Him;**

**And all the upright in heart shall glory.**