

Psalm**You Will Not Abandon My Soul**

- ¹Preserve me, | O God,*
for in you I take | refuge.
- ²I say to the LORD, “You | are my Lord;*
I have no good a- | part from you.”
- ³As for the saints | in the land,*
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all | my delight.
- ⁴The sorrows of those who run after another god shall | multiply;*
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names | on my lips.
- ⁵The LORD is my chosen portion | and my cup;*
you | hold my lot.
- ⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant | places;*
indeed, I have a beautiful in- | heritance.
- ⁷I bless the LORD who gives me | counsel;*
in the night also my heart in- | structs me.
- ⁸I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;*
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.
- ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;*
my flesh also | dwells secure.
- ¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,*
or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.
- ¹¹You make known to me the | path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Reading

Malachi 3:1–4

¹“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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