

# Scripture

## Psalm 28 (NLT)

### A Psalm of David

- 1 I pray to you, O Lord, my rock.  
Do not turn a deaf ear to me.  
For if you are silent,  
I might as well give up and die.
- 2 Listen to my prayer for mercy  
as I cry out to you for help,  
as I lift my hands toward your holy sanctuary.

3 Do not drag me away with the wicked—  
with those who do evil—  
those who speak friendly words to their  
neighbors while planning evil in their  
hearts.

4 Give them the punishment they so richly  
deserve!

Measure it out in proportion to  
their wickedness.

Pay them back for all their evil deeds!

Give them a taste of what they have done  
to others.

- 5 They care nothing for what the Lord has done  
or for what his hands have made.  
So he will tear them down,  
and they will never be rebuilt!
- 6 Praise the Lord!  
For he has heard my cry for mercy.
- 7 The Lord is my strength and shield.  
I trust him with all my heart.  
He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy.  
I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.
- 8 The Lord gives his people strength.  
He is a safe fortress for his anointed king.

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