

## God Is Righteous

Arise, O Lord, in your anger;  
rise up against the rage of my enemies.  
Awake, my God; decree justice.  
Let the assembled peoples gather around you.  
Rule over them from on high;  
let the Lord judge the peoples.  
Judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness,  
according to my integrity, O Most High.  
O righteous God,  
who searches minds and hearts,  
bring to an end the violence of the wicked  
and make the righteous secure.  
My shield is God Most High,  
who saves the upright in heart.  
God is a righteous judge,  
a God who expresses his wrath every day.

"The days are coming," declares the  
Lord,  
"when I will raise up to David a  
righteous Branch,  
a King who will reign wisely  
and do what is just and right in the  
land.  
In his days Judah will be saved  
and Israel will live in safety.  
This is the name by which he will be  
called:  
The Lord Our Righteousness."

My dear children, I write this to you so  
that you will not sin. But if anybody does  
sin, we have one who speaks to the  
Father in our defense—Jesus Christ,  
the Righteous One. He is the atoning  
sacrifice for our sins, and not only for  
ours but also for the sins of the whole  
world.

Psalm 7:6-11; Jeremiah 23:5-6  
1 John 2:1-2