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² I will be filled with joy because of you.

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³ My enemies retreated;

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⁴ For you have judged in my favour;

from your throne you have judged with fairness.

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⁶ The enemy is finished, in endless ruins;
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10 Those who know your name trust in you,
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11 Sing praises to the LORD who reigns in Jerusalem.^[a]
Tell the world about his unforgettable deeds.

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If you picture David with the carcass of the giant before him, the Philistines put to ignominious flight and the Israelites in full pursuit after them, then you can begin to understand the saying 'the heathen are sunk down into the pit they made.'

Spurgeon, Commentary, Psalm 9

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