

ODE 4

## GOD'S SANCTUARY

- 1 No man can desecrate Your holy site, O my God;  
Nor can he alter it, and put it in another site.
- 2 Because (he has) no power over it;  
For Your sanctuary You designed before You made  
special sites.
- 3 The ancient one<sup>a</sup> shall not be desecrated by those  
inferior to it.  
You have given Your heart, O Lord, to Your faithful  
ones.<sup>b</sup>
- 4 Never will You be idle,  
Nor will You be without fruits;
- 5 For one hour of Your faith  
Is more excellent than all days and years.<sup>c</sup>
- 6 For who shall put on Your grace<sup>d</sup>  
And be rejected?<sup>e</sup>
- 7 Because Your sign<sup>f</sup> is known;  
And Your creatures are known to it.
- 8 And Your hosts possess it;  
And the elect archangels are clothed with it.

- a. "The ancient one" refers to the Jerusalem Temple.
- b. Or "your believers."
- c. Note the inspiration and alteration of Psalm 84:10.
- d. Or "goodness," "kindness."
- e. Or "be despised," "be oppressed."
- f. Or "seal."

- 9 You have given us Your fellowship,  
Not that You were in need of us,  
But always we are in need of You.
- 10 Sprinkle upon us Your sprinklings;  
And open Your bountiful springs  
which abundantly supply us with milk and honey.
- 11 For there is no regret with You;  
That You should regret anything that you have  
promised;
- 12 Since the end was manifest to You.
- 13 For that which You gave, You gave freely,  
So that no longer will You draw back and take them  
again.
- 14 For everything<sup>g</sup> was manifest to You as God,  
And was set in order from the beginning before You.
- 15 And You, O Lord, have made everything.<sup>h</sup>  
Hallelujah.

g. Or "all."

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