I was envious at the foolish, [when] I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

For [there are] no bands in their death: but their strength [is] firm.

They [are] not in trouble [as other] men; neither are they plagued like [other] men.

Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them [as] a garment.

Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.

They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily.

They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

Therefore his people return hither; and waters of a full [cup] are wrung out to them.

And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?

Behold, these [are] the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase [in] riches.

Verily I have cleansed my heart [in] vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children.
Until I went into the sanctuary of God; [then] I understood I their end.

Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

How are they [brought] into desolation, as in a moment? they are utterly consumed with terrors.

As a dream when [one] awaketh: [so], O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

Thou thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

So foolish [was] I, and ignorant: I was [as] a beast before thee.

Nevertheless I [am] continually with thee: thou hast holden [me] by my right hand.

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me [to] glory.

Whom have I in heaven but thee? and [there is] none upon earth [that] I desire beside thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth: [but] God [is] the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.

But [it is] good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.