

Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. <sup>2</sup> I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me. <sup>3</sup> I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

<sup>4</sup> More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause; mighty are those who would destroy me, those who attack me with lies. What I did not steal must I now restore? 5 O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from

<sup>6</sup> Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, O Lord GOD of hosts; let not those who seek you be brought to dishonor through me, O God of Israel. <sup>7</sup> For it is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that dishonor has covered my face. <sup>8</sup> I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's sons.

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## Zeal for God defines us

## Psalm 69:9

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<sup>13</sup> But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness. <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters. 15 Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me.

<sup>16</sup> Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. <sup>17</sup> Hide not your face from your servant, for I am in distress; make haste to answer me. <sup>18</sup> Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me because of my enemies!

# People zealous for God turn to him for help

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# Psalm 69:29-36

<sup>33</sup> For the Lord hears the needy and does not despise his own people who are prisoners. <sup>34</sup> Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them. <sup>35</sup> For God will save Zion and build up the cities of Judah, and people shall dwell there and possess it; <sup>36</sup> the offspring of his servants shall inherit it, and those who love his name shall dwell in it.

#### Zeal for God is vocal and visible

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