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DEFEND ME LORD FROM SHAME (PSALM 31)

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1. De - fend me Lord from shame, for still I
2. Since thou, when foes op - press, my rock and
3. To Thee, the God of Truth, my life, and

trust in Thee, as still and right - eous
for - tress art, mine, to for guide Thou pre - serv'dst from
all that's mine, for Thou pre - serv'dst from

is Thy name from dan - ger set me
this dis - tress, Thy want - ed help im -
from my youth I twill - ing - ly re -

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free. part. sign. Bow — down Thy gra - cious ear and
 Re - lease me from the snare, which
 All — vain re - signs I hate, of

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speed - y suc - cour send, as Thou my
 they have close - ly laid: Since I, o
 those that trust in lies, and still my

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stead - fast rock ap - pear to shel - ter and de - fend!
 God my strength, re - pair to Thee a - lone, for aid.
 soul, in ev' - ry state, to God for suc - cour flies.