

Like David, like Paul, like Jesus

Oh Lord, vindicate me before those who have set themselves up as my enemies.

I have spoken truth and been called a bigot,
I have remained silent and been branded a wimp.

I have been sincere and they said I was a hypocrite,
I have spoken honestly and been lied about.

I have sought integrity and been called self-righteous,
I have confessed my temptations and been smeared with mud.

I have listened and been thought weak,
I have acted and been called rash.

When I walked upright they said I was proud,
When I tripped up they laughed to see me fall.

When I sought to mix truth with grace they said I have no conviction,
When I tempered justice with mercy they said I lack moral courage.

I am misunderstood, misrepresented and miserable.
But you see my heart.

Lord, vindicate me before them!

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