

Job 1-42

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Job's Character and Wealth

¹There lived a man in the land of Uz who had the name of Job; and that man lived blamelessly and uprightly, fearing God and turning away from evil.

² He had seven sons and three daughters.

³ His possessions also consisted of 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and very many servants; and people considered that man the greatest of all the men of the east.

⁴His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

⁵When the days of feasting had completed their cycle, Job would send and consecrate them, rising up early in the morning and offering burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, " Perhaps my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.

⁶Now there came a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

⁷The LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it."

⁸The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there exists no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil."

⁹Then Satan answered the LORD, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"

¹⁰"Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

¹¹"But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face."

¹²Then the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD.

Satan Allowed to Test Job

¹³Now on the day when his sons and his daughters ate and drank wine in their oldest brother's house,

¹⁴a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen had plowed and the donkeys fed beside them,

¹⁵and the Sabeans attacked and took them. They also slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

¹⁶While he still spoke, another also came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

¹⁷While he still spoke, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three bands and made a raid on the camels and took them and slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

¹⁸While he still spoke, another also came and said, "Your sons and your daughters ate and drank wine in their oldest brother's house,

¹⁹and behold, a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they died, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

²⁰Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

²¹He said,
"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
And naked I shall return there

The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away.
I bless the name of the LORD."

²² Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.

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Job Loses His Health

¹ Again there came a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.

² The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it."

³ The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For I find no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, although you incited Me against him to ruin him without cause."

⁴ Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.

⁵ "However, put forth Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh; he will curse You to Your face."

⁶ So the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, you have him in your power, only spare his life."

⁷ Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

⁸ And he took a potsherd to scrape himself while he sat among the ashes.

⁹ Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!"

¹⁰ But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

¹¹ Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, they came each one from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite; and they made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and comfort him.

¹²When they lifted up their eyes at a distance and did not recognize him, they raised their voices and wept. And each of them tore his robe and they threw dust over their heads toward the sky.

¹³Then they sat down on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights with no one speaking a word to him, for they saw that his pain had become very great.

Job 3

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Job's Lament

¹Afterward Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth.

²And Job said,

³"Let the day perish on which my nativity occurred,
And the night which said, 'A boy has become conceived.'

⁴"May that day remain darkness;
Let not God above care for it,
Nor light shine on it.

⁵"Let darkness and black gloom claim it;
Let a cloud settle on it;
Let the blackness of the day terrify it.

⁶"As for that night, let darkness seize it;
Let it not rejoice among the days of the year;
Let it not come into the number of the months.

⁷"Behold, let that night remain barren;
Let no joyful shout enter it.

⁸"Let those curse it who curse the day,
Who had prepared to rouse Leviathan.

⁹"Let the stars of its twilight become dark;
Let it wait for light but have none,
And let it not see the breaking dawn;

¹⁰Because it did not shut the opening of my mother's womb,
Or hide trouble from my eyes.

¹¹"Why did I not die at birth,
Come forth from the womb and expire?

¹²"Why did the knees receive me,
And why the breasts, that I should suck?

¹³"For now I would have lain down and remained quiet;
I would have slept then, I would have stayed at rest,

¹⁴With kings and with counselors of the earth,
Who rebuilt ruins for themselves;

¹⁵Or with princes who had gold,

Who had filled their houses with silver.
16"Or like a miscarriage which had become discarded, I would not have existed,
As infants that never saw light.
17"Then the wicked cease from raging,
And there the weary remain at rest.
18"The prisoners remain at ease together;
They do not hear the voice of the taskmaster.
19"The small and the great live there,
And the slave has freedom from his master.
20"Why does light come to him who suffers,
And life to the bitter of soul,
21"Who long for death, but it does not come,
And dig for it more than for hidden treasures,
22"Who rejoice greatly,
And exult when they find the grave?
23"Why has light come to a man whose way has become obscured,
And whom God has hedged in?
24"For my groaning comes at the sight of my food,
And my cries pour out like water.
25"For what I fear comes upon me,
And what I dread befalls me.
26"I do not feel at ease, nor do I feel quiet,
And I do not rest, but turmoil comes."

Job 4

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Eliphaz: Innocent Do Not Suffer

¹Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered,
²"If one ventures a word with you, will you become impatient?
But who can refrain from speaking?
³"Behold you have admonished many,
And you have strengthened weak hands.
⁴"Your words have helped the tottering to stand,
And you have strengthened feeble knees.
⁵"But now it has come to you, and you show impatience;
It touches you, and you feel dismayed.
⁶"Do you not consider your fear of God your confidence,
And the integrity of your ways your hope?
⁷"Remember now, who ever perished living innocently?
Or where have we seen the upright destroyed?"

⁸"According to what I have seen, those who plow iniquity
And those who sow trouble harvest it.
⁹"By the breath of God they perish,
And by the blast of His anger they come to an end.
¹⁰"The roaring of the lion and the voice of the fierce lion,
And the teeth of the young lions break.
¹¹"The lion perishes for lack of prey,
And the whelps of the lioness scatter.
¹²"Now a word came to me stealthily,
And my ear received a whisper of it.
¹³"Amid disquieting thoughts from the visions of the night,
When deep sleep falls on men,
¹⁴Dread came upon me, and trembling,
And made all my bones shake.
¹⁵"Then a spirit passed by my face;
The hair of my flesh bristled up.
¹⁶"It stood still, but I could not discern its appearance;
A form appeared before my eyes;
Silence occurred, then I heard a voice:
¹⁷"Can mankind appear just before God?
Can a man appear pure before his Maker?
¹⁸ He puts no trust even in His servants;
And against His angels He charges error.
¹⁹"How much more those who dwell in houses of clay,
Whose foundation lies in the dust,
Who have become crushed before the moth!
²⁰ Between morning and evening they break in pieces;
Unobserved, they perish forever.
²¹ Have not people plucked up their tent-cord up within them?
They die, yet without wisdom.'

Job 5

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God Remains Just

¹"Call now, will anyone answer you?
And to which of the holy ones will you turn?
²"For anger slays the foolish man,

And jealousy kills the simple.
³"I have seen the foolish taking root,
And I cursed his abode immediately.
⁴"His sons stray far from safety,
People even oppress them in the gate,
And no one delivers them.
⁵"His harvest the hungry devour
And take it to a place of thorns,
And the schemer has lusted after their wealth.
⁶"For affliction does not come from the dust,
Nor does trouble sprout from the ground,
⁷For man seems to have his nativity for trouble,
As sparks fly upward.
⁸"But as for me, I would seek God,
And I would place my cause before God;
⁹Who does great and unsearchable things,
Wonders without number.
¹⁰"He gives rain on the earth
And sends water on the fields,
¹¹So that He sets on high those who have made themselves humble,
And those who mourn God lifts to safety.
¹²"He frustrates the plotting of the shrewd,
So that their hands cannot attain success.
¹³"He captures the wise by their own shrewdness,
And the advice of the cunning becomes quickly thwarted.
¹⁴"By day they meet with darkness,
And grope at noon as in the night.
¹⁵"But He saves from the sword of their mouth,
And the poor from the hand of the mighty.
¹⁶"So the helpless has hope,
And unrighteousness must shut its mouth.
¹⁷"Behold, how happy should the man whom God reproves consider himself,
So do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.
¹⁸"For He inflicts pain, and gives relief;
He wounds, and His hands also heal.
¹⁹"From six troubles He will deliver you,
Even in seven evil will not touch you.
²⁰"In famine He will redeem you from death,
And in war from the power of the sword.
²¹"You will hide the scourge of the tongue,

And you will not fear violence when it comes.
²²"You will laugh at violence and famine,
And you will not have fear of wild beasts.
²³"For you will have companionship with the stones of the field,
And the beasts of the field will feel at peace with you.
²⁴"You will know that your tent has security,
For you will visit your abode and fear no loss.
²⁵"You will know also that your descendants will increase,
And your offspring as the grass of the earth.
²⁶"You will come to the grave in full vigor,
Like the stacking of grain in its season.
²⁷"Behold this; we have investigated it, and so it has happened.
Hear it, and know for yourself."

Job 6

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Job's Friends Prove No Help

¹Then Job answered,
²" Oh that someone would actually weigh my grief
And laid in the balances together with my calamity!
³"For then it would feel heavier than the sand of the seas;
Therefore my words have seemed rash.
⁴"For the arrows of the Almighty have struck within me,
Their poison my spirit drinks;
The terrors of God array against me.
⁵"Does the wild donkey bray over his grass,
Or does the ox low over his fodder?
⁶"Can someone eat something tasteless without salt,
Or do we find any taste in the white of an egg?
⁷"My soul refuses to touch them;
They taste like loathsome food to me.
⁸"Oh that my request might come to pass,
And that God would grant my longing!
⁹"Would that God show willingly crush me,
That He would loose His hand and cut me off!
¹⁰"But I still consider it my consolation,
And I rejoice in unsparing pain,

That I have not denied the words of the Holy One.
11"What kind of strength do I have, that I should wait?
And what end do I see, that I should endure?
12"Do I have the strength of stones,
Or does my flesh resemble bronze?
13"Do I not find help not within me,
And that deliverance has gone from me?
14"For the despairing man should receive kindness from his friend;
So that he does not forsake the fear of the Almighty.
15"My brothers have acted deceitfully like a wadi,
Like the torrents of wadis which vanish,
16"Which seem turbid because of ice
And into which the snow melts.
17"When they become waterless, they fall silent,
When it remains hot, they vanish from their place.
18"The paths of their course wind along,
They go up into nothing and perish.
19"The caravans of Tema looked,
The travelers of Sheba hoped for them.
20"They had disappointment for they had trusted,
They came there and suffered confusion.
21"Indeed, you have now become such,
You see a terror and feel afraid.
22"Have I said, 'Give me something,'
Or, 'Offer a bribe for me from your wealth,'
23"Or, 'Deliver me from the hand of the adversary,'
Or, 'Redeem me from the hand of the tyrants'?"
24"Teach me, and I will remain silent;
And show me how I have erred.
25"How painful do we find honest words!
But what does your argument prove?
26"Do you intend to reprove my words,
When the words of one in despair belong to the wind?
27"You would even cast lots for the orphans
And barter over your friend.
28"Now please look at me,
And see if I lie to your face.
29"Desist now, let there us have no injustice;
Even desist, my righteousness remains yet in it.

³⁰" Do I have injustice on my tongue?
Cannot my palate discern calamities?

Job 7

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Job's Life Seems Futile

¹" Has not man become forced to labor on earth,
And do not his days seem like the days of a hired man?
²"As a slave who pants for the shade,
And as a hired man who eagerly waits for his wages,
³So have I received months of vanity,
And nights of trouble have come to me.
⁴"When I lie down I say,
'When shall I arise?'
But the night continues,
And I continually toss until dawn.
⁵"My flesh becomes clothed with worms and a crust of dirt,
My skin hardens and runs.
⁶"My days seem swifter than a weaver's shuttle,
And come to an end without hope.
⁷"Remember that my life seems but breath;
My eye will not again see good.
⁸"The eye of him who sees me will behold me no longer;
Your eyes will focus on me, but I will cease to exist.
⁹"When a cloud vanishes, it disappears,
So he who goes down to Sheol does not come up.
¹⁰"He will not return again to his house,
Nor will his place know him anymore.
¹¹"Therefore I will not restrain my mouth;
I will speak in the anguish of my spirit,
I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
¹²"Do I resemble the sea, or the sea monster,
That You set a guard over me?
¹³"If I say, ' My bed will comfort me,
My couch will ease my complaint,'
¹⁴Then You frighten me with dreams
And terrify me by visions;
¹⁵So that my soul would choose suffocation,

Death rather than my pains.

- ¹⁶"I waste away; I will not live forever
Leave me alone, for my days seem but a breath.
- ¹⁷" What do You consider man that You magnify him,
And that You concern Yourself about him,
- ¹⁸That You examine him every morning
And try him every moment?
- ¹⁹" Will You never turn Your gaze away from me,
Nor let me alone until I swallow my spittle?
- ²⁰" Have I sinned? What have I done to You,
O watcher of men?
Why have You set me as Your target,
So that I have become a burden to myself?
- ²¹"Why then do You not pardon my transgression
And take away my iniquity?
For now I will lie down in the dust;
And You will seek me, but I will no longer exist."

Job 8

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Bildad Says God Rewards the Good

- ¹Then Bildad the Shuhite answered,
²"How long will you say these things,
And the words of your mouth resemble a mighty wind?
³"Does God pervert justice?
Or does the Almighty pervert righteousness?
⁴" If your sons sinned against Him,
Then He delivered them into the power of their transgression.
⁵"If you would seek God
And implore the compassion of the Almighty,
⁶If you prove pure and upright,
Surely now He would rouse Himself for you
And restore your righteous estate.
⁷"Though your beginning seemed insignificant,
Yet your end will increase greatly.
⁸"Please inquire of past generations,
And consider the things searched out by their fathers.

⁹"For we know only of yesterday and know nothing,
Because our days on earth seem as a shadow.
¹⁰"Will they not teach you and tell you,
And bring forth words from their minds?
¹¹"Can the papyrus grow up without a marsh?
Can the rushes grow without water?
¹²"While it still looks green and do not cut them down,
Yet it withers before any other plant.
¹³"So resemble the paths of all who forget God;
And the hope of the godless will perish,
¹⁴Whose confidence seems fragile,
And who trust a spider's web.
¹⁵"He trusts in his house, but it does not stand;
He holds fast to it, but it does not endure.
¹⁶"He thrives before the sun,
And his shoots spread out over his garden.
¹⁷"His roots wrap around a rock pile,
He grasps a house of stones.
¹⁸"If he becomes removed from his place,
Then it will deny him, saying, 'I never saw you.'
¹⁹"Behold, this seems the joy of His way;
And out of the dust others will spring.
²⁰"Lo, God will not reject a man of integrity,
Nor will He support the evildoers.
²¹"He will yet fill your mouth with laughter
And your lips with shouting.
²²"Those who hate you will find themselves clothed with shame,
And the tent of the wicked will exist no longer.

Job 9

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Job Says No Arbitrator exists between God and Man

¹Then Job answered,
²"In truth I know that this proves true;
But how can a man appear righteous before God?
³"If one wished to dispute with Him,
He could not answer Him once in a thousand times.

4" Wise in heart and mighty in strength,
Who has defied Him without harm?

5" God removes the mountains, they know not how,
When He overturns them in His anger;

6"Who shakes the earth out of its place,
And its pillars tremble;

7"Who commands the sun not to shine,
And sets a seal upon the stars;

8"Who alone stretches out the heavens
And tramples down the waves of the sea;

9"Who makes the Bear, Orion and the Pleiades,
And the chambers of the south;

10"Who does great things, unfathomable,
And wondrous works without number.

11" If He would pass by me, I would not see Him;
If He would move past me, I would not perceive Him.

12" If He would snatch me away, who could restrain Him?
Who could say to Him, ' What do You do?'

13" God will not turn back His anger;
Beneath Him crouch the helpers of Rahab.

14" How then can I answer Him,
And choose my words before Him?

15" For though I could prove myself right, I could not answer;
I would have to implore the mercy of my judge.

16" If I called and He answered me,
I could not believe that He listened to my voice.

17" For He bruises me with a tempest

18" He will not allow me to get my breath,
But saturates me with bitterness.

19" If it comes down to a matter of power, behold, He has the strength.
And if it comes down to justice, who can summon Him?

20" Though I prove righteous, my mouth will condemn me;
Though I have no guilt, He will declare me guilty.

21" I believe that I have no guilt;
I do not take notice of myself;
I despise my life.

22" It seems all one; therefore I say,
He destroys the guiltless and the wicked.'

23" If the scourge kills suddenly,
He mocks the despair of the innocent.

²⁴"The earth falls into the hands of the wicked;
He covers the faces of its judges.
If I cannot depend upon Him, then who can I depend upon?
²⁵"Now my days move swifter than a runner;
They flee away, they see no good.
²⁶"They slip by like reed boats,
Like an eagle that swoops on its prey.
²⁷"Though I say, 'I will forget my complaint,
I will leave off my sad countenance and have cheerfulness,'
²⁸I feel afraid of all my pains,
I know that You will not acquit me.
²⁹"I have received the judgment of wicked,
Why then should I toil in vain?
³⁰"If I should wash myself with snow
And cleanse my hands with lye,
³¹Yet You would plunge me into the pit,
And my own clothes would abhor me.
³²"For we cannot consider Him a man like me that I may answer Him,
That we may go to court together.
³³"No umpire exists between us,
Who may lay his hand upon us both.
³⁴"Let Him remove His rod from me,
And let not dread of Him terrify me.
³⁵"Then I would speak and not fear Him;
But I cannot behave that way in myself.

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Job Despairs of God's Dealings

¹" I loathe my own life;
I will give full vent to my complaint;
I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
²"I will say to God, ' Do not condemn me;
Let me know why You contend with me.
³"Do you consider it right to oppress,
To reject the labor of Your hands,
And to look favorably on the schemes of the wicked?"

⁴Have You eyes of flesh?
Or do You see as a man sees?

⁵Have You spent Your days as the days of a mortal,
Or Your years as man's years,

⁶That You should seek for my guilt
And search after my sin?

⁷According to Your knowledge I do not have guilt,
Yet I find no deliverance from Your hand.

⁸Your hands fashioned and made me altogether,
And would You destroy me?

⁹Remember now, that You have made me as clay;
And would You turn me into dust again?

¹⁰Did You not pour me out like milk
And curdle me like cheese;

¹¹Clothe me with skin and flesh,
And knit me together with bones and sinews?

¹²You have granted me life and lovingkindness;
And Your care has preserved my spirit.

¹³Yet these things You have concealed in Your heart;
I know that this resides within You:

¹⁴If I sin, then You would take note of me,
And would not acquit me of my guilt.

¹⁵If I prove wicked, woe to me!
And if I prove righteous, I dare not lift up my head.
I feel sated with disgrace and conscious of my misery.

¹⁶Should my head lift up, You would hunt me like a lion;
And again You would show Your power against me.

¹⁷You renew Your witnesses against me
And increase Your anger toward me;
Hardship after hardship come after me.

¹⁸Why then have You brought me out of the womb?
Would that I had died and no eye had seen me!

¹⁹I should have seemed as though I had never existed,
Carried from womb to tomb.'

²⁰"Would He not let my few days alone?
Withdraw from me that I may have a little cheer

²¹Before I go-- and I shall not return--
To the land of darkness and deep shadow,

²²The land of utter gloom as darkness itself,

Of deep shadow without order,
And which shines as the darkness."

Job 11

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Zophar Rebukes Job

- ¹Then Zophar the Naamathite answered,
²"Shall a multitude of words go unanswered,
And a talkative man should receive acquittal?
³"Shall your boasts silence men?
And shall you scoff and none rebuke?
⁴"For you have said, 'My teaching I consider pure,
And You regard me as innocent.'
⁵"But would that God might speak,
And open His lips against you,
⁶And show you the secrets of wisdom!
For sound wisdom has two sides
Know then that God forgets a part of your iniquity.
⁷" Can you discover the depths of God?
Can you discover the limits of the Almighty?
⁸"They appear high as the heavens, what can you do?
Deeper than Sheol, what can you know?
⁹"Its measure seems longer than the earth
And broader than the sea.
¹⁰"If He passes by or shuts up,
Or calls an assembly, who can restrain Him?
¹¹"For He knows false men,
And He sees iniquity without investigating.
¹²" An idiot will become intelligent
When the foal of a wild donkey becomes born a man.
¹³" If you would direct your heart right
And spread out your hand to Him,
¹⁴If iniquity resides in your hand, put it far away,
And do not let wickedness dwell in your tents;
¹⁵"Then, indeed, you could lift up your face without moral defect,
And you would remain steadfast and not fear.
¹⁶"For you would forget your trouble,
As waters that have passed by, you would remember it.

¹⁷"Your life would appear brighter than noonday;
Darkness would seem like the morning.
¹⁸"Then you would trust, because you have hope;
And you would look around and rest securely.
¹⁹"You would lie down and none would disturb you,
And many would entreat your favor.
²⁰"But the eyes of the wicked will fail,
And they will find no escape;
And their hope equates to breathing their last."

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Job Chides His Accusers

¹Then Job responded,
²"Truly then you consider yourself the people,
And with you wisdom will die!
³"But I have intelligence as well as you;
I do not consider myself inferior to you.
And who does not know such things as these?
⁴"I have become a joke to my friends,
The one who called on God and He answered him;
The just and blameless man I consider a joke.
⁵"He who feels at ease holds calamity in contempt,
As prepared for those whose feet slip.
⁶"The tents of the destroyers prosper,
And those who provoke God feel secure,
Whom God brings into their power.
⁷"But now ask the beasts, and let them teach you;
And the birds of the heavens, and let them tell you.
⁸"Or speak to the earth, and let it teach you;
And let the fish of the sea declare to you.
⁹"Who among all these does not know
That the hand of the LORD has done this,
¹⁰In whose hand lies the life of every living thing,
And the breath of all mankind?
¹¹"Does not the ear test words,
As the palate tastes its food?
¹²"Wisdom resides with aged men,
With long life comes understanding.

Job Speaks of the Power of God

- ¹³"With Him reside wisdom and might;
To Him belong counsel and understanding.
- ¹⁴"Behold, He tears down, and no one can rebuild;
He imprisons a man, and cannot expect freedom.
- ¹⁵"Behold, He restrains the waters, and they dry up;
And He sends them out, and they inundate the earth.
- ¹⁶"With Him reside strength and sound wisdom,
The misled and the misleader belong to Him.
- ¹⁷"He makes counselors walk barefoot
And makes fools of judges.
- ¹⁸"He loosens the bond of kings
And binds their loins with a girdle.
- ¹⁹"He makes priests walk barefoot
And overthrows the secure ones.
- ²⁰"He deprives the trusted ones of speech
And takes away the discernment of the elders.
- ²¹"He pours contempt on nobles
And loosens the belt of the strong.
- ²²"He reveals mysteries from the darkness
And brings the deep darkness into light.
- ²³"He makes the nations great, then destroys them;
He enlarges the nations, then leads them away.
- ²⁴"He deprives of intelligence the chiefs of the earth's people
And makes them wander in a pathless waste.
- ²⁵"They grope in darkness with no light,
And He makes them

Job 13

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Job Says His Friends' Proverbs Appear as Ashes

- ¹" Behold, my eye has seen all this,
My ear has heard and understood it.
- ²" What you know I also know;
I do not consider myself inferior to you.
- ³"But I would speak to the Almighty,

And I desire to argue with God.
4" But you smear with lies;
You all seem worthless physicians.
5" O that you would remain completely silent,
And that it would become your wisdom!
6" Please hear my argument
And listen to the contentions of my lips.
7" Will you speak unjustly for God,
And speak deceit for Him?
8" Will you show partiality for Him?
Will you contend for God?
9" Will it stay well when He examines you?
Or will you deceive Him as one deceives a man?
10" He will surely reprove you
If you secretly show partiality.
11" Will not His majesty terrify you,
And the dread of Him fall on you?
12" Your memorable sayings have become proverbs of ashes,
Your defenses resemble defenses of clay.

Job feels Sure He Will Receive Vindication

13" Remain silent before me so that I may speak;
Then let come on me what may.
14" Why should I take my flesh in my teeth
And put my life in my hands?
15" Though He slay me,
I will hope in Him
Nevertheless I will argue my ways before Him.
16" This also will become my salvation,
For a godless man may not come before His presence.
17" Listen carefully to my speech,
And let my declaration fill your ears.
18" Behold now, I have prepared my case;
I know that I will receive vindication.
19" Who will contend with me?
For then I would become silent and die.
20" Only two things do not do to me,
Then I will not hide from Your face:
21 Remove Your hand from me,
And let not the dread of You terrify me.
22" Then call, and I will answer;
Or let me speak, then reply to me.

²³" How many iniquities and sins do I have?
Make known to me my rebellion and my sin.
²⁴"Why do You hide Your face
And consider me Your enemy?
²⁵"Will You cause a driven leaf to tremble?
Or will You pursue the dry chaff?
²⁶"For You write bitter things against me
And make me to inherit the iniquities of my youth.
²⁷"You put my feet in the stocks
And watch all my paths;
You set a limit for the soles of my feet,
²⁸While I have decayed like a rotten thing,
Like a garment that the moths have eaten.

Job 14

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Job Speaks of the Finality of Death

¹" Man, who has become born of woman,
Has lived few years and full of turmoil.
²" Like a flower he comes forth and withers
He also flees like a shadow and does not remain.
³"You also open Your eyes on him
And bring him into judgment with Yourself.
⁴" Who can make the clean out of the unclean?
No one!
⁵"Since his days God has determined,
The number of his months you have with You;
And his limits You have set so that he cannot pass.
⁶" Turn Your gaze from him that he may rest,
Until he fulfills his day like a hired man.
⁷"For a tree has hope,
When people cut it down, it will sprout again,
And its shoots will not fail.
⁸"Though its roots grow old in the ground
And its stump dies in the dry soil,
⁹At the scent of water it will flourish
And put forth sprigs like a plant.

¹⁰"But man dies and lies prostrate
Man expires, and where does he go?
¹¹"As water evaporates from the sea,
And a river becomes parched and dried up,
¹²So man lies down and does not rise.
Until the heavens remain no longer,
He will not awake nor arouse out of his sleep.
¹³"Oh that You would hide me in Sheol,
That You would conceal me until Your wrath returns to You,
That You would set a limit for me and remember me!
¹⁴"If a man dies, will he live again?
All the days of my struggle I will wait
Until my change comes.
¹⁵"You will call, and I will answer You;
You will long for the work of Your hands.
¹⁶"For now You number my steps,
You do not observe my sin.
¹⁷"My transgression you have sealed up in a bag,
And You wrap up my iniquity.
¹⁸"But the falling mountain crumbles away,
And the rock moves from its place;
¹⁹Water wears away stones,
Its torrents wash away the dust of the earth;
So You destroy man's hope.
²⁰"You forever overpower him and he departs;
You change his appearance and send him away.
²¹"His sons achieve honor, but he does not know it;
Or they become insignificant, but he does not perceive it.
²²"But his body pains him,
And he mourns only for himself."

Job 15

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Eliphaz Says Job Presumes Much

¹Then Eliphaz the Temanite responded,
²"Should a wise man answer with windy knowledge
And fill himself with the east wind?"

- ³"Should he argue with useless talk,
Or with words which do not profit?
⁴"Indeed, you do away with reverence
And hinder meditation before God.
⁵"For your guilt teaches your mouth,
And you choose the language of the crafty.
⁶"Your own mouth condemns you, and not I;
And your own lips testify against you.
⁷"Did you not consider yourself the first man born,
Or did someone bring you forth before the hills?
⁸"Do you hear the secret counsel of God,
And limit wisdom to yourself?
⁹"What do you know that we do not know?

¹⁰"Both the gray-haired and the aged live among us,
Older than your father.
¹¹"Do the consolations of God seem too small for you,
Even the word spoken gently with you?
¹²"Why does your heart carry you away?
And why do your eyes flash,
¹³That you should turn your spirit against God
And allow such words to go out of your mouth?
¹⁴"What do we consider man, that he should show himself pure,
Or he who has become born of a woman, that he should demonstrate righteousness?
¹⁵"Behold, He puts no trust in His holy ones,
And the heavens do not seem not pure in His sight;
¹⁶How much less one who behaves in a detestable and corrupt manner,
Man, who drinks iniquity like water!

What Eliphaz Has Seen of Life

- ¹⁷"I will tell you, listen to me;
And what I have seen I will also declare;
¹⁸What wise men have told,
And have not concealed from their fathers,
¹⁹To whom alone received the land,
And no alien passed among them.
²⁰"The wicked man writhes in pain all his days,
And God numbers the years stored up for the ruthless.
²¹"Sounds of terror exist in his ears;
While at peace the destroyer comes upon him.
²²"He does not believe that he will return from darkness,
And he has the sword as his destiny.
²³"He wanders about for food, saying, 'Where can I find it?'

He knows that a day of darkness has arrived.
²⁴"Distress and anguish terrify him,
They overpower him like a king ready for the attack,
²⁵Because he has stretched out his hand against God
And conducts himself arrogantly against the Almighty.
²⁶"He rushes headlong at Him
With his massive shield.
²⁷"For he has covered his face with his fat
And made his thighs heavy with flesh.
²⁸"He has lived in desolate cities,
In houses no one would inhabit,
Which has ruins as destiny.
²⁹"He will not become rich, nor will his wealth endure;
And his grain will not bend down to the ground.
³⁰"He will not escape from darkness;
The flame will wither his shoots,
And by the breath of His mouth he will go away.
³¹"Let him not trust in emptiness, deceiving himself;
For emptiness he will receive as his reward.
³²"It will take place before his time,
And his palm branch will not stay green.
³³"He will drop off his unripe grape like the vine,
And will cast off his flower like the olive tree.
³⁴"For the company of the godless remains barren,
And fire consumes the tents of the corrupt.
³⁵"They conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity,
And their mind prepares deception."

Job 16

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Job Says Friends Prove Sorry Comforters

¹Then Job answered,
²"I have heard many such things;
Sorry comforters have you all proved yourselves.
³" Do you have any limit to your windy words?
Or what plagues you that you answer?
⁴"I too could speak like you,

If I found myself in your place.
I could compose words against you
And shake my head at you.
⁵"I could strengthen you with my mouth,
And the solace of my lips could lessen your pain.

Job Says God Shattered Him

⁶"If I speak, my pain has not lessened,
And if I hold back, what has left me?
⁷"But now He has exhausted me;
You have laid waste all my company.
⁸"You have shriveled me up,
It has become a witness;
And my leanness rises up against me,
It testifies to my face.
⁹"His anger has torn me and hunted me down,
He has gnashed at me with His teeth;
My adversary glares at me.
¹⁰"They have gaped at me with their mouth,
They have slapped me on the cheek with contempt;
They have massed themselves against me.
¹¹"God hands me over to ruffians
And tosses me into the hands of the wicked.
¹²"I felt at ease, but He shattered me,
And He has grasped me by the neck and shaken me to pieces;
He has also set me up as His target.
¹³"His arrows surround me
Without mercy He splits my kidneys open;
He pours out my gall on the ground.
¹⁴"He breaks through me with breach after breach;
He runs at me like a warrior.
¹⁵"I have sewed sackcloth over my skin
And thrust my horn in the dust.
¹⁶"My face feels flushed from weeping,
And deep darkness rests on my eyelids,
¹⁷Although I have no violence in my hands,
And my prayer comes from pure motives.
¹⁸"O earth, do not cover my blood,
And let no resting place come for my cry.
¹⁹"Even now, behold, my witness resides in heaven,

And my advocate lives on high.
²⁰"My friends scoff at me;
My eye weeps to God.
²¹"O that a man might plead with God
As a man with his neighbor!
²²"For when a few years have passed,
I shall go the way of no return.

Job 17

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Job Says He Has Become a Byword

¹"My spirit has broken, my days have become extinguished,
The grave has become ready for me.
²" Surely mockers dwell with me,
And my eye gazes on their provocation.
³"Lay down, now, a pledge for me with Yourself;
Who will serve as my guarantor?
⁴"For You have kept their heart from understanding,
Therefore You will not exalt them.
⁵"He who informs against friends for a share of the spoil,
The eyes of his children also will languish.
⁶"But He has made me a byword of the people,
And men spit at me.
⁷"My eye has also grown dim because of grief,
And all my members resemble shadows.
⁸"The upright will feel appalled at this,
And the innocent will stir up himself against the godless.
⁹"Nevertheless the righteous will hold to his way,
And he who has clean hands will grow stronger and stronger.
¹⁰"But come again all of you now,
For I do not find a wise man among you.
¹¹"My days have passed, my plans have torn apart,
Even the wishes of my heart.
¹²"They make night into day, saying,
'The light has drawn near,' in the presence of darkness.
¹³"If I look for Sheol as my home,
I make my bed in the darkness;

¹⁴If I call to the pit, 'You I acknowledge as my father';
To the worm, 'my mother and my sister';
¹⁵Where now do I find my hope?
And who regards my hope?
¹⁶"Will it go down with me to Sheol?
Shall we together go down into the dust?"

Job 18

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Bildad Speaks of the Wicked

¹Then Bildad the Shuhite responded,
²"How long will you hunt for words?
Show understanding and then we can talk.
³"Why do people regard us as beasts,
As stupid in your eyes?
⁴"O you who tear yourself in your anger--
For your sake the earth will become abandoned,
Or the rock will move from its place?
⁵"Indeed, the light of the wicked goes out,
And the flame of his fire gives no light.
⁶"The light in his tent will darken,
And his lamp goes out above him.
⁷"His vigorous stride will shorten,
And his own scheme brings him down.
⁸"For he has fallen into the net by his own feet,
And he steps on the webbing.
⁹"A snare seizes him by the heel,
And a trap snaps shut on him.
¹⁰"A noose for him hides in the ground,
And a trap for him on the path.
¹¹"All around terrors frighten him,
And harry him at every step.
¹²"His strength has diminished,
And calamity rests ready at his side.
¹³"His skin becomes devoured by disease,
The firstborn of death devours his limbs.
¹⁴"He has become torn from the security of his tent,

And they march him before the king of terrors.
¹⁵"There dwells in his tent nothing of his;
Brimstone scatters on his habitation.
¹⁶"His roots dry below,
And his branch someone will cut off above.
¹⁷"Memory of him perishes from the earth,
And he has no name abroad.
¹⁸"He has become driven from light into darkness,
And chased from the inhabited world.
¹⁹"He has no offspring or posterity among his people,
Nor any survivor where he sojourned.
²⁰"Those in the west feel appalled at his fate,
And those in the east have become seized with horror.
²¹"Surely such describe the dwellings of the wicked,
And this we recognize as the place of him who does not know God."

Job 19

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Job Feels Insulted

¹Then Job responded,
²"How long will you torment me
And crush me with words?
³"These ten times you have insulted me;
You do not feel ashamed to wrong me.
⁴"Even if I have truly erred,
My error lodges with me.
⁵"If indeed you vaunt yourselves against me
And prove my disgrace to me,
⁶Know then that God has wronged me
And has closed His net around me.

Everything Seems against Him

⁷"Behold, I cry, 'Violence!' but I get no answer;
I shout for help, but I find no justice.
⁸"He has walled up my way so that I cannot pass,
And He has put darkness on my paths.
⁹"He has stripped my honor from me
And removed the crown from my head.
¹⁰"He breaks me down on every side, and I leave;
And He has uprooted my hope like a tree.

¹¹"He has also kindled His anger against me
And considered me as His enemy.
¹²"His troops come together,
And build up their way against me
And camp around my tent.
¹³"He has removed my brothers far from me,
And my acquaintances have become completely estranged from me.
¹⁴"My relatives have failed,
And my intimate friends have forgotten me.
¹⁵"Those who live in my house and my maids consider me a stranger.
I resemble a foreigner in their sight.
¹⁶"I call to my servant, but he does not answer;
I have to implore him with my mouth.
¹⁷"My breath seems offensive to my wife,
And I have become loathsome to my own brothers.
¹⁸"Even young children despise me;
I rise up and they speak against me.
¹⁹"All my associates abhor me,
And those I love have turned against me.
²⁰"My bone clings to my skin and my flesh,
And I have escaped only by the skin of my teeth.
²¹"Pity me, pity me, O you my friends,
For the hand of God has struck me.
²²"Why do you persecute me as God does,
And show no satisfaction with my flesh?"

Job Says, "My Redeemer Lives"

²³"Oh that I could write my words!
Oh that I could write them in a book!
²⁴"That with an iron stylus and lead
I could engrave them in the rock forever!
²⁵"As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,
And at the last He will take His stand on the earth.
²⁶"Even after my skin has deteriorated,
Yet from my flesh I shall see God;
²⁷"Whom I myself shall behold,
And whom my eyes will see and not another.
My heart faints within me!
²⁸"If you say, 'How shall we persecute him?'
And 'What pretext for a case against him can we find?'
²⁹"Then show fear of the sword for yourselves,
For wrath brings the punishment of the sword,
So that you may know a judgment shall come."

Job 20

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Zophar Says, "The Triumph of the Wicked will Shorten"

- ¹Then Zophar the Naamathite answered,
²"Therefore my disquieting thoughts make me respond,
Even because of my inward agitation.
³"I listened to the reproof which insults me,
And the spirit of my understanding makes me answer.
⁴"Do you know this from of old,
From the establishment of man on earth,
⁵That the triumphing of the wicked has attenuated,
And the joy of the godless momentary?
⁶"Though his loftiness reaches the heavens,
And his head touches the clouds,
⁷He perishes forever like his refuse;
Those who have seen him will say, 'Where do we find him?'
⁸"He flies away like a dream, and they cannot find him;
Even like a vision of the night he has fled away.
⁹"The eye which saw him sees him no longer,
And his place no longer beholds him.
¹⁰"His sons favor the poor,
And his hands give back his wealth.
¹¹"His bones wax full of youthful vigor,
But it lies down with him in the dust.
¹²"Though evil seems sweet in his mouth
And he hides it under his tongue,
¹³Though he desires it and will not let it go,
But holds it in his mouth,
¹⁴Yet his food in his stomach has changed
To the venom of cobras within him.
¹⁵"He swallows riches,
But will vomit them up;
God will expel them from his belly.
¹⁶"He sucks the poison of cobras;
The viper's tongue slays him.
¹⁷"He does not look at the streams,
The rivers flowing with honey and curds.
¹⁸"He returns what he has attained

And cannot swallow it;
As to the riches of his trading,
He cannot even enjoy them.
¹⁹"For he has oppressed and forsaken the poor;
He has seized a house which he has not built.
²⁰"Because he knew no quiet within him,
He does not retain anything he desires.
²¹"Nothing remains for him to devour,
Therefore his prosperity does not endure.
²²"In the fullness of his plenty he will feel cramped;
The hand of everyone who suffers will come against him.
²³"When he fills his belly,
God will send His fierce anger on him
And will rain it on him while he eats.
²⁴"He may flee from the iron weapon,
But the bronze bow will pierce him.
²⁵"People draw it forth out of his back,
Even the glittering point from his gall
Terrors come upon him,
²⁶Complete darkness God holds in reserve for his treasures,
And unfanned fire will devour him;
It will consume the survivor in his tent.
²⁷"The heavens will reveal his iniquity,
And the earth will rise up against him.
²⁸"The increase of his house will depart;
His possessions will flow away in the day of His anger.
²⁹"God will give the wicked man this loss as his portion ,
Even the heritage decreed to him by God."

Job 21

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Job Says God Will Deal with the Wicked

¹Then Job answered,
²"Listen carefully to my speech,
And let this become your way of consolation.
³"Bear with me that I may speak;
Then after I have spoken, you may mock.

4" As for me, I complain to man?
And why should I not show impatience?

5" Look at me, and feel astonishment,
And put your hand over your mouth.

6" Even when I remember, I feel disturbed,
And horror takes hold of my flesh.

7" Why do the wicked still live,
Continue on, also become very powerful?

8" Their descendants will establish with them in their sight,
And their offspring before their eyes,

9" Their houses remain safe from fear,
And the rod of God will not fall on them.

10" His ox mates without fail;
His cow calves and does not abort.

11" They send forth their little ones like the flock,
And their children skip about.

12" They sing to the timbrel and harp
And rejoice at the sound of the flute.

13" They spend their days in prosperity,
And suddenly they go down to Sheol.

14" They say to God, ' Depart from us!
We do not even desire the knowledge of Your ways.

15" Who do we consider the Almighty, that we should serve Him,
And what would we gain if we entreat Him?'

16" Behold, they have no prosperity in their hand;
The counsel of the wicked remains far from me.

17" How often has the lamp of the wicked put out,
Or does their calamity fall on them?
Does God apportion destruction in His anger?

18" Do they resemble straw before the wind,
And like chaff which the storm carries away?

19" You say, ' God stores away a man's iniquity for his sons.'
Let God repay him so that he may know it.

20" Let his own eyes see his decay,
And let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

21" For what does he care for his household after him,
When the number of his months dwindles?

22" Can anyone teach God knowledge,
In that He judges those on high?

23" One dies in his full strength,

Having attained ease and satisfaction;
²⁴His sides fill out with fat,
And the marrow of his bones moistens,
²⁵While another dies with a bitter soul,
Never even tasting anything good.
²⁶"Together they lie down in the dust,
And worms cover them.
²⁷"Behold, I know your thoughts,
And the plans by which you would wrong me.
²⁸"For you say, 'Where do we find the house of the nobleman,
And where do we find the tent, the dwelling places of the wicked?'
²⁹"Have you not asked wayfaring men,
And do you not recognize their witness?
³⁰"For the wicked have their reservation in the day of calamity;
They will discover themselves led forth at the day of fury.
³¹"Who will confront him with his actions,
And who will repay him for what he has done?
³²"While people carry him to the grave,
Men will keep watch over his tomb.
³³"The clods of the valley will gently cover him;
Moreover, all men will follow after him,
While countless ones go before him.
³⁴"How then will you vainly comfort me,
For your answers remain full of falsehood?"

Job 22

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Eliphaz Accuses and Exhorts Job

¹Then Eliphaz the Temanite responded,
²"Can God have any use for a vigorous man ,
Or a wise man have any use to himself?
³"Does the Almighty find any pleasure if you act righteously,
Or profit if you make your ways perfect?
⁴"Does God reprove you because of your reverence,
That He enters into judgment against you?
⁵"Has not your wickedness become great,
And your iniquities without end?"

⁶"For you have taken pledges of your brothers without cause,
And stripped men naked.

⁷"To the weary you have given no water to drink,
And from the hungry you have withheld bread.

⁸"But the earth belongs to the mighty man,
And the honorable man dwells in it.

⁹"You have sent widows away empty,
And the strength of the orphans has felt crushed.

¹⁰"Therefore snares surround you,
And sudden dread terrifies you,

¹¹Or darkness, so that you cannot see,
And an abundance of water covers you.

¹²"Do we not see God in the height of heaven?
Look also at the distant stars, how high they appear!

¹³"You say, 'What does God know?
Can He judge through the thick darkness?

¹⁴Clouds serve as a hiding place for Him, so that He cannot see;
And He walks on the vault of heaven.'

¹⁵"Will you keep to the ancient path
Which wicked men have trod,

¹⁶Who became snatched away before their time,
Whose foundations had eroded away by a river?

¹⁷"They said to God, 'Depart from us!'
And 'What can the Almighty do to them?'

¹⁸"Yet He filled their houses with good things;
But the counsel of the wicked remains far from me.

¹⁹"The righteous see and feel glad,
And the innocent mock them,

²⁰Saying, 'Truly God has cut our adversaries off,
And their abundance the fire has consumed.'

²¹"Yield now and remain at peace with Him;
Thereby good will come to you.

²²"Please receive instruction from His mouth
And establish His words in your heart.

²³"If you return to the Almighty, you will have restoration;
If you remove unrighteousness far from your tent,

²⁴And place your gold in the dust,
And the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks,

²⁵Then the Almighty will resemble gold
And choice silver to you.

²⁶"For then you will delight in the Almighty
And lift up your face to God.
²⁷"You will pray to Him, and He will hear you;
And you will pay your vows.
²⁸"You will also decree a thing, and it will become established for you;
And light will shine on your ways.
²⁹"When you feel cast down, you will speak with confidence,
And the humble person He will save.
³⁰"He will deliver one who lives innocently,
And he will receive deliverance through the cleanness of your hands."

Job 23

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Job Says He Longs for God

¹Then Job replied,
²"Even today my complaint shows rebellion;
His hand feels heavy despite my groaning.
³"Oh that I knew where I might find Him,
That I might come to His seat!
⁴"I would present my case before Him
And fill my mouth with arguments.
⁵"I would learn the words which He would answer,
And perceive what He would say to me.
⁶"Would He contend with me by the greatness of His power?
No, surely He would pay attention to me.
⁷"There the upright would reason with Him;
And I would find deliverance forever from my Judge.
⁸"Behold, I go forward but I do not find Him there,
And backward, but I cannot perceive Him;
⁹When He acts on the left, I cannot behold Him;
He turns on the right, I cannot see Him.
¹⁰"But He knows the way I take;
When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold.
¹¹"My foot has held fast to His path;
I have kept His way and not turned aside.
¹²"I have not departed from the command of His lips;
I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food."

¹³"But I regard Him as unique and who can turn Him?
And what His soul desires, that He does.
¹⁴"For He performs what He appoints for me,
And many such decrees dwell with Him.
¹⁵"Therefore, I would feel dismay at His presence;
When I consider, I feel terrified of Him.
¹⁶" God has made my heart faint,
And the Almighty who has dismayed me,
¹⁷But I do not feel silenced by the darkness,
Nor deep gloom which covers me.

Job 24

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Job Says God Seems to Ignore Wrongs

¹" Why has the Almighty not stored up times,
And why do those who know Him not see His days?
²"Some remove the landmarks;
They seize and devour flocks.
³"They drive away the donkeys of the orphans;
They take the widow's ox for a pledge.
⁴"They push the needy aside from the road;
The poor of the land hide themselves altogether.
⁵"Behold, as wild donkeys in the wilderness
They go forth seeking food in their activity,
As bread for their children in the desert.
⁶"They harvest their fodder in the field
And glean the vineyard of the wicked.
⁷" They spend the night naked, without clothing,
And have no covering against the cold.
⁸"They become saturated with the mountain rains
And hug the rock for want of a shelter.
⁹"Others snatch the orphan from the breast,
And against the poor they take a pledge.
¹⁰"They cause the poor to go about naked without clothing,
And they take away the sheaves from the hungry.
¹¹"Within the walls they produce oil;
They tread wine presses but thirst.
¹²"From the city men groan,

- And the souls of the wounded cry out;
Yet God does not pay attention to folly.
- ¹³"Others have associated with those who rebel against the light;
They do not want to know its ways
Nor abide in its paths.
- ¹⁴"The murderer arises at dawn;
He kills the poor and the needy,
And at night he behaves as a thief.
- ¹⁵"The eye of the adulterer waits for the twilight,
Saying, 'No eye will see me.'
And he disguises his face.
- ¹⁶"In the dark they dig into houses,
They shut themselves up by day;
They do not know the light.
- ¹⁷"For the morning appears the same to him as thick darkness,
For he has familiarity with the terrors of thick darkness.
- ¹⁸"They seem insignificant on the surface of the water;
Their portion receives curses on the earth
They do not turn toward the vineyards.
- ¹⁹"Drought and heat consume the snow waters,
So does Sheol those who have sinned.
- ²⁰"A mother will forget him;
The worm feeds sweetly till no one remembers him
And wickedness will break like a tree.
- ²¹"He wrongs the barren woman
And does no good for the widow.
- ²²"But He drags off the valiant by His power;
He rises, but no one has assurance of life.
- ²³"He provides them with security, and supports them;
And His eyes focus on their ways.
- ²⁴"They exalt themselves a little while, then they disappear;
Moreover, God brings them low and like everything He gathers them up;
Even like the heads of grain they cut off.
- ²⁵"Now if it does not come to pass, who can prove me a liar,
And make my speech worthless?"

Job 25

Bildad Says Man Should Consider Himself as Inferior

- ¹Then Bildad the Shuhite answered,
²"Dominion and awe belong to Him
Who establishes peace in His heights.
³"Can anyone number His troops?
And upon whom does His light not rise?
⁴"How then can a man reckon himself just with God?
Or how can he consider himself clean who has become born of woman?
⁵"If even the moon has no brightness
And the stars do not appear pure in His sight,
⁶How much less man, that maggot,
And the son of man, that worm!"

Job 26

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Job Rebukes Bildad

- ¹Then Job responded,
²"What a help you proved to the weak!
How you have saved the arm without strength!
³"What counsel you have given to one without wisdom!
What helpful insight you have abundantly provided!
⁴"To whom have you uttered words?
And whose spirit have you expressed ?

The Greatness of God

- ⁵"The departed spirits tremble
Under the waters and their inhabitants.
⁶"Naked appears Sheol before Him,
And Abaddon has no covering.
⁷"He stretches out the north over empty space
And hangs the earth on nothing.
⁸"He wraps up the waters in His clouds,
And the cloud does not burst under them.
⁹"He obscures the face of the full moon
And spreads His cloud over it.
¹⁰"He has inscribed a circle on the surface of the waters

At the boundary of light and darkness.
¹¹"The pillars of heaven tremble
And feel amazed at His rebuke.
¹²"He quieted the sea with His power,
And by His understanding He shattered Rahab.
¹³"By His breath He cleared the heavens ;
His hand has pierced the fleeing serpent.
¹⁴"Behold, these serve as the fringes of His ways;
And how faint a word we hear of Him!
But His mighty thunder, who can understand?"

Job 27

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Job Affirms His Righteousness

¹Then Job continued his discourse and said,
²"As God lives, who has taken away my right,
And the Almighty, who has embittered my soul,
³For as long as life remains in me,
And the breath of God remains in my nostrils,
⁴My lips certainly will not speak unjustly,
Nor will my tongue mutter deceit.
⁵"Far appear it from me that I should declare you right;
Till I die I will not put away my integrity from me.
⁶"I hold fast my righteousness and will not let it go.
My heart does not reproach any of my days.

The State of the Godless

⁷"May my enemy appear as the wicked
And my opponent as the unjust.
⁸"For what hope do the godless have when God cuts them off,
When God requires his life?
⁹"Will God hear his cry
When distress comes upon him?
¹⁰"Will he take delight in the Almighty?
Will he call on God at all times?
¹¹"I will instruct you in the power of God;
What can I conceal from the Almighty.
¹²"Behold, all of you have seen it;
Why then do you act foolishly?"

¹³"This portion the wicked man receives from God,
And the inheritance which tyrants receive from the Almighty.
¹⁴"Though he has many sons , they have the sword as their destiny;
And his descendants will not take satisfaction with bread.
¹⁵"People will bury his survivors because of the plague,
And their widows will not have the capability to weep.
¹⁶"Though he piles up silver like dust
And prepares garments as plentiful as the clay,
¹⁷He may prepare it, but the just will wear it
And the innocent will divide the silver.
¹⁸"He has built his house like the spider's web,
Or as a hut which the watchman has made.
¹⁹"He lies down rich, but never again;
He opens his eyes, and it remains no longer.
²⁰" Terrors overtake him like a flood;
A tempest steals him away in the night.
²¹"The east wind carries him away, and he vanishes,
For it whirls him away from his place.
²²"For it will hurl at him without sparing;
He will surely try to flee from its power.
²³"Men will clap their hands at him
And will hiss him from his place.

Job 28

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Job Tells of Earth's Treasures

¹"Surely there exists a mine for silver
And a place where they refine gold.
²"They take iron from the dust,
And they smelt copper from rock.
³"Man puts an end to darkness,
And to the farthest limit he searches out
The rock in gloom and deep shadow.
⁴"He sinks a shaft far from habitation,
Forgotten by the foot;
They hang and swing to and fro far from men.
⁵"The earth, from it comes food,
And underneath it turns up as fire.
⁶"Its rocks provide the source of sapphires,
And its dust contains gold.

7" The path no bird of prey knows,
Nor has the falcon's eye caught sight of it.
8" The proud beasts have not trodden it,
Nor has the fierce lion passed over it.
9" He puts his hand on the flint;
He overturns the mountains at the base.
10" He hews out channels through the rocks,
And his eye sees anything precious.
11" He dams up the streams from flowing,
And what they try to hide he brings out to the light.

The Search for Wisdom Seems Harder

12" But where can we find wisdom ?
And where can we find the place of understanding?
13" Man does not know its value,
Nor can we find it in the land of the living.
14" The deep says, 'I don't have it in me';
And the sea says, 'I don't have it with me.'
15" Pure gold we cannot exchange for it,
Nor can we weigh silver as its price.
16" We cannot value it in the gold of Ophir,
In precious onyx, or sapphire.
17" Gold or glass cannot equal it,
Nor can we exchange it for articles of fine gold.
18" Coral and crystal we cannot even mention;
And the acquisition of wisdom we value above that of pearls.
19" The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it,
Nor can we value it in pure gold.
20" Where then does wisdom come from?
And where can we locate the place of understanding?
21" Thus it hides from the eyes of all living
And conceals itself from the birds of the sky.
22" Abaddon and Death say,
'With our ears we have heard a report of it.'
23" God understands its way,
And He knows its place.
24" For He looks to the ends of the earth
And sees everything under the heavens.
25" When He imparted weight to the wind
And meted out the waters by measure,
26" When He set a limit for the rain

And a course for the thunderbolt,
²⁷Then He saw it and declared it;
He established it and also searched it out.
²⁸"And to man He said, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that we acknowledge as wisdom;
And to depart from evil we recognize as understanding.'"

Job 29

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Job's Past Seemed Glorious

¹And Job again took up his discourse and said,
²"Oh that I could go back to the months gone by,
As in the days when God watched over me;
³When His lamp shone over my head,
And by His light I walked through darkness;
⁴As I considered myself in the prime of my days,
When the friendship of God dwelled over my tent;
⁵When the Almighty dwelled yet with me,
And my children surrounded me;
⁶When my steps seemed bathed in butter,
And the rock poured out for me streams of oil!
⁷"When I went out to the gate of the city,
When I took my seat in the square,
⁸The young men saw me and hid themselves,
And the old men arose and stood.
⁹"The princes stopped talking
And put their hands on their mouths;
¹⁰The voice of the nobles hushed,
And their tongue stuck to their palate.
¹¹"For when the ear heard, it called me blessed,
And when the eye saw, it gave witness of me,
¹²Because I delivered the poor who cried for help,
And the orphan who had no helper.
¹³"The blessing of the one ready to perish came upon me,
And I made the widow's heart sing for joy.
¹⁴"I put on righteousness, and it clothed me;
My justice seemed like a robe and a turban.
¹⁵"I served as eyes to the blind

And feet to the lame.
¹⁶"I served as a father to the needy,
And I investigated the case which I did not know.
¹⁷"I broke the jaws of the wicked
And snatched the prey from his teeth.
¹⁸"Then I thought, 'I shall die in my nest,
And I shall multiply my days as the sand.
¹⁹"My roots spreads out to the waters,
And dew lies all night on my branch.
²⁰"My glory becomes ever new with me,
And my bow renews in my hand.'
²¹"To me they listened and waited,
And kept silent for my counsel.
²²"After my words they did not speak again,
And my speech dropped on them.
²³"They waited for me as for the rain,
And opened their mouth as for the spring rain.
²⁴"I smiled on them when they did not believe,
And the light of my face they did not cast down.
²⁵"I chose a way for them and sat as chief,
And dwelt as a king among the troops,
As one who comforts mourners.

Job 30

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Job's Present State Feels Humiliating

¹"But now those younger than I mock me,
Whose fathers I disdained to put with the dogs of my flock.
²"Indeed, what good did the strength of my hands do to me?
Vigor had perished from them.
³"From want and famine they have become gaunt
Who gnaw the dry ground by night in waste and desolation,
⁴Who pluck mallow by the bushes,
And who eats food as the root of the broom shrub.
⁵"They have become driven from the community;
They shout against them as against a thief,
⁶So that they dwell in dreadful valleys,

In holes of the earth and of the rocks.
7"Among the bushes they cry out;
Under the nettles they gather together.
8"Fools, even those without a name,
They felt scourge from the land.
9"And now I have become their taunt,
I have even become a byword to them.
10"They abhor me and stand aloof from me,
And they do not refrain from spitting at my face.
11"Because He has loosed His bowstring and afflicted me,
They have cast off the bridle before me.
12"On the right hand their brood arises;
They thrust aside my feet and build up against me their ways of destruction.
13"They break up my path,
They profit from my destruction;
No one restrains them.
14"As through a wide breach they come,
Amid the tempest they roll on.
15" Terrors turn against me;
They pursue my honor as the wind,
And my prosperity has passed away like a cloud.
16"And now my soul pours out within me;
Days of affliction have seized me.
17"At night it pierces my bones within me,
And my gnawing pains take no rest.
18"By a great force my garment has become distorted;
It binds me about as the collar of my coat.
19"He has cast me into the mire,
And I have become like dust and ashes.
20"I cry out to You for help, but You do not answer me;
I stand up, and You turn Your attention against me.
21"You have become cruel to me;
With the might of Your hand You persecute me.
22"You lift me up to the wind and cause me to ride;
And You dissolve me in a storm.
23"For I know that You will bring me to death
And to the house of meeting for all living.
24"Yet does not one in a heap of ruins stretch out his hand,
Or in his disaster therefore cry out for help?
25"Have I not wept for the one whose life has become hard?

Did not my soul grieve for the needy?
²⁶"When I expected good, then evil came;
When I waited for light, then darkness came.
²⁷"I seethe within and cannot relax;
Days of affliction confront me.
²⁸"I go about mourning without comfort;
I stand up in the assembly and cry out for help.
²⁹"I have become a brother to jackals
And a companion of ostriches.
³⁰"My skin turns black on me,
And my bones burn with fever.
³¹"Therefore my harp turns to mourning,
And my flute to the sound of those who weep.

Job 31

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Job Asserts His Integrity

¹"I have made a covenant with my eyes;
How then could I gaze at a virgin?
²"And what do I have as my portion of God from above
Or the heritage of the Almighty from on high?
³"Does not calamity fall upon the unjust
And disaster to those who work iniquity?
⁴"Does He not see my ways
And number all my steps?
⁵"If I have walked with falsehood,
And my foot has hastened after deceit,
⁶Let Him weigh me with accurate scales,
And let God know my integrity.
⁷"If my step has turned from the way,
Or my heart followed my eyes,
Or if any spot has stuck to my hands,
⁸Let me sow and another eat,
And let my crops become uprooted.
⁹"If a woman has enticed my heart,
Or I have lurked at my neighbor's doorway,
¹⁰May my wife grind for another,

And let others kneel down over her.

¹¹"For that you could consider a lustful crime;
Moreover, one could consider it an iniquity punishable by judges.

¹²"For fire would consume Abaddon,
And would uproot all my increase.

¹³"If I have despised the claim of my male or female slaves
When they filed a complaint against me,

¹⁴"What then could I do when God arises?
And when He calls me to account, what will I answer Him?

¹⁵"Did not He who made me in the womb make him,
And the same one fashion us in the womb?

¹⁶"If I have kept the poor from their desire,
Or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail,

¹⁷"Or have eaten my morsel alone,
And the orphan has not shared it

¹⁸(But from my youth he grew up with me as with a father,
And from infancy I guided her),

¹⁹"If I have seen anyone perish for lack of clothing,
Or that the needy had no covering,

²⁰"If his loins have not thanked me,
And if he has not felt warmth with the fleece of my sheep,

²¹"If I have lifted up my hand against the orphan,
Because I saw I had support in the gate,

²²"Let my shoulder fall from the socket,
And my arm break off at the elbow.

²³"For calamity from God has become a terror to me,
And because of His majesty I can do nothing.

²⁴"If I have put my confidence in gold,
And called fine gold my trust,

²⁵"If I have gloated because my wealth has increased,
And because my hand had secured so much;

²⁶"If I have looked at the sun when it shone
Or the moon going in splendor,

²⁷"And my heart became secretly enticed,
And my hand threw a kiss from my mouth,

²⁸"That too would have served as grounds for an iniquity calling for judgment,
For I would have denied God above.

²⁹"Have I rejoiced at the extinction of my enemy,
Or exulted when evil befell him?

³⁰"No, I have not allowed my mouth to sin

By asking for his life in a curse.
³¹"Have the men of my tent not said,
'Who can find one who has not taken satisfaction with his meat'?
³²"The alien has not lodged outside,
For I have opened my doors to the traveler.
³³"Have I covered my transgressions like Adam,
By hiding my iniquity in my bosom,
³⁴"Because I feared the great multitude,
And the contempt of families terrified me,
And kept silent and did not go out of doors?
³⁵"Oh that I had one to hear me!
Behold, here I place my signature;
Let the Almighty answer me!
And the indictment which my adversary has written,
³⁶"Surely I would carry it on my shoulder,
I would bind it to myself like a crown.
³⁷"I would declare to Him the number of my steps;
Like a prince I would approach Him.
³⁸"If my land cries out against me,
And its furrows weep together;
³⁹"If I have eaten its fruit without money,
Or have caused its owners to lose their lives,
⁴⁰"Let briars grow instead of wheat,
And stinkweed instead of barley."
The words of Job had ended.

Job 32

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Elihu in Anger Rebukes Job

¹Then these three men ceased answering Job, because he felt righteous in his own eyes.

²But the anger of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram burned; against Job his anger burned because he justified himself before God.

³And his anger burned against his three friends because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

⁴Now Elihu had waited to speak to Job because they had lived many years longer than he.

⁵And when Elihu saw that there came no answer in the mouth of the three men his anger burned.

⁶So Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite spoke out and said,
 "I feel young in years and you have become old;
 Therefore I felt shy and afraid to tell you what I think.
⁷"I thought age should speak,
 And increased years should teach wisdom.
⁸"But there exists a spirit in man,
 And the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.
⁹"The abundant in years may not have accumulated wisdom,
 Nor may elders understand justice.
¹⁰"So I say, 'Listen to me,
 I too will tell what I think.'
¹¹"Behold, I waited for your words,
 I listened to your reasonings,
 While you pondered what to say.
¹²"I even paid close attention to you;
 Indeed, no one refuted Job,
 Not one of you who answered his words.
¹³"Do not say,
 ' We have found wisdom;
 God will rout him, not man.'
¹⁴"For he has not arranged his words against me,
 Nor will I reply to him with your arguments.
¹⁵"They feel dismayed, they no longer answer;
 Words have failed them.
¹⁶"Shall I wait, because they do not speak,
 Because they stop and no longer answer?
¹⁷"I too will answer my share,
 I also will tell my opinion.
¹⁸"For I feel full of words;
 The spirit within me constrains me.
¹⁹"Behold, my belly feels like unvented wine,
 Like new wineskins they will soon burst.
²⁰"Let me speak that I may get relief;
 Let me open my lips and answer.
²¹"Let me now show partiality to no one,
 Nor flatter any man.
²²"For I do not know how to flatter,
 Else my Maker would soon take me away.

Job 33

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Elihu Claims to Speak for God

- ¹"However now, Job, please hear my speech,
And listen to all my words.
- ²"Behold now, I open my mouth,
My tongue in my mouth speaks.
- ³"My words come from the uprightness of my heart,
And my lips speak knowledge sincerely.
- ⁴"The Spirit of God has made me,
And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.
- ⁵" Refute me if you can;
Array yourselves before me, take your stand.
- ⁶"Behold, I belong to God like you;
I too have received my formation out of the clay.
- ⁷"Behold, no fear of me should terrify you,
Nor should my pressure weigh heavily on you.
- ⁸"Surely you have spoken in my hearing,
And I have heard the sound of your words:
- ⁹"I feel pure, without transgression;
I feel innocent and there exists no guilt in me.
- ¹⁰"Behold, He invents pretexts against me;
He counts me as His enemy.
- ¹¹"He puts my feet in the stocks;
He watches all my paths.'
- ¹²"Behold, let me tell you, you do not show righteousness in this,
For God has more greatness than man.
- ¹³"Why do you complain against Him
That He does not give an account of all His doings?
- ¹⁴"Indeed God speaks once,
Or twice, yet no one notices it.
- ¹⁵"In a dream, a vision of the night,
When sound sleep falls on men,
While they slumber in their beds,
- ¹⁶"Then He opens the ears of men,
And seals their instruction,
- ¹⁷"That He may turn man aside from his conduct,
And keep man from pride;

¹⁸He keeps back his soul from the pit,
And his life from passing over into Sheol.

¹⁹"Man feels chastening with pain on his bed,
And with unceasing complaint in his bones;

²⁰So that his life loathes bread,
And his soul favorite food.

²¹"His flesh wastes away from sight,
And his bones which formerly people could not see stick out.

²²"Then his soul draws near to the pit,
And his life to those who bring death.

²³"If an angel serves as mediator for him,
One out of a thousand,
To remind a man what he should recognize as right for him,

²⁴Then let him show graciousness to him, and say,
'Deliver him from going down to the pit,
I have found a ransom';

²⁵Let his flesh become fresher than in youth,
Let him return to the days of his youthful vigor;

²⁶Then he will pray to God, and He will accept him,
That he may see His face with joy,
And He may restore His righteousness to man.

²⁷"He will sing to men and say,
'I have sinned and perverted righteousness,
And it does not seem proper for me.

²⁸"He has redeemed my soul from going to the pit,
And my life shall see the light.'

²⁹"Behold, God does all these oftentimes with men,
³⁰To bring back his soul from the pit,
That he may receive enlightenment with the light of life.

³¹"Pay attention, O Job, listen to me;
Keep silent, and let me speak.

³²"Then if you have anything to say, answer me;
Speak, for I desire to justify you.

³³"If not, listen to me;
Keep silent, and I will teach you wisdom."

Job 34

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Elihu Vindicates God's Justice

- ¹Then Elihu continued and said,
²"Hear my words, you wise men,
And listen to me, you who know.
³"For the ear tests words
As the palate tastes food.
⁴"Let us choose for ourselves righteousness;
Let us know among ourselves goodness.
⁵"For Job has said, ' I consider myself righteous,
But God has taken away my right;
⁶Should I lie concerning my right?
My wound seems incurable, though I have not committed transgression.'
⁷"What kind of man do we regard as Job,
Who drinks up derision like water,
⁸Who goes in company with the workers of iniquity,
And walks with wicked men?
⁹"For he has said, ' It profits a man nothing
When he pleases himself with God.'
¹⁰"Therefore, listen to me, you men of understanding.
Never let us say that God can do wickedness,
And from the Almighty to do wrong.
¹¹"For He pays a man according to his work,
And makes him find it according to his way.
¹²"Surely, God will not act wickedly,
And the Almighty will not pervert justice.
¹³"Who gave Him authority over the earth?
And who has laid on Him the whole world?
¹⁴"If He should determine to do so,
If He should gather to Himself His spirit and His breath,
¹⁵All flesh would perish together,
And man would return to dust.
¹⁶"But if you have understanding, hear this;
Listen to the sound of my words.
¹⁷"Shall one who hates justice rule?
And will you condemn the righteous mighty One,
¹⁸Who says to a king, 'Worthless one,'

To nobles, 'Wicked ones';
¹⁹Who shows no partiality to princes
Nor regards the rich above the poor,
For they all constitute the work of His hands?
²⁰"In a moment they die, and at midnight
People feel shaken and pass away,
And the mighty He takes away without a hand.
²¹"For His eyes focus upon the ways of a man,
And He sees all his steps.
²²"We see no darkness or deep shadow
Where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.
²³"For He does not need to consider a man further,
That he should go before God in judgment.
²⁴"He breaks in pieces mighty men without inquiry,
And sets others in their place.
²⁵"Therefore He knows their works,
And He overthrows them in the night,
And He crushes them.
²⁶"He strikes them like the wicked
In a public place,
²⁷Because they turned aside from following Him,
And had no regard for any of His ways;
²⁸So that they caused the cry of the poor to come to Him,
And that He might hear the cry of the afflicted--
²⁹When He keeps quiet, who then can condemn?
And when He hides His face, who then can behold Him,
Namely, in regard to both nation and man?--
³⁰So that godless men would not rule
Nor serve as snares of the people.
³¹"For has anyone said to God,
'I have borne chastisement;
I will not offend anymore;
³²Teach me what I do not see;
If I have done iniquity,
I will not do it again'?"
³³"Shall He recompense on your terms, because you have rejected it?
For you must choose, and not I;
Therefore declare what you know.
³⁴"Men of understanding will say to me,
And a wise man who hears me,

³⁵Job speaks without knowledge,
And his words come forth without wisdom.
³⁶Job ought to have his trial to the limit,
Because he answers like wicked men.
³⁷For he adds rebellion to his sin;
He claps his hands among us,
And multiplies his words against God."

Job 35

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Elihu Sharply Reproves Job

¹Then Elihu continued and said,
²"Do you think this stands according to justice?
Do you say, 'My righteousness I consider more than God's'?
³"For you say, 'What advantage will it seem to You?
What profit will I have, more than if I had sinned?'
⁴"I will answer you,
And your friends with you.
⁵" Look at the heavens and see;
And behold the clouds--they appear higher than you.
⁶"If you have sinned, what do you accomplish against Him?
And if your transgressions prove many, what do you do to Him?
⁷"If you have righteousness, what do you give to Him,
Or what does He receive from your hand?
⁸"Your wickedness you reserve for a man like yourself,
And your righteousness you reserve for a son of man.
⁹"Because of the multitude of oppressions they cry out;
They cry for help because of the arm of the mighty.
¹⁰"But no one says, 'Where do I find God my Maker,
Who gives songs in the night,
¹¹Who teaches us more than the beasts of the earth
And makes us wiser than the birds of the heavens?'
¹²"There they cry out, but He does not answer
Because of the pride of evil men.
¹³"Surely God will not listen to an empty cry,
Nor will the Almighty regard it.
¹⁴"How much less when you say you do not behold Him,

The case has gone before Him, and you must wait for Him!
¹⁵"And now, because He has not visited in His anger,
Nor has He acknowledged transgression well,
¹⁶So Job opens his mouth emptily;
He multiplies words without knowledge."

Job 36

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Elihu Speaks of God's Dealings with Men

¹Then Elihu continued and said,
²"Wait for me a little, and I will show you
That there I could say yet more in God's behalf.
³"I will fetch my knowledge from afar,
And I will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.
⁴"For truly my words have not proven false;
One who has perfect knowledge dwells with you.
⁵"Behold, God has might but does not despise any;
He has might in strength of understanding.
⁶"He does not keep the wicked alive,
But gives justice to the afflicted.
⁷"He does not withdraw His eyes from the righteous;
But with kings on the throne
He has seated them forever, and they exalt themselves.
⁸"And if they bind themselves in fetters,
Do they not find themselves caught in the cords of affliction,
⁹Then He declares to them their work
And their transgressions, that they have magnified themselves.
¹⁰" He opens their ear to instruction,
And commands that they return from evil.
¹¹"If they hear and serve Him,
They will end their days in prosperity
And their years in pleasures.
¹²"But if they do not hear, they shall perish by the sword
And they will die without knowledge.
¹³"But the godless in heart lay up anger;
They do not cry for help when He binds them.
¹⁴"They die in youth,

And their life perishes among the cult prostitutes.
15"He delivers the afflicted in their affliction,
And opens their ear in time of oppression.
16"Then indeed, He enticed you from the mouth of distress,
Instead of it, a broad place with no constraint;
And that which you set on your table seemed full of fatness.
17"But you received your fill of judgment on the wicked;
Judgment and justice take hold of you.
18"Beware that wrath does not entice you to scoffing;
And do not let the greatness of the ransom turn you aside.
19"Will your riches keep you from distress,
Or all the forces of your strength?
20"Do not long for the night,
When people vanish in their place.
21"Take care, do not turn to evil,
For you have preferred this to affliction.
22"Behold, God receives exaltation in His power;
Who can we display as a teacher like Him?
23"Who has appointed Him His way,
And who has said, ' You have done wrong'?
24"Remember that you should exalt His work,
Of which men have sung.
25"All men have seen it;
Man beholds from afar.
26"Behold, God receives exaltation, and we do not know Him;
The number of His years no one can search.
27"For He draws up the drops of water,
They distill rain from the mist,
28"Which the clouds pour down,
They drip upon man abundantly.
29"Can anyone understand the spreading of the clouds,
The thundering of His pavilion?
30"Behold, He spreads His lightning about Him,
And He covers the depths of the sea.
31"For by these He judges peoples;
He gives food in abundance.
32"He covers His hands with the lightning,
And commands it to strike the mark.
33"Its noise declares His presence;
The cattle also, concerning what will take place.

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Elihu Says God Has the Power Back of the Storm

- ¹"At this also my heart trembles,
And leaps from its place.
- ²"Listen closely to the thunder of His voice,
And the rumbling that goes out from His mouth.
- ³"Under the whole heaven He lets it loose,
And His lightning to the ends of the earth.
- ⁴"After it, a voice roars;
He thunders with His majestic voice,
And He does not restrain the lightnings when we hear His voice .
- ⁵"God thunders with His voice wondrously,
Doing great things which we cannot comprehend.
- ⁶"For to the snow He says, 'Fall on the earth,'
And to the downpour and the rain, 'Remain strong.'
- ⁷"He seals the hand of every man,
That all men may know His work.
- ⁸"Then the beast goes into its lair
And remains in its den.
- ⁹"Out of the south comes the storm,
And out of the north the cold.
- ¹⁰"From the breath of God He makes ice,
And the expanse of the waters He freezes.
- ¹¹"Also with moisture He loads the thick cloud;
He disperses the cloud of His lightning.
- ¹²"It changes direction, turning around by His guidance,
That it may do whatever He commands it
On the face of the inhabited earth.
- ¹³"Whether for correction, or for His world,
Or for lovingkindness, He causes it to happen.
- ¹⁴"Listen to this, O Job,
Stand and consider the wonders of God.
- ¹⁵"Do you know how God establishes them,
And makes the lightning of His cloud to shine?
- ¹⁶"Do you know about the layers of the thick clouds,
The wonders of one perfect in knowledge,
- ¹⁷You whose garments seem hot,

When the land remains still because of the south wind?
¹⁸"Can you, with Him, spread out the skies,
Strong as a molten mirror?
¹⁹"Teach us what we shall say to Him;
We cannot arrange our case because of darkness.
²⁰"Shall we tell Him that I would speak?
Or should a man say that God would swallow Him up?
²¹"Now men do not see the bright light in the skies;
But the wind has passed and cleared them.
²²"Out of the north comes golden splendor;
Around God appears awesome majesty.
²³"The Almighty-- we cannot find Him;
He has exaltation in power
And He will not do violence to justice and abundant righteousness.
²⁴"Therefore men fear Him;
He does not regard any who have wisdom of heart."

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God Speaks Now to Job

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,
²"Who do I see that darkens counsel
By words without knowledge?
³"Now gird up your loins like a man,
And I will ask you, and you instruct Me!
⁴"Where did you exist when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell Me, if you have understanding,
⁵Who set its measurements? Since you know.
Or who stretched the line on it?
⁶"On what locations did I sink its bases?
Or who laid its cornerstone,
⁷When the morning stars sang together
And all the sons of God shouted for joy?
⁸"Or who enclosed the sea with doors
When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb;
⁹When I made a cloud its garment
And thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰And I placed boundaries on it
And set a bolt and doors,

¹¹And I said, 'Thus far you shall come, but no farther;
And here shall your proud waves stop?'

God's Mighty Power

¹²"Have you ever in your life commanded the morning,
And caused the dawn to know its place,

¹³That it might take hold of the ends of the earth,
And the wicked find themselves shaken out of it?

¹⁴"It changes like clay under the seal;
And they stand forth like a garment.

¹⁵"From the wicked their light becomes withheld,
And the uplifted arm breaks.

¹⁶"Have you entered into the springs of the sea
Or walked in the recesses of the deep?

¹⁷"Have the gates of death revealed themselves to you,
Or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

¹⁸"Have you understood the expanse of the earth?
Tell Me, if you know all this.

¹⁹"Where can you find your way to the dwelling of light?
And darkness, where does it reside,

²⁰That you may take it to its territory
And that you may discern the paths to its home?

²¹"You know, for you had your nativity then,
And the number of your days has increased!

²²"Have you entered the storehouses of the snow,
Or have you seen the storehouses of the hail,

²³Which I have reserved for the time of distress,
For the day of war and battle?

²⁴"Where do we find the division between light and darkness,
Or the east wind scattered on the earth?

²⁵"Who has cleft a channel for the flood,
Or a way for the thunderbolt,

²⁶To bring rain on a land without people,
On a desert without a man in it,

²⁷To satisfy the waste and desolate land
And to make the seeds of grass to sprout?

²⁸"Has the rain a father?
Or who has begotten the drops of dew?

²⁹"From whose womb has come the ice?
And the frost of heaven, who has given it birth?

³⁰"Water becomes hard like stone,
And the surface of the deep becomes imprisoned.
³¹"Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades,
Or loose the cords of Orion?
³²"Can you lead forth a constellation in its season,
And guide the Bear with her satellites?
³³"Do you know the ordinances of the heavens,
Or fix their rule over the earth?
³⁴"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
So that an abundance of water will cover you?
³⁵"Can you send forth lightnings that they may go
And say to you, 'Here we come'?
³⁶"Who has put wisdom in the innermost being
Or given understanding to the mind?
³⁷"Who can count the clouds by wisdom,
Or tip the water jars of the heavens,
³⁸When the dust hardens into a mass
And the clods stick together?
³⁹"Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
Or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
⁴⁰When they crouch in their dens
And lie in wait in their lair?
⁴¹"Who prepares for the raven its nourishment
When its young cry to God
And wander about without food?"

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God Speaks of Nature and Its Beings

¹"Do you know the time the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the deer?
²"Can you count the months they fulfill,
Or do you know the time they give birth?
³"They kneel down, they bring forth their young,
They get rid of their labor pains.
⁴"Their offspring become strong, they grow up in the open field;
They leave and do not return to them.

⁵"Who sent out the wild donkey free?
And who loosed the bonds of the swift donkey,
⁶To whom I gave the wilderness for a home
And the salt land for his dwelling place?
⁷"He scorns the tumult of the city,
The shoutings of the driver he does not hear.
⁸"He explores the mountains for his pasture
And searches after every green thing.
⁹"Will the wild ox consent to serve you,
Or will he spend the night at your manger?
¹⁰"Can you bind the wild ox in a furrow with ropes,
Or will he harrow the valleys after you?
¹¹"Will you trust him because his strength increases
And leave your labor to him?
¹²"Will you have faith in him that he will return your grain
And gather it from your threshing floor?
¹³"The ostriches' wings flap joyously
With the pinion and plumage of love,
¹⁴For she abandons her eggs to the earth
And warms them in the dust,
¹⁵And she forgets that a foot may crush them,
Or that a wild beast may trample them.
¹⁶"She treats her young cruelly, as if they did not belong to her;
Though her labor seem in vain, she doesn't feel concerned;
¹⁷Because God has made her forget wisdom,
And has not given her a share of understanding.
¹⁸"When she lifts herself on high,
She laughs at the horse and his rider.
¹⁹"Do you give the horse his might?
Do you clothe his neck with a mane?
²⁰"Do you make him leap like the locust?
His majestic snorting seems terrible.
²¹"He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength;
He goes out to meet the weapons.
²²"He laughs at fear and does not feel dismay;
And he does not turn back from the sword.
²³"The quiver rattles against him,
The flashing spear and javelin.
²⁴"With shaking and rage he races over the ground,
And he does not stand still at the voice of the trumpet.

²⁵"As often as the trumpet sounds he says, 'Aha!'
And he scents the battle from afar,
And the thunder of the captains and the war cry.
²⁶"Do you have understanding about how the hawk soars,
Stretching his wings toward the south?
²⁷" Does it come about at your command that the eagle mounts up
And makes his nest on high?
²⁸"On the cliff he dwells and lodges,
Upon the rocky crag, an inaccessible place.
²⁹"From there he spies out food;
His eyes see it from afar.
³⁰"His young ones also suck up blood;
And where the slain have fallen, there he dwells."

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Job: What Can I Say?

¹Then the LORD said to Job,
²"Will the faultfinder contend with the Almighty?
Let him who reproves God answer it."

³Then Job answered the LORD and said,
⁴"Behold, I feel insignificant; what can I reply to You?
I lay my hand on my mouth.
⁵"Once I have spoken, and I will not answer;
Even twice, and I will add nothing more."

God Questions Job

⁶Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm and said,
⁷"Now gird up your loins like a man;
I will ask you, and you instruct Me.
⁸"Will you really annul My judgment?
Will you condemn Me that you may feel justified?
⁹"Or do you have an arm like God,
And can you thunder with a voice like His?
¹⁰" Adorn yourself with eminence and dignity,
And clothe yourself with honor and majesty.
¹¹"Pour out the overflowings of your anger,
And look on everyone who feels proud, and make him low.

- ¹²"Look on everyone who acts proudly, and humble him,
And tread down the wicked where they stand.
¹³" Hide them in the dust together;
Bind them in the hidden place.
¹⁴"Then I will also confess to you,
That your own right hand can save you.

God's Power Shown in Creatures

- ¹⁵"Behold now, Behemoth, which I made as well as you;
He eats grass like an ox.
¹⁶"Behold now, his strength in his loins
And his power in the muscles of his belly.
¹⁷"He bends his tail like a cedar;
The sinews of his thighs knit together.
¹⁸"His bones resemble tubes of bronze;
His limbs resemble bars of iron.
¹⁹"He appears the first of the ways of God;
Let his maker bring near his sword.
²⁰"Surely the mountains bring him food,
And all the beasts of the field play there.
²¹"Under the lotus plants he lies down,
In the covert of the reeds and the marsh.
²²"The lotus plants cover him with shade;
The willows of the brook surround him.
²³"If a river rages, he does not feel alarm;
He feels confident, though the Jordan rushes to his mouth.
²⁴"Can anyone capture him when he shows vigilance,
With barbs can anyone pierce his nose?

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God's Power Shown in Creatures

- ¹"Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook?
Or press down his tongue with a cord?
²"Can you put a rope in his nose
Or pierce his jaw with a hook?
³"Will he make many supplications to you,
Or will he speak to you soft words?

4"Will he make a covenant with you?
Will you take him for a servant forever?

5"Will you play with him as with a bird,
Or will you bind him for your maidens?

6"Will the traders bargain over him?
Will they divide him among the merchants?

7"Can you fill his skin with harpoons,
Or his head with fishing spears?

8"Lay your hand on him;
Remember the battle; you will not do it again!

9"Behold, your expectation has proved false;
Will you suffer humiliation even at the sight of him?

10"No one proves so fierce that he dares to arouse him;
Who then can stand before Me?

11"Who has given to Me that I should repay him?
Whatever dwells under the whole heaven belongs to Me.

12"I will not keep silence concerning his limbs,
Or his mighty strength, or his orderly frame.

13"Who can strip off his outer armor?
Who can come within his double mail?

14"Who can open the doors of his face?
Around his teeth there dwells terror.

15"His strong scales constitute his pride,
Shut up as with a tight seal.

16"One locates so near to another
That no air can come between them.

17"They join one to another;
They clasp each other and cannot separate.

18"His sneezes flash forth light,
And his eyes resemble the eyelids of the morning.

19"Out of his mouth go burning torches;
Sparks of fire leap forth.

20"Out of his nostrils smoke goes forth
As from a boiling pot and burning rushes.

21"His breath kindles coals,
And a flame goes forth from his mouth.

22"In his neck lodges strength,
And dismay leaps before him.

23"The folds of his flesh join together,
Firm on him and immovable.

²⁴"His heart seems as hard as a stone,
Even as hard as a lower millstone.
²⁵"When he raises himself up, the mighty fear;
Because of the crashing they feel bewildered.
²⁶"The sword that reaches him cannot avail,
Nor the spear, the dart or the javelin.
²⁷"He regards iron as straw,
Bronze as rotten wood.
²⁸"The arrow cannot make him flee;
Slingstones he turns into stubble .
²⁹"Clubs he regarded as stubble;
He laughs at the rattling of the javelin.
³⁰"His underparts resemble sharp potsherds;
He spreads out like a threshing sledge on the mire.
³¹"He makes the depths boil like a pot;
He makes the sea like a jar of ointment.
³²"Behind him he makes a wake to shine;
One would think the deep to have gray-hair.
³³" Nothing on earth compares to him,
One made without fear.
³⁴"He looks on everything high;
He shows himself king over all the sons of pride."

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Job's Confession

¹Then Job answered the LORD and said,
²"I know that You can do all things,
And that no purpose of Yours can men thwart.
³"Who hides counsel without knowledge?"
"Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand,
Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know."
⁴Hear, now, and I will speak;
I will ask You, and You instruct me.'
⁵"I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear;
But now my eye sees You;
⁶Therefore I retract,
And I repent in dust and ashes."

God Displeased with Job's Friends

⁷It came about after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath kindles against you and against your two friends, because you have not spoken of Me rightly as My servant Job has.

⁸"Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, and go to My servant Job, and offer up a burnt offering for yourselves, and My servant Job will pray for you For I will accept him so that I may not do with you according to your folly, because you have not spoken of Me rightly, as My servant Job has."

⁹So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as the LORD told them; and the LORD accepted Job.

God Restores Job's Fortunes

¹⁰The LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the LORD increased all that Job had twofold.

¹¹Then all his brothers and all his sisters and all who had known him before came to him, and they ate bread with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversities that the LORD had brought on him. And each one gave him one piece of money, and each a ring of gold.

¹²The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had 14,000 sheep and 6,000 camels and 1,000 yoke of oxen and 1,000 female donkeys.

¹³He had seven sons and three daughters.

¹⁴He named the first Jemimah, and the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch.

¹⁵In all the land no women appeared as fair as Job's daughters; and their father gave them inheritance among their brothers.

¹⁶After this, Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons and his grandsons, four generations.

¹⁷And Job died, an old man and full of days.

Psalm 1-150

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The Righteous and the Wicked Contrasted.

BOOK 1

Psalm 1

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¹A man receives blessings when he walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of scoffers!

²But he delights in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he meditates day and night.

³He will resemble a tree firmly planted by streams of water,
Which yields its fruit in its season
And its leaf does not wither;
And in whatever he does, he prospers.

⁴The wicked do not fare as well,
But they resemble chaff which the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 2

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The Reign of the LORD'S Anointed.

¹Why do the nations become embroiled in an uproar
And the peoples devise a vain thing?

²The kings of the earth take their stand
And the rulers take counsel together
Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

³"Let us tear their fetters apart
And cast away their cords from us!"

⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs,

The Lord scoffs at them.
⁵Then He will speak to them in His anger
And terrify them in His fury, saying,
⁶"But as for Me, I have installed My King
Upon Zion, My holy mountain."
⁷"I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD:
He said to Me, 'I acknowledge You as My Son,
Today I have begotten You.
⁸Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,
And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.
⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron,
You shall shatter them like earthenware."
¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, show discernment;
Take warning, O judges of the earth.
¹¹Worship the LORD with reverence
And rejoice with trembling.
¹²Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way,
For He may soon kindle His wrath
He blesses those who take refuge in Him!

Psalm 3

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Morning Prayer of Trust in God.

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

¹O LORD, how my adversaries have increased!
Many rise up against me.
²Many say of my soul,
"God will deliver him." Selah.
³But I regard You, O LORD, as a shield about me,
My glory, and the One who lifts my head.
⁴I cried to the LORD with my voice,
And He answered me from His holy mountain. Selah.
⁵I lay down and slept;
I awoke, for the LORD sustains me.
⁶I will not have fear of ten thousands of people
Who have set themselves against me round about.
⁷Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God!
For You have smitten all my enemies on the cheek;
You have shattered the teeth of the wicked.

⁸ Salvation belongs to the LORD;
You bless Your people! Selah.

Psalm 4

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Evening Prayer of Trust in God.

For the choir director; on stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have relieved me in my distress;
Show graciousness to me and hear my prayer.

² O sons of men, how long will my honor become a reproach?
How long will you love worthless things and aim at deception? Selah.

³ But know that the LORD has set apart the godly man for Himself;
The LORD hears when I call to Him.

⁴ Tremble, and do not sin;
Meditate in your heart upon your bed, and remain still. Selah.

⁵ Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And trust in the LORD.

⁶ Many say, "Who will show us any good?"
Lift up the light of Your countenance upon us, O LORD!

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart,
More than when their grain and new wine abound.

⁸ In peace I will both lie down and sleep,
For You alone, O LORD, make me to dwell in safety.

Psalm 5

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Prayer for Protection from the Wicked.

For the choir director; for flute accompaniment. A Psalm of David.

¹ Give ear to my words, O LORD,
Consider my groaning.

² Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God,
For to You I pray.

- ³In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice;
In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch.
- ⁴For You, Almighty God, do not take pleasure in wickedness;
No evil dwells with You.
- ⁵The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes;
You hate all who do iniquity.
- ⁶You destroy those who speak falsehood;
The LORD abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.
- ⁷But as for me, by Your abundant lovingkindness I will enter Your house,
At Your holy temple I will bow in reverence for You.
- ⁸O LORD, lead me in Your righteousness because of my foes;
Make Your way straight before me.
- ⁹They say nothing reliable ;
Their inward part leads to destruction itself
Their throat resembles an open grave;
They flatter with their tongue.
- ¹⁰Hold them guilty, O God;
By their own devices let them fall!
In the multitude of their transgressions thrust them out,
For they rebel against You.
- ¹¹But let all who take refuge in You have gladness,
Let them ever sing for joy;
And may You shelter them,
That those who love Your name may exult in You.
- ¹²For You bless the righteous man, O LORD,
You surround him with favor as with a shield.

Psalm 6

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Prayer for Mercy in Time of Trouble.

For the choir director; with stringed instruments, upon an eight-string lyre. A Psalm of David.

- ¹O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger,
Nor chasten me in Your wrath.
- ²Show graciousness to me, O LORD, for I pine away;
Heal me, O LORD, for my bones have become dismayed.
- ³And my soul feels greatly dismayed;
But You, O LORD-- how long?
- ⁴Return, O LORD, rescue my soul;
Save me because of Your lovingkindness.
- ⁵No one will mention of You in death;

In Sheol who will give You thanks?
⁶I feel weary with my sighing;
Every night I make my bed swim,
I dissolve my couch with my tears.
⁷My eye has wasted away with grief;
It has become old because of all my adversaries.
⁸Depart from me, all you who do iniquity,
For the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping.
⁹The LORD has heard my supplication,
The LORD receives my prayer.
¹⁰All my enemies will fall into shame and great dismay;
They shall turn back, they will suddenly suffer shame.

Psalm 7

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The LORD Implored to Defend the Psalmist against the Wicked.

A Shiggaion of David, which he sang to the LORD concerning Cush, a Benjamite.

¹O LORD my God, in You I have taken refuge;
Save me from all those who pursue me, and deliver me,
²Or he will tear my soul like a lion,
Dragging me away, while none will deliver me.
³O LORD my God, if I have done this,
If you find injustice in my hands,
⁴If I have rewarded evil to my friend,
Or have plundered him who without cause became my adversary,
⁵Let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it;
And let him trample my life down to the ground
And lay my glory in the dust. Selah.
⁶Arise, O LORD, in Your anger;
Lift up Yourself against the rage of my adversaries,
And arouse Yourself for me; You have appointed judgment.
⁷Let the assembly of the peoples encompass You,
And over them return on high.
⁸The LORD judges the peoples;
Vindicate me, O LORD, according to my righteousness and my integrity that I have within
in me.
⁹O let the evil of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous;
For the righteous God tries the hearts and minds.

¹⁰My shield remains with God,
Who saves the upright in heart.
¹¹God judges righteously,
And a God who has indignation every day.
¹²If a man does not repent, He will sharpen His sword;
He has bent His bow and made it ready.
¹³He has also prepared for Himself deadly weapons;
He makes His arrows fiery shafts.
¹⁴Behold, he travails with wickedness,
And he conceives mischief and brings forth falsehood.
¹⁵He has dug a pit and hollowed it out,
And has fallen into the hole which he made.
¹⁶His mischief will return upon his own head,
And his violence will descend upon his own pate.
¹⁷I will give thanks to the LORD according to His righteousness
And will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

Psalm 8

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The LORD'S Glory and Man's Dignity.

For the choir director; on the Gittith. A Psalm of David.

¹O LORD, our Lord,
How majestic we regard Your name in all the earth,
Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!
²From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established strength
Because of Your adversaries,
To make the enemy and the revengeful cease.
³When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained;
⁴What do you consider man that You take thought of him,
And the son of man that You care for him?
⁵Yet You have made him a little lower than God,
And You crown him with glory and majesty!
⁶You make him to rule over the works of Your hands;
You have put all things under his feet,
⁷All sheep and oxen,
And also the beasts of the field,
⁸The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea,

Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.
⁹ O LORD, our Lord,
How majestic we regard Your name in all the earth!

Psalm 9

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Psalm of Thanksgiving for God's Justice.

For the choir director; on Muth-labben . A Psalm of David.

¹I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart;
I will tell of all Your wonders.
²I will have gladness and exult in You;
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.
³When my enemies turn back,
They stumble and perish before You.
⁴For You have maintained my just cause;
You have sat on the throne judging righteously.
⁵You have rebuked the nations, You have destroyed the wicked;
You have blotted out their name forever and ever.
⁶The enemy has come to an end in perpetual ruins,
And You have uprooted the cities;
The very memory of them has perished.
⁷But the LORD abides forever;
He has established His throne for judgment,
⁸And He will judge the world in righteousness;
He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity.
⁹The LORD also will serve as a stronghold for the oppressed,
A stronghold in times of trouble;
¹⁰And those who know Your name will put their trust in You,
For You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.
¹¹Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion;
Declare among the peoples His deeds.
¹²For He who requires blood remembers them;
He does not forget the cry of the afflicted.
¹³Show graciousness to me, O LORD;
See my affliction from those who hate me,
You who lift me up from the gates of death,

¹⁴That I may tell of all Your praises,
That in the gates of the daughter of Zion
I may rejoice in Your salvation.

¹⁵The nations have sunk down in the pit which they have made;
In the net which they hid, their own foot became caught.

¹⁶The LORD has made Himself known;
He has executed judgment.
In the work of his own hands the wicked ensnare themselves. Higgsion Selah.

¹⁷The wicked will return to Sheol,
Even all the nations who forget God.

¹⁸For the needy will not always remain forgotten,
Nor the hope of the afflicted perish forever.

¹⁹Arise, O LORD, do not let man prevail;
Judge the nations before You.

²⁰Put them in fear, O LORD;
Let the nations know that they consist of mortal men. Selah.

Psalm 10

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Prayer for the Overthrow of the Wicked.

¹Why do You stand afar off, O LORD?
Why do You hide Yourself in times of trouble?

²In pride the wicked hotly pursue the afflicted;
Let them ensnare themselves in the plots which they have devised.

³For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire,
And the greedy man curses and spurns the LORD.

⁴The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance, does not seek Him
All his thoughts indicate, "I don't believe God exists."

⁵His ways prosper at all times;
Your judgments remain on high, out of his sight;
As for all his adversaries, he snorts at them.

⁶He says to himself, "No one will move me;
Throughout all generations I will not suffer adversity."

⁷His mouth abundantly curses and demonstrates deceit and oppression;
Under his tongue resides mischief and wickedness.

⁸He sits in the lurking places of the villages;
In the hiding places he kills the innocent;

His eyes stealthily watch for the unfortunate.
⁹He lurks in a hiding place as a lion in his lair;
He lurks to catch the afflicted;
He catches the afflicted when he draws him into his net.
¹⁰He crouches, he bows down,
And the unfortunate fall by his mighty ones.
¹¹He says to himself, "God has forgotten;
He has hidden His face; He will never see it."
¹²Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Your hand
Do not forget the afflicted.
¹³Why has the wicked spurned God?
He has said to himself, "You will not require it."
¹⁴You have seen it, for You have beheld mischief and vexation to take it into Your hand
The unfortunate commits himself to You;
You have helped the orphan.
¹⁵Break the arm of the wicked and the evildoer,
Seek out his wickedness until You find none.
¹⁶The LORD remains King forever and ever;
Nations have perished from His land.
¹⁷O LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble;
You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear
¹⁸To vindicate the orphan and the oppressed,
So that man of the earth will no longer cause terror.

Psalm 11

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD a Refuge and Defense.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹In the LORD I take refuge; How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain;
²For, behold, the wicked bend the bow, They make ready their arrow upon the string To shoot
in darkness at the upright in heart.
³If the foundations become destroyed, What can the righteous do?"
⁴The LORD dwells in His holy temple; the LORD'S throne remains in heaven; His eyes
behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.
⁵The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, And the one who loves violence His soul
hates.

⁶Upon the wicked He will rain snares ;Fire and brimstone and burning wind will fill their cup.
⁷For the LORD acts righteously, He loves righteousness; The upright will behold His face.

Psalm 12

NASB E-Prime DFM

God, a Helper against the Treacherous.

For the choir director; upon an eight-stringed lyre. A Psalm of David.

¹Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases to exist, For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.

²They speak falsehood to one another; With flattering lips and with a double heart they speak.

³May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, The tongue that speaks great things;

⁴Who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail; Our lips we acknowledge as our own; who do we consider lord over us?"

⁵"Because of the devastation of the afflicted, because of the groaning of the needy, Now I will arise," says the LORD; "I will set him in the safety for which he longs."

⁶The words of the LORD remain pure ; As silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times.

⁷You, O LORD, will keep them; You will preserve him from this generation forever.

⁸The wicked strut about on every side When the sons of men exalt vileness.

Psalm 13

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Help in Trouble.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me?

²How long shall I take counsel in my soul, Having sorrow in my heart all the day? How long will my enemy exalt himself over me?

³Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; Enlighten my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

⁴And my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," And my adversaries will rejoice when I feel

shaken.

⁵But I have trusted in Your lovingkindness; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

⁶I will sing to the LORD, Because He has dealt bountifully with me.

Psalm 14

NASB E-Prime DFM

Folly and Wickedness of Men.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹The fool has said in his heart, "God does not exist " They have corrupted themselves, they have committed abominable deeds; We can find no one who does good.

²The LORD has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men To see if any understand, Who seek after God.

³They have all turned aside, together they have become corrupt; No one does good, not even one.

⁴Do all the workers of wickedness not know, Who eat up my people as they eat bread, And do not call upon the Lord?

⁵There they find themselves in great dread, For God dwells with the righteous generation.

⁶You would put to shame the counsel of the afflicted, But the LORD serves as his refuge.

⁷Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores His captive people, Jacob will rejoice, Israel will have gladness.

Psalm 15

NASB E-Prime DFM

Description of a Citizen of Zion.

A Psalm of David.

¹O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill?

²He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, And speaks truth in his heart.

³He does not slander with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

⁴In whose eyes a reprobate receives scorn, But who honors those who fear the LORD; He swears to his own hurt and does not change;

⁵He does not put out his money at interest, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent He who does these things will never become shaken.

Psalm 16

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD the Psalmist's Portion in Life and Deliverer in Death.

A Mikhtam of David.

¹ Preserve me, O God, for I take refuge in You.

² I said to the LORD, "I acknowledge You as my Lord; I have no good besides You."

³ As for the saints who live in the earth, I consider them the majestic ones in whom I take delight.

⁴ The sorrows of those who have bartered for another god will multiply; I shall not pour out their drink offerings of blood, Nor will I take their names upon my lips.

⁵ I regard The LORD as the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You support my lot.

⁶ The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Indeed, my heritage seems beautiful to me.

⁷ I will bless the LORD who has counseled me; Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night.

⁸ I have set the LORD continually before me; Because He remains at my right hand, I will not fear instability.

⁹ Therefore my heart gladdens and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will dwell securely.

¹⁰ For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.

¹¹ You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence dwells fullness of joy; In Your right hand there reside pleasures forever.

Psalm 17

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Protection against Oppressors.

A Prayer of David.

¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD, give heed to my cry; Give ear to my prayer, which does not come from deceitful lips.

² Let my judgment come forth from Your presence; Let Your eyes look with equity.

³ You have tried my heart; You have visited me by night; You have tested me and You find nothing; I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress.

⁴As for the deeds of men, by the word of Your lips I have kept from the paths of the violent.

⁵My steps have held fast to Your paths My feet have not slipped.

⁶I have called upon You, for You will answer me, O God; Incline Your ear to me, hear my speech.

⁷Wondrously show Your lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at Your right hand From those who rise up against them.

⁸Keep me as the apple of the eye; Hide me in the shadow of Your wings

⁹From the wicked who despoil me, My deadly enemies who surround me.

¹⁰They have closed their unfeeling heart, With their mouth they speak proudly.

¹¹They have now surrounded us in our steps; They set their eyes to cast us down to the ground.

¹²He resembles a lion that shows eagerness to tear, And as a young lion lurking in hiding places.

¹³Arise, O LORD, confront him, bring him low; Deliver my soul from the wicked with Your sword,

¹⁴From men with Your hand, O LORD, From men of the world, whose portion exists only in this life, And whose belly You fill with Your treasure; They satisfy themselves with children, And leave their abundance to their babes.

¹⁵As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness; I will take satisfaction with Your likeness when I awake.

Psalm 18

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD Praised for Giving Deliverance.

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For the choir director. A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD, who spoke to the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. And he said,

"I love You, O LORD, my strength."

²The LORD resembles my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

³I call upon the LORD, who I find worthy to praise, And God saves me from my enemies.

⁴The cords of death encompassed me, And the torrents of ungodliness terrified me.

⁵The cords of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me.

⁶In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried to my God for help; He heard my voice out of His temple, And my cry for help before Him came into His ears.

⁷Then the earth shook and quaked; And the foundations of the mountains trembled And shook, because He became angry.

⁸Smoke went up out of His nostrils, And fire from His mouth devoured; Coals received kindling by it.

⁹He bowed the heavens also, and came down With thick darkness under His feet.

¹⁰He rode upon a cherub and flew; And He sped upon the wings of the wind.

¹¹He made darkness His hiding place, His canopy around Him, Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.

¹²From the brightness before Him passed His thick clouds, Hailstones and coals of fire.

¹³The LORD also thundered in the heavens, And the Most High uttered His voice, Hailstones and coals of fire.

¹⁴He sent out His arrows, and scattered them, And lightning flashes in abundance, and routed them.

¹⁵Then the channels of water appeared, And the Lord laid bare foundations of the world At Your rebuke, O LORD, At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.

¹⁶He sent from on high, He took me; He drew me out of many waters.

¹⁷He delivered me from my strong enemy, And from those who hated me, for they proved too mighty for me.

¹⁸They confronted me in the day of my calamity, But the LORD served as my stay.

¹⁹He brought me forth also into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me.

²⁰The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me.

²¹For I have kept the ways of the LORD, And have not wickedly departed from my God.

²²For all His ordinances I kept before me, And I did not put away His statutes from me.

²³I maintained blamelessness before Him, And I kept myself from my iniquity.

²⁴Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to the cleanness of my hands in His eyes.

²⁵With the kind You show Yourself kind; With the blameless You show Yourself blameless;

²⁶With the pure You show Yourself pure, And with the crooked You show Yourself astute.

²⁷For You save an afflicted people, But haughty eyes You abase.

²⁸For You light my lamp; The LORD my God illumines my darkness.

²⁹For by You I can run upon a troop; And by my God I can leap over a wall.

³⁰As for God, His way proves blameless; The word of the LORD we have tried; He resembles a shield to all who take refuge in Him.

³¹For who do we call God, but the LORD? And who resembles a rock, except our God,

³²The God who girds me with strength And makes my way blameless?

³³He makes my feet like hinds' feet, And sets me upon my high places.

³⁴He trains my hands for battle, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

³⁵You have also given me the shield of Your salvation, And Your right hand upholds me; And Your gentleness makes me great.

³⁶You enlarge my steps under me, And my feet have not slipped.

³⁷I pursued my enemies and overtook them, And I did not turn back until we had consumed them.

³⁸I shattered them, so that they could not rise; They fell under my feet.

³⁹For You have girded me with strength for battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.

⁴⁰You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me, And I destroyed those who hated me.

⁴¹They cried for help, but no one came to my defense, Even to the LORD, but He did not answer them.

⁴²Then I beat them fine as the dust before the wind; I emptied them out as the mire of the streets.

⁴³You have delivered me from the contentions of the people; You have placed me as head of the nations; A people whom I have not known serve me.

⁴⁴As soon as they hear, they obey me; Foreigners submit to me.

⁴⁵Foreigners fade away, And come trembling out of their fortresses.

⁴⁶The LORD lives, and I bless my rock; And I exalt the God of my salvation,

⁴⁷The God who executes vengeance for me, And subdues peoples under me.

⁴⁸He delivers me from my enemies; Surely You lift me above those who rise up against me; You rescue me from the violent man.

⁴⁹Therefore I will give thanks to You among the nations, O LORD, And I will sing praises to Your name.

⁵⁰He gives great deliverance to His king, And shows lovingkindness to His anointed, To David and his descendants forever.

Psalm 19

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Works and the Word of God.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹The heavens declare the glory of God; And their expanse declares the work of His hands.

²Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge.

³No speech exists, no one hears words; No one hears their voice.

⁴Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their utterances to the end of the world In them He has placed a tent for the sun,

⁵Which resembles a bridegroom coming out of his chamber; It rejoices as a strong man to run his course.

⁶Its rising moves from one end of the heavens, And its circuit to the other end of them; And nothing can hide from its heat.

⁷ The law of the LORD encompasses perfection, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD proves sure, making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the LORD prove right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD encompasses purity, enlightening the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the LORD remains clean, enduring forever; The LORD'S judgments prove true, altogether righteous.

¹⁰ They prove more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover, by them Your servant receive warning; In keeping them we find great reward.

¹² Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults.

¹³ Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins; Let them not rule over me; Then I will remain blameless, And I shall receive acquittal of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart prove acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.

Psalm 20

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Victory over Enemies.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹ May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob set you securely on high!

² May He send you help from the sanctuary And support you from Zion!

³ May He remember all your meal offerings And find your burnt offering acceptable! Selah.

⁴ May He grant you your heart's desire And fulfill all your counsel!

⁵ We will sing for joy over your victory, And in the name of our God we will set up our banners May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

⁶ Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven With the saving strength of His right hand.

⁷ Some boast in chariots and some in horses, But we will boast in the name of the LORD, our God.

⁸ They have bowed down and fallen, But we have risen and stood upright.

⁹ Save, O LORD; May the King answer us in the day we call.

Psalm 21

NASB E-Prime DFM

Praise for Deliverance.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹O LORD, in Your strength the king will have gladness, And in Your salvation how greatly he will rejoice!

²You have given him his heart's desire, And You have not withheld the request of his lips.
Selah.

³For You meet him with the blessings of good things; You set crown of fine gold on his head.

⁴He asked life of You, You gave it to him, Length of days forever and ever.

⁵His glory magnifies greatly through Your salvation, Splendor and majesty You place upon him.

⁶For You make him most blessed forever; You make him joyful with gladness in Your presence.

⁷For the king trusts in the LORD, And through the lovingkindness of the Most High he will not become destabilized.

⁸Your hand will find out all your enemies; Your right hand will find out those who hate you.

⁹You will make them as a fiery oven in the time of your anger; The LORD will swallow them up in His wrath, And fire will devour them.

¹⁰Their offspring You will destroy from the earth, And their descendants from among the sons of men.

¹¹Though they intended evil against You And devised a plot, They will not succeed.

¹²For You will make them turn their back; You will aim with Your bowstrings at their faces.

¹³ We exalt you, O LORD, in Your strength; We will sing and praise Your power.

Psalm 22

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Cry of Anguish and a Song of Praise.

For the choir director; upon Aijeleth Hashshahar. A Psalm of David.

¹ My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my deliverance cry the words of my groaning.

² O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; And by night, but I have no rest.

³ Yet You embody holiness, O You who reside on the throne of the praises of Israel.

⁴ In You our fathers trusted; They trusted and You delivered them.

⁵ To You they cried out and you delivered them; In You they trusted and did not suffer

disappointment.

⁶But I resemble a worm and not a man, A reproach of men and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me sneer at me; They separate with the lip, they wag the head, saying,

⁸"Commit yourself to the LORD; let Him deliver him; Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him."

⁹Yet You brought me forth from the womb; You made me trust when upon my mother's breasts.

¹⁰Upon You cast me at my birth; You have remained as my God from my mother's womb.

¹¹Stay not far from me, for trouble looms near; For no one helps.

¹²Many bulls have surrounded me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled me.

¹³They open wide their mouth at me, As a ravening and a roaring lion.

¹⁴I feel poured out like water, And all my bones have become out of joint; My heart resembles wax; It melts within me.

¹⁵My strength dries up like a potsherd, And my tongue cleaves to my jaws; And You lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet.

¹⁷I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me;

¹⁸They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots.

¹⁹But You, O LORD, stay far off; O You my help, hasten to my assistance.

²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword, My only life from the power of the dog.

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth; From the horns of the wild oxen You answer me.

²²I will tell of Your name to my brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

²³You who fear the LORD, praise Him; All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And stand in awe of Him, all you descendants of Israel.

²⁴For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from him; But when he cried to Him for help, He heard.

²⁵From You comes my praise in the great assembly; I shall pay my vows before those who fear Him.

²⁶The afflicted will eat and have satisfaction; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD Let your heart live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations will worship before You.

²⁸For the kingdom belongs to the LORD And He rules over the nations.

²⁹All the prosperous of the earth will eat and worship, All those who go down to the dust will bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep his soul alive.

³⁰Posterity will serve Him; They will tell of the Lord to the coming generation.

³¹They will come and will declare His righteousness To a people who will arrive on the scene later, that He has performed it.

Psalm 23

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD, the Psalmist's Shepherd.

A Psalm of David.

¹I regard the LORD as my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.

³He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You stay with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 24

NASB E-Prime DFM

The King of Glory Entering Zion.

A Psalm of David.

¹The earth belongs to the LORD, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it.

²For He has founded it upon the seas And established it upon the rivers.

³Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? And who may stand in His holy place?

⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood And has not sworn deceitfully.

⁵He shall receive a blessing from the LORD And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶This represents the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face--even Jacob.
Selah.

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates, And let the ancient doors become lifted up, That the King of glory may come in!

⁸Who have we acknowledged as the King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates, And lift them up, O ancient doors, That the King of glory may come in!

¹⁰Who have we acknowledged as this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, We acknowledge as the King of glory. Selah.

Psalm 25

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Protection, Guidance and Pardon.

A Psalm of David.

¹To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in You I trust, Do not let me feel ashamed; Do not let my enemies exult over me.

³Indeed, none of those who wait for You will suffer shame; Those who deal treacherously without cause will suffer shame.

⁴Make me know Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths.

⁵Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For I acknowledge You as the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day.

⁶Remember, O LORD, Your compassion and Your lovingkindnesses, For they have existed from of old.

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; According to Your lovingkindness remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

⁸Good and upright describes the LORD; Therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in justice, And He teaches the humble His way.

¹⁰All the paths of the LORD lead to lovingkindness and truth To those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

¹¹For Your name's sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it has waxed greatly.

¹²Who fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way he should choose.

¹³His soul will abide in prosperity, And his descendants will inherit the land.

¹⁴The secret of the LORD belongs to those who fear Him, And He will make them know His covenant.

¹⁵My eyes continually look toward the LORD, For He will pluck my feet out of the net.

¹⁶Turn to me and show graciousness to me, For I feel lonely and afflicted.

¹⁷The troubles of my heart have enlarged; Bring me out of my distresses.

¹⁸Look upon my affliction and my trouble, And forgive all my sins.

¹⁹Look upon my enemies, for they have multiplied, And they hate me with violent hatred.

²⁰Guard my soul and deliver me; Do not let me suffer shame, for I take refuge in You.

²¹Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, For I wait for You.

²²Redeem Israel, O God,
Out of all his troubles.

Psalm 26

NASB E-Prime DFM

Protestation of Integrity and Prayer for Protection.

A Psalm of David.

¹ Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, And I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

² Examine me, O LORD, and try me; Test my mind and my heart.

³ For Your lovingkindness remains before my eyes, And I have walked in Your truth.

⁴ I do not sit with deceitful men, Nor will I go with pretenders.

⁵ I hate the assembly of evildoers, And I will not sit with the wicked.

⁶ I shall wash my hands in innocence, And I will go about Your altar, O LORD,

⁷ That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving And declare all Your wonders.

⁸ O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house And the place where Your glory dwells.

⁹ Do not take my soul away along with sinners, Nor my life with men of bloodshed,

¹⁰ In whose hands dwells a wicked scheme, And whose right hand has many bribes.

¹¹ But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; Redeem me, and show graciousness to me.

¹² My foot stands on a level place; In the congregations I shall bless the LORD.

Psalm 27

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Psalm of Fearless Trust in God.

A Psalm of David.

¹ I regard the LORD as my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD defends my life; Whom shall I dread?

² When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.

³ Though a host encamp against me, My heart will not fear; Though war arise against me, In spite of this I shall have confidence.

⁴ One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD And to meditate in His temple.

⁵ For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock.

⁶ And now You will lift up my head up above my enemies around me, And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice, And show graciousness to me and answer me.

⁸ When You said, " Seek My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, O LORD, I shall seek."

⁹ Do not hide Your face from me, Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have proved my help; Do not abandon me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me, But the LORD will take me up.

¹¹ Teach me Your way, O LORD, And lead me in a level path Because of my foes.

¹² Do not deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries, For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence.

¹³ I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; Exercise strength and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD.

Psalm 28

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Prayer for Help, and Praise for Its Answer.

A Psalm of David.

¹ To You, O LORD, I call; My rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me, For if You remain silent to me, I will become like those who go down to the pit.

² Hear the voice of my supplications when I cry to You for help, When I lift up my hands toward Your holy sanctuary.

³ Do not drag me away with the wicked And with those who work iniquity, Who speak peace with their neighbors, While evil emanates their hearts.

⁴ Requite them according to their work and according to the evil of their practices; Requite them according to the deeds of their hands; Repay them their recompense.

⁵ Because they do not regard the works of the LORD Nor the deeds of His hands, He will tear them down and not build them up.

⁶ We bless the name of the LORD, Because He has heard the voice of my supplication.

⁷ The LORD strengthens me and has served as my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I receive help; Therefore my heart exults, And with my song I shall thank Him.

⁸ The LORD gives them strength, And He has served as a saving defense to His anointed.

⁹ Save Your people and bless Your inheritance; Remain their shepherd also, and carry them forever.

Psalm 29

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Voice of the LORD in the Storm.

A Psalm of David.

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O sons of the mighty, Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in holy array.

³ The voice of the LORD resounds upon the waters; The God of glory thunders, The LORD manifests himself over many waters.

⁴ The voice of the LORD demonstrates power, The voice of the LORD has majesty.

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; Yes, the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, And Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the LORD hews out flames of fire.

⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer to calve And strips the forests bare; And in His temple everything says, "Glory!"

¹⁰ The LORD sat as King at the flood; Yes, the LORD sits as King forever.

¹¹ The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace.

Psalm 30

NASB E-Prime DFM

Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death.

A Psalm; a Song at the Dedication of the House. A Psalm of David.

¹ I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up, And have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

² O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You healed me.

³ O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You have kept me alive, that I would not go down to the pit.

⁴ Sing praise to the LORD, you His godly ones, And give thanks to His holy name.

⁵ For His anger lasts but for a moment, His favor lasts for a lifetime; Weeping may last for the night, But a shout of joy comes in the morning.

⁶ Now as for me, I said in my prosperity, "I will never move."

⁷ O LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain to stand strong; You hid Your face, I

felt dismayed.

⁸To You, O LORD, I called, And to the Lord I made supplication:

⁹"What profit do I have in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your faithfulness?

¹⁰"Hear, O LORD, and show graciousness to me; O LORD, help me."

¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and girded me with gladness,

¹²That my soul may sing praise to You and not remain silent LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

Psalm 31

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Psalm of Complaint and of Praise.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge; Let me never fall into shame; In Your righteousness deliver me.

²Incline Your ear to me, rescue me quickly; Please become to me a rock of strength, A stronghold to save me.

³For I regard You as my rock and my fortress; For Your name's sake You will lead me and guide me.

⁴You will pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, For You provide me strength.

⁵Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have ransomed me, O LORD, God of truth.

⁶I hate those who regard vain idols, But I trust in the LORD.

⁷I will rejoice and have gladness in Your lovingkindness, Because You have seen my affliction; You have known the troubles of my soul,

⁸And You have not given me over into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a large place.

⁹Show graciousness to me, O LORD, for I have fallen in distress; My eye wastes away from grief, my soul and my body also.

¹⁰For my life I spend with sorrow And my years with sighing; My strength has failed because of my iniquity, And my body has wasted away.

¹¹Because of all my adversaries, I have become a reproach, Especially to my neighbors, And an object of dread to my acquaintances; Those who see me in the street flee from me.

¹²I have become forgotten as a dead man, out of mind; I resemble a broken vessel.

¹³For I have heard the slander of many, Terror resides on every side; While they took counsel

together against me, They schemed to take away my life.

¹⁴But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD, I say, "I acknowledge you as my God."

¹⁵My times reside in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Make Your face to shine upon Your servant; Save me in Your lovingkindness.

¹⁷Let me not suffer shame, O LORD, for I call upon You; Let the wicked suffer shame, let them remain silent in Sheol.

¹⁸Let the lying lips stay mute, Which speak arrogantly against the righteous With pride and contempt.

¹⁹How great appears Your goodness, Which You have stored up for those who fear You, Which You have wrought for those who take refuge in You, Before the sons of men!

²⁰You hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the conspiracies of man; You keep them secretly in a shelter from the strife of tongues.

²¹We bless the name of the LORD, For He has made marvelous His lovingkindness to me in a besieged city.

²²As for me, I said in my alarm, "I fell cut off from before Your eyes"; Nevertheless You heard the voice of my supplications When I cried to You.

²³O love the LORD, all you His godly ones! The LORD preserves the faithful And fully recompenses the proud doer.

²⁴Remain strong and let your heart take courage, All you who hope in the LORD.

Psalm 32

NASB E-Prime DFM

Blessedness of Forgiveness and of Trust in God.

A Psalm of David. A Maskil^a.

¹How God blesses the one whose transgression He has forgiven, Whose sin He has covered!

²What blessings does the man receive whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit has no deceit!

³When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away Through my groaning all day long.

⁴For day and night Your hand felt heavy upon me; My vitality drained away as with the fever heat of summer. Selah.

⁵I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; And You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah.

⁶Therefore, let everyone who exercises godliness should pray to You in a time when he may find You; Surely in a flood of great waters they will not reach him.

⁷I consider you my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs

of deliverance. Selah.

⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.

⁹Do not emulate the horse or as the mule which have no understanding, Whose trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in check, Otherwise they will not come near to you.

¹⁰The wicked have many sorrows, But he who trusts in the LORD, lovingkindness shall surround him.

¹¹Have gladness in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous ones; And shout for joy, all you who have an upright heart.

Psalm 33

NASB E-Prime DFM

Praise to the Creator and Preserver.

¹ Sing for joy in the LORD, O you righteous ones; Praise becomes to the upright.

² Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings.

³ Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

⁴ For the word of the LORD embodies uprightness, And all His work He does in faithfulness.

⁵ He loves righteousness and justice; The earth receives the fullness of the lovingkindness of the LORD.

⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens materialized, And by the breath of His mouth all their host.

⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deeps in storehouses.

⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

⁹ For He spoke, and it became established; He commanded, and it stood fast.

¹⁰ The LORD nullifies the counsel of the nations; He frustrates the plans of the peoples.

¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation.

¹² Blessings fall upon the nation who regards God as the LORD, The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.

¹³ The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men;

¹⁴ From His dwelling place He looks out On all the inhabitants of the earth,

¹⁵ He who fashions the hearts of them all, He who understands all their works.

¹⁶ The king does not receive salvation by a mighty army; A warrior does not receive deliverance by great strength.

¹⁷ A horse proves a false hope for victory; Nor does it deliver anyone by its great strength.

¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD looks on those who fear Him, On those who hope for His lovingkindness,

¹⁹ To deliver their soul from death And to keep them alive in famine.

²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD; He proves our help and our shield.

²¹For our heart rejoices in Him, Because we trust in His holy name.

²²Let Your lovingkindness, O LORD, fall upon us, According as we have hoped in You.

Psalm 34

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD, a Provider and Deliverer.

A Psalm of David when he feigned madness before Abimelech, who drove him away and he departed.

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually come from my mouth.

²My soul will make its boast in the LORD; The humble will hear it and rejoice.

³O magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, and He answered me, And delivered me from all my fears.

⁵They looked to Him and felt radiant, And their faces will never suffer shame.

⁶This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him And saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, And rescues them.

⁸O taste and see that the LORD consists of good; How the Lord blesses the man who takes refuge in Him!

⁹O fear the LORD, you His saints; For to those who fear Him do not want.

¹⁰The young lions do lack and suffer hunger; But they who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing.

¹¹Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

¹²Who desires life And loves length of days that he may see good?

¹³Keep your tongue from evil And your lips from speaking deceit.

¹⁴Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD look toward the righteous And His ears open to their cry.

¹⁶The face of the LORD gazes against evildoers, To cut off the memory of them from the earth.

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears And delivers them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸The LORD draws near to the brokenhearted And saves those who feel crushed in spirit.

¹⁹The righteous have many afflictions, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.

²⁰He keeps all his bones, Not one of them breaks.

²¹Evil shall slay the wicked, And those who hate the righteous will suffer condemnation.

²²The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, And none of those who take refuge in Him fear condemnation.

Psalm 35

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Rescue from Enemies.

A Psalm of David.

¹Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; Fight against those who fight against me.

²Take hold of buckler and shield And rise up for my help.

³Draw also the spear and the battle-axe to meet those who pursue me; Say to my soul, "I will provide your salvation."

⁴Let those have shame and dishonor who seek my life; Turn those back and humiliate those who devise evil against me.

⁵Let them resemble like chaff before the wind, With the angel of the LORD driving them on.

⁶Let their way darken and become slippery, With the angel of the LORD pursuing them.

⁷For without cause they hid their net for me; Without cause they dug a pit for my soul.

⁸Let destruction come upon him unawares, And let the net which he hid catch himself; Into that very destruction let him fall.

⁹And my soul shall rejoice in the LORD; It shall exult in His salvation.

¹⁰All my bones will say, "LORD, who equals You, Who delivers the afflicted from him who overwhelms for him, And the afflicted and the needy from him who robs him?"

¹¹Malicious witnesses rise up; They ask me of things that I do not know.

¹²They repay me evil for good, To the bereavement of my soul.

¹³But as for me, when they succumbed to sickness, I donned sackcloth as my clothing; I humbled my soul with fasting, And my prayer kept returning to my bosom.

¹⁴I went about regarding it as my friend or brother; I bowed down mourning, as one who sorrows for a mother.

¹⁵But at my stumbling they rejoiced and gathered themselves together; The smiters whom I did not know gathered together against me, They slandered me without ceasing.

¹⁶Like godless jesters at a feast, They gnashed at me with their teeth.

¹⁷Lord, how long will You look on? Rescue my soul from their ravages, My only life from the lions.

¹⁸I will give You thanks in the great congregation; I will praise You among a mighty throng.

¹⁹Do not let those who wrongly hate me rejoice over me; Nor let those who hate me without cause wink maliciously.

²⁰For they do not speak peace, But they devise deceitful words against those who dwell quietly in the land.

²¹They opened their mouth wide against me; They said, "Aha, aha, our eyes have seen it!"

²²You have seen it, O LORD, do not keep silent; O Lord, do not stay far from me.

²³ Stir up Yourself, and awake to my right And to my cause, my God and my Lord.

²⁴ Judge me, O LORD my God, according to Your righteousness, And do not let them rejoice over me.

²⁵ Do not let them say in their heart, " Aha, our desire!" Do not let them say, "We have swallowed him up!"

²⁶ Let those suffer shame and humiliation altogether who rejoice at my distress; Clothe those with shame and dishonor who magnify themselves over me.

²⁷ Let them shout for joy and rejoice, who favor my vindication; And let them say continually, " Magnify the LORD , Who delights in the prosperity of His servant."

²⁸ And my tongue shall declare Your righteousness And Your praise all day long.

Psalm 36

NASB E-Prime DFM

Wickedness of Men and Lovingkindness of God.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD.

¹ Transgression speaks to the ungodly within his heart; He has no fear of God before his eyes.

² For it flatters him in his own eyes Concerning the discovery of his iniquity and the hatred of it.

³ The words of his mouth flow only wickedness and deceit; He has ceased to act wisely and to do good.

⁴ He plans wickedness upon his bed; He sets himself on a path that does not bode well; He does not despise evil.

⁵ Your lovingkindness, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

⁶ Your righteousness resembles the mountains of God; Your judgments resemble a great deep O LORD, You preserve man and beast.

⁷ How precious do we regard Your lovingkindness, O God! And the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

⁸ They drink their fill of the abundance of Your house; And You give them to drink of the river of Your delights.

⁹ For with You resides the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

¹⁰ O continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You, And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

¹¹ Let not the foot of pride come upon me, And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.

¹² There the doers of iniquity have fallen; Their adversaries have thrust them down and they cannot rise.

Psalm 37

NASB E-Prime DFM

Security of Those Who Trust in the LORD, and Insecurity of the Wicked.

A Psalm of David.

¹ Do not fret because of evildoers, Don't envy wrongdoers.

² For they will wither quickly like the grass And fade like the green herb.

³ Trust in the LORD and do good; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness.

⁴ Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, and He will do it.

⁶ He will bring forth your righteousness as the light And your judgment as the noonday.

⁷ Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who carries out wicked schemes.

⁸ Cease from anger and forsake wrath; Do not fret; it leads only to evildoing.

⁹ For the Lord will cut off evildoers, But those who wait for the LORD, they will inherit the land.

¹⁰ Yet a little while and the wicked man will exist no more; And you will look carefully for his place and you will not find him there.

¹¹ But the humble will inherit the land And will delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

¹² The wicked plots against the righteous And gnashes at him with his teeth.

¹³ The Lord laughs at him, For He sees his day coming.

¹⁴ The wicked have drawn the sword and bent their bow To cast down the afflicted and the needy, To slay those who behave uprightly in conduct.

¹⁵ Their sword will enter their own heart, And their bows will break.

¹⁶ Better to have little and maintain righteousness Than the abundance of many wicked.

¹⁷ For the Lord will break the arms of the wicked, But the LORD sustains the righteous.

¹⁸ The LORD knows the days of the blameless, And their inheritance will last forever.

¹⁹ They will suffer shame in the time of evil, And in the days of famine they will have abundance.

²⁰ But the wicked will perish; And the enemies of the LORD will resemble the glory of the pastures, They vanish-- like smoke they vanish away.

²¹ The wicked borrows and does not pay back, But the righteous graciously gives.

²² For those blessed by Him will inherit the land, But God will curse those whom He has cut off.

²³ The Lord establishes the steps of a man, And He delights in his way.

²⁴ When he falls, he will not hurl headlong, Because the LORD holds his hand.

²⁵ I have lived as a young person and now I have grown old, Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken Or his descendants begging bread.

²⁶All day long he graciously lends, And his descendants have become a blessing to him.
²⁷Depart from evil and do good, So you will abide forever.
²⁸For the LORD loves justice And does not forsake His godly ones; He preserves them forever, But the Lord will cut the descendants of the wicked off.
²⁹The righteous will inherit the land And dwell in it forever.
³⁰The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, And his tongue speaks justice.
³¹The law of his God permeates his heart; His steps do not slip.
³²The wicked spies upon the righteous And seeks to kill him.
³³The LORD will not leave him in his hand Or let him suffer condemnation when they judge him.
³⁴Wait for the LORD and keep His way, And He will exalt you to inherit the land; When God cuts the wicked off, you will see it.
³⁵I have seen a wicked, violent man Spreading himself like a luxuriant tree in its native soil.
³⁶Then he passed away, and lo, he existed no more; I sought for him, but we could not find him.
³⁷Mark the blameless man, and behold the upright; For the man of peace will have a posterity.
³⁸But transgressors will altogether suffer destruction; The posterity of the wicked will end.
³⁹But the salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; He provides their strength in time of trouble.
⁴⁰The LORD helps them and delivers them; He delivers them from the wicked and saves them, Because they take refuge in Him.

Psalm 38

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer of a Suffering Penitent.

A Psalm of David, for a memorial.

¹O LORD, rebuke me not in Your wrath, And chasten me not in Your burning anger.
²For Your arrows have sunk deep into me, And Your hand has pressed down on me.
³I can find no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation; I can find no health in my bones because of my sin.
⁴For my iniquities have gone over my head; As a heavy burden they weigh too much for me.
⁵My wounds grow foul and fester Because of my folly.
⁶I bend over and greatly bowed down; I go mourning all day long.
⁷For my loins fill with burning, And I find no soundness in my flesh.
⁸I feel benumbed and badly crushed; I groan because of the agitation of my heart.
⁹Lord, all my desire I bring before You; And my sighing I do not hide from You.
¹⁰My heart throbs, my strength fails me; And the light of my eyes, even that has gone from

me.

¹¹My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague; And my kinsmen stand afar off.

¹²Those who seek my life lay snares for me; And those who seek to injure me have threatened destruction, And they devise treachery all day long.

¹³But I, like a deaf man, do not hear; And I resemble a mute man who does not open his mouth.

¹⁴Yes, I resemble a man who does not hear, And in whose mouth proceed no arguments.

¹⁵For I hope in You, O LORD; You will answer, O Lord my God.

¹⁶For I said, "May they not rejoice over me, Who, when my foot slips, would magnify themselves against me."

¹⁷For I felt ready to fall, And my sorrow continually goes before me.

¹⁸For I confess my iniquity; I feel anxious because of my sin.

¹⁹But my enemies remain vigorous and strong, And many I can see who hate me wrongfully.

²⁰And those who repay evil for good, They oppose me, because I follow good things.

²¹Do not forsake me, O LORD; O my God, do not remain far from me!

²²Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Psalm 39

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Vanity of Life.

For the choir director, for Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

¹I said, "I will guard my ways That I may not sin with my tongue; I will guard my mouth as with a muzzle While the wicked remain in my presence."

²I felt mute and silent, I refrained even from good, And my sorrow grew worse.

³My heart felt hot within me, While I mused the fire burned; Then I spoke with my tongue:

⁴"LORD, make me to know my end And what will constitute the extent of my days; Let me know the extent of my transience.

⁵"Behold, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my lifetime as nothing in Your sight; Surely every man at his best resembles a mere breath. Selah.

⁶"Surely every man walks about as a phantom; Surely they make an uproar for nothing; He amasses riches and does not know who will gather them.

⁷"And now, Lord, for what do I wait? I hope in You.

⁸" Deliver me from all my transgressions; Make me not the reproach of the foolish.

⁹"I have become mute, I do not open my mouth, Because You caused it to happen.

¹⁰" Remove Your plague from me; Because of the opposition of Your hand I perish.

¹¹"With reproofs You chasten a man for iniquity; You consume as a moth what he considers precious; Surely every man resembles a mere breath. Selah.

¹²" Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; Do not remain silent at my tears; For You treat me as a stranger, A sojourner like all my fathers.

¹³" Turn Your gaze away from me, that I may smile again Before I depart and exist no more."

Psalm 40

NASB E-Prime DFM

God Sustains His Servant.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me and heard my cry.

²He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, And He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm.

³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; Many will see and fear And will trust in the LORD.

⁴How the LORD blesses the man who has made the HIM his trust, And has not turned to the proud, nor to those who lapse into falsehood.

⁵Many, O LORD my God, constitute the wonders which You have done, And Your thoughts toward us; None compares with You If I would declare and speak of them, I would find them too numerous to count.

⁶Sacrifice and meal offering You have not desired; My ears You have opened; Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.

⁷Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book You have written of me.

⁸I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law has penetrated deeply within my heart."

⁹I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great congregation; Behold, I will not restrain my lips, O LORD, You know.

¹⁰I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth from the great congregation.

¹¹You, O LORD, will not withhold Your compassion from me; Your lovingkindness and Your truth will continually preserve me.

¹²For evils beyond number have surrounded me; My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I cannot see; They have grown more numerous than the hairs of my head, And my heart has failed me.

13 Please O LORD, deliver me; Make haste, O LORD, to help me.

¹⁴Let those fall into shame and humility together Who seek my life to destroy it; Let those turn back and receive dishonor Who delight in my hurt.

¹⁵Let those feel appalled because of their shame Who say to me, "Aha, aha!"

¹⁶Let all who seek You rejoice and have gladness in You; Let those who love Your salvation say continually, " We magnify the LORD !"

¹⁷Since I feel afflicted and needy, Let the Lord have concern for me.

You provide my help and my deliverance; Do not delay, O my God.

Psalm 41

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Psalmist in Sickness Complains of Enemies and False Friends.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹How the LORD blesses those who consider the helpless; The LORD will deliver him in a day of trouble.

²The LORD will protect him and keep him alive, And people will call him blessed upon the earth; And do not give him over to the desire of his enemies.

³The LORD will sustain him upon his sickbed; In his illness, You restore him to health.

⁴As for me, I said, "O LORD, show graciousness to me; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."

⁵My enemies speak evil against me, "When will he die, and his name perish?"

⁶And when he comes to see me, he speaks falsehood; His heart gathers wickedness to itself; When he goes outside, he tells it.

⁷All who hate me whisper together against me; Against me they devise my hurt, saying,

⁸"A wicked thing pours out upon him, That when he lies down, he will not rise up again."

⁹Even my close friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.

¹⁰But You, O LORD, show graciousness to me and raise me up, That I may repay them.

¹¹By this I know that You have pleasure with me, Because my enemy does not shout in triumph over me.

¹²As for me, You uphold me in my integrity, And You set me in Your presence forever.

¹³We bless the LORD, the God of Israel, From everlasting to everlasting.

Amen and Amen.

Psalm 42

NASB E-Prime DFM

Thirsting for God in Trouble and Exile.

For the choir director. A Maskil of the sons of Korah.

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¹As the deer pants for the water brooks, So my soul pants for You, O God.

²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; When shall I come and appear before God?

³My tears I have swallowed as my food day and night, While they say to me all day long,
"Where has your God gone off to?"

⁴These things I remember and I pour out my soul within me For I used to go along with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God, With the voice of joy and thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

⁵Why do you despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him For the help of His presence.

⁶O my God, my soul despairs within me; Therefore I remember You from the land of the Jordan And the peaks of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

⁷Deep calls to deep at the sound of Your waterfalls; All Your breakers and Your waves have rolled over me.

⁸The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime; And His song will remain with me in the night, A prayer to the God of my life.

⁹I will say to God my rock, "Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

¹⁰As a shattering of my bones, my adversaries revile me, While they say to me all day long,
"Where has your God gone off to?"

¹¹Why do you despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

Psalm 43

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Deliverance.

¹Vindicate me, O God, and plead my case against an ungodly nation; O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man!

²For You provide my strength; why have You rejected me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

³O send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy

hill And to Your dwelling places.

⁴Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And upon the lyre I shall praise You, O God, my God.

⁵Why do you despair, O my soul? And why do you feel disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

Psalm 44

NASB E-Prime DFM

Former Deliverances and Present Troubles.

For the choir director. A Maskil of the sons of Korah.

¹O God, we have heard with our ears, Our fathers have told us The work that You did in their days, In the days of old.

²You with Your own hand drove out the nations; Then You planted them; You afflicted the peoples, Then You spread them abroad.

³For by their own sword they did not possess the land, And their own arm did not save them, But Your right hand and Your arm and the light of Your presence, For You favored them.

⁴I regard you as my King, O God; Command victories for Jacob.

⁵Through You we will push back our adversaries; Through Your name we will trample down those who rise up against us.

⁶For I will not trust in my bow, Nor will my sword save me.

⁷But You have saved us from our adversaries, And You have put to shame those who hate us.

⁸In God we have boasted all day long, And we will give thanks to Your name forever. Selah.

⁹Yet You have rejected us and brought us to dishonor, And do not go out with our armies.

¹⁰You cause us to turn back from the adversary; And those who hate us have taken spoil for themselves.

¹¹You give us as sheep for them to eat And have scattered us among the nations.

¹²You sell Your people cheaply, And have not profited by their sale.

¹³You make us a reproach to our neighbors, A scoffing and a derision to those around us.

¹⁴You make us a byword among the nations, A laughingstock among the peoples.

¹⁵All day long my dishonor remains before me And my humiliation has overwhelmed me,

¹⁶Because of the voice of him who reproaches and reviles, Because of the presence of the enemy and the avenger.

¹⁷All this has come upon us, but we have not forgotten You, And we have not dealt falsely with Your covenant.

¹⁸Our heart has not turned back, And our steps have not deviated from Your way,

¹⁹Yet You have crushed us in a place of jackals And covered us with the shadow of death.
²⁰If we had forgotten the name of our God Or extended our hands to a strange god,
²¹Would not God find this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart.
²²But for Your sake people have killed us all day long; You have considered us as sheep
destined for slaughter.
²³Arouse Yourself, why do You sleep, O Lord? Awake, do not reject us forever.
²⁴Why do You hide Your face And forget our affliction and our oppression?
²⁵For our soul has sunk down into the dust; Our body cleaves to the earth.
²⁶Rise up, please help us, And redeem us for the sake of Your lovingkindness.

Psalm 45

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Song Celebrating the King's Marriage.

For the choir director; according to the Shoshannim ^[a]. A Maskil of the sons of Korah. A Song of Love.

¹My heart overflows with a good theme; I address my verses to the King; My tongue resembles the pen of a ready writer.
²You seem fairer than the sons of men; Grace pours upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever.
³Gird Your sword on Your thigh, O Mighty One, In Your splendor and Your majesty!
⁴And in Your majesty ride on victoriously, For the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; Let Your right hand teach You awesome things.
⁵Your sharp arrows penetrate deeply; The peoples fall under You; Your arrows find their way to the heart of the King's enemies.
⁶Your throne, O God, lasts forever and ever; A scepter ^[a] of uprightness serves the scepter of Your kingdom.
⁷You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of joy above Your fellows.
⁸All Your garments smell fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia; Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made You glad.
⁹Kings' daughters dwell among Your noble ladies; At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir.
¹⁰Listen, O daughter, give attention and incline your ear: Forget your people and your father's house;
¹¹Then the King will desire your beauty. Because you acknowledge Him as your Lord, bow down to Him.
¹²The daughter of Tyre will come with a gift; The rich among the people will seek your favor.
¹³The King's daughter radiates glory from within; Her seamstresses have interwoven her

clothing with gold.

¹⁴She will appear before the King in embroidered work; The virgins, her companions who follow her, Will also appear before You.

¹⁵They will follow with gladness and rejoicing; They will enter into the King's palace.

¹⁶In place of your fathers will dwell your sons; You shall make them princes in all the earth.

¹⁷I will cause Your name to have remembrance in all generations; Therefore the peoples will give You thanks forever and ever.

Psalm 46

NASB E-Prime DFM

God the Refuge of His People.

For the choir director. A Psalm of the sons of Korah, set to Alamoth ^[a]. A Song.

¹We regard God as our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;

³Though its waters roar and foam, Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. Selah.

⁴A river exists whose streams make glad the city of God, The holy dwelling places of the Most High.

⁵God dwells in the midst of her, she will not move; God will help her when morning dawns.

⁶The nations made an uproar, the kingdoms tottered; He raised His voice, the earth melted.

⁷The LORD of hosts dwells with us; The God of Jacob we regard as our stronghold. Selah.

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD, Who has wrought desolations in the earth.

⁹He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰"Cease striving and know that I exist as your God; You will exalt Me among the nations, You will exalt me in the earth."

¹¹The LORD of hosts dwells with us; We regard the God of Jacob as our stronghold. Selah.

Psalm 47

NASB E-Prime DFM

God the King of the Earth.

For the choir director. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

¹O clap your hands, all peoples; Shout to God with the voice of joy.

²For we respect and fear the LORD Most High, A great King over all the earth.

³He subdues peoples under us And nations under our feet.

⁴He chooses our inheritance for us, The glory of Jacob whom He loves. Selah.

⁵God has ascended with a shout, The LORD, with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises; Sing praises to our King, sing praises.

⁷For we acknowledge God as the King of all the earth; Sing praises with a skillful psalm.

⁸God reigns over the nations, God sits on His holy throne.

⁹The princes of the people have assembled themselves as the people of the God of Abraham, For the shields of the earth belong to God; We highly exalt Him.

Psalm 48

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Beauty and Glory of Zion.

A Song; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.

¹Great do we consider the LORD, and greatly do we praise Him, In the city of our God, His holy mountain.

²Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, characterizes Mount Zion in the far north, The city of the great King.

³God, in her palaces, Has made Himself known as a stronghold.

⁴For, lo, the kings assembled themselves, They passed by together.

⁵They saw it, then they felt amazement; They felt terrified, they fled in alarm.

⁶Panic seized them there, Anguish, as of a woman in childbirth.

⁷With the east wind You break the ships of Tarshish.

⁸As we have heard, so have we seen In the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; God will establish her forever. Selah.

⁹We have thought on Your lovingkindness, O God, In the midst of Your temple.

¹⁰As we regard Your name, O God, So do we praise YOU to the ends of the earth; Your right hand has an abundance of righteousness.

¹¹Let Mount Zion have gladness, Let the daughters of Judah rejoice Because of Your judgments.

¹²Walk about Zion and go around her; Count her towers;

¹³Consider her ramparts; Go through her palaces, That you may tell it to the next generation.

¹⁴For such do we regard God, Our God forever and ever; He will guide us until death.

Psalm 49

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Folly of Trusting in Riches.

For the choir director. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

¹ Hear this, all peoples; Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

² Both low and high, Rich and poor together.

³ My mouth will speak wisdom, And the meditation of my heart will demonstrate understanding.

⁴ I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will express my riddle on the harp.

⁵ Why should I fear in days of adversity, When the iniquity of my foes surrounds me,

⁶ Even those who trust in their wealth And boast in the abundance of their riches?

⁷ No man can by any means redeem his brother Or give to God a ransom for him--

⁸ For the redemption of his soul has great cost, And he should cease trying forever--

⁹ That he should live on eternally, That he should not undergo decay.

¹⁰ For he sees that even wise men die; The stupid and the senseless alike perish And leave their wealth to others.

¹¹ Their inner thought consists of the vain hope that their houses will exist forever And their dwelling places to all generations; They have called their lands after their own names.

¹² But man in his pomp will not endure; He resembles the beasts that perish.

¹³ This characterizes the way of those who act foolishly, And of those after them who approve their words. Selah.

¹⁴ As sheep they have an appointment for Sheol; Death shall serve as their shepherd; And the upright shall rule over them in the morning, And their form shall deteriorate for Sheol to consume So that they have no habitation.

¹⁵ But God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol, For He will receive me. Selah.

¹⁶ Do not have fear when a man becomes rich, When the glory of his house increases;

¹⁷ For when he dies he will carry nothing away; His glory will not descend after him.

¹⁸ Though while he lives he congratulates himself-- And though men praise you when you do well for yourself--

¹⁹ He shall go to the generation of his fathers; They will never see the light.

²⁰ Man in his pomp, yet without understanding, resemble the beasts that perish.

Psalm 50

NASB E-Prime DFM

God the Judge of the Righteous and the Wicked.

A Psalm of Asaph.

¹ The Mighty One, God, the LORD, has spoken, And summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shone forth.

³ May our God come and not keep silence; Fire devours before Him, And it looks very tempestuous around Him.

⁴ He summons the heavens above, And the earth, to judge His people:

⁵ "Gather My godly ones to Me, Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice."

⁶ And the heavens declare His righteousness, For God Himself judges. Selah.

⁷ Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you; I exist as God, your God.

⁸ "I do not reprove you for your sacrifices, And your burnt offerings you continually place before Me.

⁹ "I shall take no young bull out of your house Nor male goats out of your folds.

¹⁰ "For every beast of the forest belongs to Me, The cattle on a thousand hills.

¹¹ "I know every bird of the mountains, And everything that moves in the field belongs to Me.

¹² "If I hungered I would not tell you, For the world belongs to Me, and all it contains.

¹³ "Shall I eat the flesh of bulls Or drink the blood of male goats?

¹⁴ "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving And pay your vows to the Most High;

¹⁵ Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me."

¹⁶ But to the wicked God says, "What right have you to tell of My statutes And to take My covenant in your mouth?

¹⁷ "For you hate discipline, And you cast My words behind you.

¹⁸ "When you see a thief, you enjoy serving as his companion, And you associate with adulterers.

¹⁹ "You let your mouth loose in evil And your tongue frames deceit.

²⁰ "You sit and speak against your brother; You slander your own mother's son.

²¹ "These things you have done and I kept silence; You thought that I acted just like you; I will reprove you and state the case in order before your eyes.

²² "Now consider this, you who forget God, Or I will tear you in pieces, and no one will deliver you.

²³ "He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me; And to him who orders his way aright I shall show the salvation of God."

Psalm 51

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Contrite Sinner's Prayer for Pardon.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

¹ Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions.

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I know my transgressions, And my sin lies ever before me.

⁴ Against You, You only, I have sinned And done evil in Your sight, So that You speak justly and blameless when You judge.

⁵ Behold, I originated in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

⁶ Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.

⁷ Purify me with hyssop, and I shall become clean; Wash me, and I shall look whiter than snow.

⁸ Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which You have broken rejoice.

⁹ Hide Your face from my sins And blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit.

¹³ Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners will receive Your conversion.

¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation; Then my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness.

¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, That my mouth may declare Your praise.

¹⁶ For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You have no pleasure in burnt offering.

¹⁷ We sacrifice to God a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

¹⁸ By Your favor do good to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem.

¹⁹ Then You will delight in righteous sacrifices, In burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then we will offer young bulls on Your altar.

Psalm 52

NASB E-Prime DFM

Futility of Boastful Wickedness.

For the choir director. A Maskil of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul and said to him, "David has come to the house of Ahimelech."

¹Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? The lovingkindness of God endures all day long.

²Your tongue devises destruction, Like a sharp razor, O worker of deceit.

³You love evil more than good, Falsehood more than speaking right. Selah.

⁴You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.

⁵But God will break you down forever; He will snatch you up and tear you away from your tent, And uproot you from the land of the living. Selah.

⁶The righteous will see and fear, And will laugh at him, saying,

⁷"Behold, the man who would not make God his refuge, But trusted in the abundance of his riches And felt strong in his evil desire."

⁸But as for me, I resemble a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the lovingkindness of God forever and ever.

⁹I will give You thanks forever, because You have done it, And I will wait on Your name, for it proves good, in the presence of Your godly ones.

Psalm 53

NASB E-Prime DFM

Folly and Wickedness of Men.

For the choir director; according to Mahalath^[a]. A Maskil of David.

¹The fool has said in his heart, "No God exists," They have corrupted themselves, and have committed abominable injustice; No one does good.

²God has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men To see if anyone understands, Who seeks after God.

³Every one of them has turned aside; together they have become corrupt; No one who does good, not even one.

⁴Have the workers of wickedness no knowledge, Who eat up My people as though they ate bread And have not called upon God?

⁵There they had great fear where no fear had existed before; For God scattered the bones of him who encamped against you; You put them to shame, because God had rejected them.

⁶Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When God restores His captive people, Let Jacob rejoice, let Israel have gladness

Psalm 54

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Defense against Enemies.

For the choir director; on stringed instruments. A Maskil of David, when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, "Does not David hide himself among us?"

Save me, O God, by Your name, And vindicate me by Your power.

²Hear my prayer, O God; Give ear to the words of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen against me And violent men have sought my life; They have not set God before them. Selah.

⁴Behold, God helps me; The Lord sustains my soul.

⁵He will recompense the evil to my foes; Destroy them in Your faithfulness.

⁶Willingly I will sacrifice to You; I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it seems good.

⁷For He has delivered me from all trouble, And my eye has looked with satisfaction upon my enemies.

Psalm 55

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for the Destruction of the Treacherous.

For the choir director; on stringed instruments. A Maskil of David.

¹Give ear to my prayer, O God; And do not hide Yourself from my supplication.

²Give heed to me and answer me; I feel restless in my complaint and have become distracted,

³Because of the voice of the enemy, Because of the pressure of the wicked; For they bring down trouble upon me And in anger they bear a grudge against me.

⁴My heart has anguish within me, And the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

⁵Fear and trembling come upon me, And horror has overwhelmed me.

⁶I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and rest.

⁷"Behold, I would wander far away, I would lodge in the wilderness. Selah.

⁸"I would hasten to my place of refuge From the stormy wind and tempest."

⁹Confuse, O Lord, divide their tongues, For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

¹⁰Day and night they go around her upon her walls, And iniquity and mischief dwell in her midst.

¹¹Destruction dwells in her midst; Oppression and deceit do not depart from her streets.

¹²For it didn't appear an enemy who reproaches me, Then I could bear it; Nor did it prove one who hates me who has exalted himself against me, Then I could hide myself from him.

¹³But the threat came from you, a man my equal, My companion and my familiar friend;
¹⁴We who had sweet fellowship together Walked in the house of God in the throng.
¹⁵Let death come deceitfully upon them; Let them go down alive to Sheol,
For they dwell in the midst of evil ,
¹⁶As for me, I shall call upon God, And the LORD will save me.
¹⁷Evening and morning and at noon, I will complain and murmur, And He will hear my voice.
¹⁸He will redeem my soul in peace from the battle which rages against me, For many strive
with me.
¹⁹God will hear and answer them-- Even the one who sits enthroned from of old-- Selah With
whom we see no change, And who do not fear God.
²⁰He has put forth his hands against those who dwelled at peace with him; He has violated his
covenant.
²¹His speech seemed smoother than butter, But his heart radiated war; His words seemed
softer than oil, Yet they resembled drawn swords.
²²Cast your burden upon the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous
to become disoriented.
²³But You, O God, will bring them down to the pit of destruction; Men of bloodshed and
deceit will not live out half their days But I will trust in You.

Psalm 56

NASB E-Prime DFM

Supplication for Deliverance and Grateful Trust in God.

For the choir director; according to Jonath elem rehokim. A Mikhtam of David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath.

¹Have mercy on me, O God, for man has trampled upon me; Fighting all day long he oppresses me.
²My foes have trampled upon me all day long, For many fight proudly against me.
³When I fear, I will put my trust in You.
⁴In God, whose word I praise, In God I have put my trust; I shall not have fear What can mere man do to me?
⁵All day long they distort my words; All their thoughts rage against me for evil.
⁶They attack, they lurk, They watch my steps, As they have waited to take my life.
⁷Because of wickedness, cast them forth, In anger put down the peoples, O God!
⁸You have taken account of my wanderings; Put my tears in Your bottle Do they not exist in Your book?
⁹Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call; This I know, that God supports me.

¹⁰In God, whose word I praise, In the LORD, whose word I praise,

¹¹In God I have put my trust, I shall have fear. What can man do to me?

¹²I consider my vows to You binding upon me, O God; I will render thank offerings to You.

¹³For You have delivered my soul from death, Indeed my feet from stumbling, So that I may walk before God In the light of the living.

Psalm 57

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Rescue from Persecutors.

For the choir director; set to Al-tashheth^[a]. A Mikhtam of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.

¹Show graciousness to me, O God, show graciousness to me, For my soul takes refuge in You; And in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge Until destruction passes by.

²I will cry to God Most High, To God who accomplishes all things for me.

³He will send from heaven and save me; He reproaches him who tramples upon me Selah God will send forth His lovingkindness and His truth.

⁴My soul dwells among lions; I must lie among those who breathe forth fire, Even the sons of men, whose teeth resembles spears and arrows And their tongue a sharp sword.

⁵We exalt You above the heavens, O God; Let Your glory disperse above all the earth.

⁶They have prepared a net for my steps; My soul bows down; They dug a pit before me; They themselves have fallen into the midst of it. Selah.

⁷My heart remains steadfast, O God, my heart remains steadfast; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!

⁸Awake, my glory! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.

⁹I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations.

¹⁰For Your lovingkindness magnifies greatly to the heavens And Your truth to the clouds.

¹¹We exalt You above the heavens, O God; Let Your glory radiate above all the earth.

Psalm 58

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for the Punishment of the Wicked.

For the choir director; set to Al-tashheth. A Mikhtam of David.

¹Do you indeed speak righteousness, O gods? Do you judge uprightly, O sons of men?

²No, in heart you work unrighteousness; On earth you weigh out the violence of your hands.

³The wicked have become estranged from the womb; These who speak lies go astray from birth.

⁴They have venom like the venom of a serpent; Like a deaf cobra that stops up its ear,

⁵So that it does not hear the voice of charmers, Or a skillful caster of spells.

⁶O God, shatter their teeth in their mouth; Break out the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.

⁷Let them flow away like water that runs off; When he aims his arrows, let them resemble headless shafts.

⁸Let them resemble a snail which melts away as it goes along, Like the miscarriages of a woman which never see the sun.

⁹Before your pots can feel the fire of thorns He will sweep them away with a whirlwind, the green and the burning alike.

¹⁰The righteous will rejoice when he sees the vengeance; He will wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

¹¹And men will say, "Surely a reward for the righteous exists; Surely God judges on earth!"

Psalm 59

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies.

For the choir director; set to Al-tashheth. A Mikhtam of David, when Saul sent men and they watched the house in order to kill him.

¹Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; Set me securely on high away from those who rise up against me.

²Deliver me from those who do iniquity And save me from men of bloodshed.

³For behold, they have set an ambush for my life; Fierce men launch an attack against me, Not for my transgression nor for my sin, O LORD,

⁴For no guilt of mine, they run and set themselves against me Arouse Yourself to help me, and see!

⁵You, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, Awake to punish all the nations; Do not show graciousness to any who show treachery in iniquity. Selah.

⁶They return at evening, they howl like a dog, And go around the city.

⁷Behold, they belch forth with their mouth; Swords reside in their lips, For, they say, " Who hears?"

⁸But You, O LORD, laugh at them; You scoff at all the nations.

⁹Because of his strength I will watch for You, For I regard God as my stronghold.

¹⁰My God in His lovingkindness will meet me; God will let me look triumphantly upon my foes.

¹¹Do not slay them, or my people will forget; Scatter them by Your power, and bring them down, O Lord, our shield.

¹²On account of the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips, Let them even catch themselves in their pride, And on account of curses and lies which they utter.

¹³Destroy them in wrath, destroy them that they may exist no more; That men may know that God rules in Jacob To the ends of the earth. Selah.

¹⁴They return at evening, they howl like a dog, And go around the city.

¹⁵They wander about for food And growl if they do not satisfy themselves.

¹⁶But as for me, I shall sing of Your strength; Yes, I shall joyfully sing of Your lovingkindness in the morning, For I have regarded You as my stronghold And a refuge in the day of my distress.

¹⁷O my strength, I will sing praises to You; For I regard God as my stronghold, the God who shows me lovingkindness.

Psalm 60

NASB E-Prime DFM

Lament over Defeat in Battle, and Prayer for Help.

For the choir director; according to Shushan^[a] Eduth. A Mikhtam of David, to teach; when he struggled with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and Joab returned, and smote twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

¹O God, You have rejected us You have broken us; You have shown anger to us; O, restore us.

²You have made the land quake, You have split it open; Heal its breaches, for it totters.

³You have made Your people experience hardship; You have given us wine to drink that makes us stagger.

⁴You have given a banner to those who fear You, That it may display because of the truth. Selah.

⁵That Your beloved may receive deliverance, Save with Your right hand, and answer us!

⁶God has spoken in His holiness: "I will exult, I will portion out Shechem and measure out the valley of Succoth.

⁷" Gilead belongs to Me, and Manasseh belongs to Me; Ephraim also I use as the helmet of My head; Judah serves as My scepter.

⁸" Moab serves as My washbowl; Over Edom I shall throw My shoe; Shout loud, O Philistia, because of Me!"

⁹Who will bring me into the besieged city? Who will lead me to Edom?

¹⁰Have not You Yourself, O God, rejected us? And will You not go forth with our armies, O God?

¹¹O give us help against the adversary, For deliverance by man seems vain.

¹²Through God we shall do valiantly, And He will tread down our adversaries.

Psalm 61

NASB E-Prime DFM

Confidence in God's Protection.

For the choir director; on a stringed instrument. A Psalm of David.

¹Hear my cry, O God; Give heed to my prayer.

²From the end of the earth I call to You when my heart faints; Lead me to the rock that proves higher than I.

³For I regard you as a refuge for me, A tower of strength against the enemy.

⁴Let me dwell in Your tent forever; Let me take refuge in the shelter of Your wings. Selah.

⁵For You have heard my vows, O God; You have given me the inheritance of those who fear Your name.

⁶You will prolong the king's life; His years will augment as many generations.

⁷He will abide before God forever; Appoint lovingkindness and truth that they may preserve him.

⁸So I will sing praise to Your name forever, That I may pay my vows day by day.

Psalm 62

NASB E-Prime DFM

God Alone a Refuge from Treachery and Oppression.

For the choir director; according to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

¹My soul waits in silence for God only; From Him comes my salvation.

²I regard Him only as my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not become greatly shaken.

³How long will you assail a man, That you may murder him, all of you, Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence?

⁴They have counseled only to thrust him down from his high position; They delight in falsehood; They bless with their mouth, But inwardly they curse. Selah.

⁵My soul, wait in silence for God only, For my hope comes from Him.

⁶I regard Him only as my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not become shaken.

⁷On God my salvation and my glory rest; The rock of my strength, my refuge comes from God.

⁸Trust in Him at all times, O people; Pour out your heart before Him; God has become a refuge for us. Selah.

⁹Men of low degree prove vain and men of rank prove a lie; In the balances they go up; They prove together lighter than breath.

¹⁰Do not trust in oppression And do not vainly hope in robbery; If riches increase, do not set your heart upon them.

¹¹Once God has spoken; Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God;

¹²And lovingkindness belong to You, O Lord, For You recompense a man according to his work.

Psalm 63

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Thirsting Soul Satisfied in God.

A Psalm of David, when he dwelled in the wilderness of Judah.

¹O God, I regard You as my God; I shall seek You earnestly; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, In a dry and weary land where no water exists.

²Thus I have seen You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.

³Because I regard Your lovingkindness as better than life, My lips will praise You.

⁴So I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.

⁵My soul feels satisfaction with marrow and fatness, And my mouth offers praises with joyful lips.

⁶When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches,

⁷For I regard you as my help, And in the shadow of Your wings I sing for joy.

⁸My soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me.

⁹But those who seek my life to destroy it, Will go into the depths of the earth.

¹⁰God will deliver them over to the power of the sword; They will turned into prey for foxes.

¹¹But the king will rejoice in God; Everyone who swears by Him will glory, For God will stop the mouths of those who speak lies .

Psalm 64

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Deliverance from Secret Enemies.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint; Preserve my life from dread of the enemy.

²Hide me from the secret counsel of evildoers, From the tumult of those who do iniquity,

³Who have sharpened their tongue like a sword They aimed bitter speech as their arrow,

⁴To shoot from concealment at the blameless; Suddenly they shoot at him, and do not fear.

⁵They hold fast to themselves an evil purpose; They talk of laying snares secretly; They say, "Who can see them?"

⁶They devise injustices, saying, "We stand ready with a well-conceived plot"; For the inward thought and the heart of a man seem deep.

⁷But God will shoot at them with an arrow; Suddenly they will suffer wounds.

⁸So they will make him stumble; Their own tongue speaks against them; All who see them will shake the head.

⁹Then all men will fear, And they will declare the work of God, And will consider what He has done.

¹⁰The righteous man will have gladness in the LORD and will take refuge in Him; And all the upright in heart will glory.

Psalm 65

NASB E-Prime DFM

God's Abundant Favor to Earth and Man.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David. A Song.

¹We will maintain silence before You, and praise in Zion, O God, And to You we will perform our vows.

²O You who hear prayer, To You all men come.

³Iniquities prevail against me; As for our transgressions, You forgive them.

⁴How You have blessed the one whom You have chosen and bring near to You To dwell in Your courts We will take satisfaction with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple.

⁵By awesome deeds You answer us in righteousness, O God of our salvation, All the ends of the earth trust you and of the farthest sea;

⁶Who establishes the mountains by His strength, Who girds Himself with might;

⁷Who stills the roaring of the seas, The roaring of their waves, And the tumult of the peoples.

⁸They who dwell in the ends of the earth stand in awe of Your signs; You make the dawn and the sunset shout for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and cause it to overflow; You greatly enrich it; The stream of God has abundant water; You prepare their grain, for thus You prepare the earth.

¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly, You settle its ridges, You soften it with showers, You bless its growth.

¹¹You have crowned the year with Your bounty, And Your paths drip with fatness.

¹²The pastures of the wilderness drip, And the hills gird themselves with rejoicing.

¹³The meadows appear clothed with flocks And grain covers the valleys; They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

Psalm 66

NASB E-Prime DFM

Praise for God's Mighty Deeds and for His Answer to Prayer.

For the choir director. A Song. A Psalm.

¹ Shout joyfully to God, all the earth;

² Sing the glory of His name; Make His praise glorious.

³ Say to God, "How awesome we regard Your works! Because of the greatness of Your power Your enemies will give feigned obedience to You.

⁴ "All the earth will worship You, And will sing praises to You; They will sing praises to Your name." Selah.

⁵ Come and see the works of God, Who we regard as awesome in His deeds toward the sons of men.

⁶ He turned the sea into dry land; They passed through the river on foot; There let us rejoice in Him!

⁷ He rules by His might forever; His eyes keep watch on the nations; Let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

⁸ Bless our God, O peoples, And sound His praise abroad,

⁹ Who keeps us in life And does not allow our feet to slip.

¹⁰ For You have tried us, O God; You have refined us as we refine silver .

¹¹ You brought us into the net; You laid an oppressive burden upon our loins.

¹² You made men ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water, Yet You brought us out into a place of abundance.

¹³ I shall come into Your house with burnt offerings; I shall pay You my vows,

¹⁴ Which my lips uttered And my mouth spoke when I fell into distress.

¹⁵ I shall offer to You burnt offerings of fat beasts, With the smoke of rams; I shall make an

offering of bulls with male goats. Selah.

¹⁶ Come and hear, all who fear God, And I will tell of what He has done for my soul.

¹⁷ I cried to Him with my mouth, And I extolled Him with my tongue.

¹⁸ If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear;

¹⁹ But certainly God has heard; He has given heed to the voice of my prayer.

²⁰ We blessed God, Who has not turned away my prayer Nor His lovingkindness from me.

Psalm 67

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Nations Exhorted to Praise God.

For the choir director; with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

¹ May God show graciousness to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us-- Selah.

² That we may know Your way on the earth, Your salvation among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.

⁴ Let the nations have gladness and sing for joy; For You will judge the peoples with uprightness And guide the nations on the earth. Selah.

⁵ Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.

⁶ The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us.

⁷ God blesses us, That all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

Psalm 68

NASB E-Prime DFM

The God of Sinai and of the Sanctuary.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David. A Song.

¹ Let God arise, let Him scatter His enemies, And let those who hate Him flee before Him.

² As the wind drives smoke away, so drive them away; As wax melts before the fire, So let the wicked perish before God.

³ But let the righteous have gladness; let them exult before God; Yes, let them rejoice with gladness.

⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Lift up a song for Him who rides through the deserts, Whose name we acknowledge as the LORD, and exult before Him.

⁵ God in His Holy habitation has made Himself A father of the fatherless and a judge for the widows.

⁶God makes a home for the lonely; He leads out the prisoners into prosperity, Only the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

⁷O God, when You went forth before Your people, When You marched through the wilderness, Selah.

⁸The earth quaked; The heavens also dropped rain at the presence of God; Sinai itself quaked at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹You shed abroad a plentiful rain, O God; You confirmed Your inheritance when it looked parched.

¹⁰Your creatures settled in it; You provided in Your goodness for the poor, O God.

¹¹The Lord gives the command; The women who proclaim the good tidings have augmented into a great host:

¹²"Kings of armies flee, they flee, And she who remains at home will divide the spoil!"

¹³When you lie down among the sheepfolds, You resemble the wings of a dove covered with silver, And its pinions with glistening gold.

¹⁴When the Almighty scattered the kings there, It snowed in Zalmon.

¹⁵We called the mountain of Bashan a mountain of God; The mountain of Bashan has many peaks .

¹⁶Why do you look with envy, O mountains with many peaks, At the mountain which God has desired for His abode? Surely the LORD will dwell there forever.

¹⁷The chariots of God number into myriads, thousands upon thousands; The Lord dwells among them as at Sinai, in holiness.

¹⁸You have ascended on high, You have led captive Your captives; You have received gifts among men, Even among the rebellious also, that the LORD God may dwell there.

¹⁹We bless the Lord, who daily bears our burden, The God who saves us. Selah.

²⁰God delivers us; And to GOD the Lord belong escapes from death.

²¹Surely God will shatter the head of His enemies, The hairy crown of him who goes on in his guilty deeds.

²²The Lord said, " I will bring them back from Bashan. I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;

²³That your foot may shatter them in blood, The tongue of your dogs may have its portion from your enemies."

²⁴They have seen Your procession, O God, The procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary.

²⁵The singers went on, the musicians after them, In the midst of the maidens beating tambourines.

²⁶Bless God in the congregations, Even the LORD, who we regard as the fountain of Israel.

²⁷Benjamin, the youngest, rules them, The princes of Judah in their throng, The princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.

²⁸Your God has commanded your strength; Show Yourself strong, O God, who have acted on our behalf.

²⁹Because of Your temple at Jerusalem Kings will bring gifts to You.

³⁰Rebuke the beasts in the reeds, The herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples, Trampling under foot the pieces of silver; He has scattered the peoples who delight in war.

³¹Envoys will come out of Egypt; Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her hands to God.

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth, Sing praises to the Lord, Selah.

³³To Him who rides upon the highest heavens, which continue from ancient times; Behold, He speaks forth with His voice, a mighty voice.

³⁴Ascribe strength to God; His majesty spreads over Israel And His strength remains in the skies.

³⁵O God, You appear awesome from Your sanctuary The God of Israel Himself gives strength and power to the people We bless God!

Psalm 69

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A Cry of Distress and Imprecation on Adversaries.

For the choir director; according to Shoshannim . A Psalm of David.

¹Save me, O God, For the waters have threatened my life.

²I have sunk in deep mire, where I have can find no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and a flood overflows me.

³I feel weary with my crying; my throat feels parched; My eyes fail while I wait for my God.

⁴Those who hate me without a cause have increased more than the hairs of my head; Those who would destroy me have much power, Having become wrongfully my enemies; What I did not steal, I then have to restore.

⁵O God, You know my folly, And my wrongs cannot hide from You.

⁶May those who wait for You not have shame through me, O Lord GOD of hosts; May those who seek You not receive dishonor through me, O God of Israel,

⁷Because for Your sake I have borne reproach; Dishonor has covered my face.

⁸I have become estranged from my brothers And an alien to my mother's sons.

⁹For zeal for Your house has consumed me, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

¹⁰When I wept in my soul with fasting, It became my reproach.

¹¹When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.

¹²Those who sit in the gate talk about me, And drunkards sing songs about me.

¹³But as for me, I pray to You, O LORD, at an acceptable time; O God, in the greatness of Your lovingkindness, Answer me with Your saving truth.

¹⁴Deliver me from the mire and do not let me sink; May You deliver me from my foes and from the deep waters.

¹⁵May the flood of water not overflow me Nor the deep swallow me up, Nor the pit shut its

mouth on me.

¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, for I consider Your lovingkindness as good; According to the greatness of Your compassion, turn to me,

¹⁷And do not hide Your face from Your servant, For I have fallen in distress; answer me quickly.

¹⁸Oh draw near to my soul and redeem it; Ransom me because of my enemies!

¹⁹You know my reproach and my shame and my dishonor; All my adversaries reside before You.

²⁰Reproach has broken my heart and I have become sick And I looked for sympathy, but could find none, And for comforters, but I found none.

²¹They also gave me gall for my food And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

²²May their table before them become a snare; And when they feel at peace, may it become a trap.

²³May their eyes grow dim so that they cannot see, And make their loins shake continually.

²⁴Pour out Your indignation on them, And may Your burning anger overtake them.

²⁵May their camp fall into desolation; May none dwell in their tents.

²⁶For they have persecuted him whom You Yourself have smitten, And they tell of the pain of those whom You have wounded.

²⁷Add iniquity to their iniquity, And may they not come into Your righteousness.

²⁸May You blot them out of the book of life And may You not record them with the righteous.

²⁹But I have fallen into affliction and pain; May Your salvation, O God, set me securely on high.

³⁰I will praise the name of God with song And magnify Him with thanksgiving.

³¹And it will please the LORD better than an ox Or a young bull with horns and hoofs.

³²The humble have seen it and have become glad; You who seek God, let your heart revive.

³³For the LORD hears the needy And does not despise His who have become prisoners.

³⁴Let heaven and earth praise Him, The seas and everything that moves in them.

³⁵For God will save Zion and build the cities of Judah, That they may dwell there and possess it.

³⁶The descendants of His servants will inherit it, And those who love his name will dwell in it.

Psalm 70

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Help against Persecutors.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David; for a memorial.

¹ O God, hasten to deliver me; O LORD, hasten to my help!

² Let those suffer shame and humiliation Who seek my life; Turn those back and dishonor them Who delight in my hurt.

³ Turn those back because of their shame Who say, "Aha, aha!"

⁴ Let all who seek You rejoice and have gladness in You; And let those who love Your salvation say continually, "Let us magnify God ."

⁵ But I have become afflicted and needy; Hasten to me, O God! I regard you as my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.

Psalm 71

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer of an Old Man for Deliverance.

¹ In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge; Let me never suffer shame.

² In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; Incline Your ear to me and save me.

³ Please let me regard you as a rock of habitation to which I may continually come; You have given commandment to save me, For I regard You as my rock and my fortress.

⁴ Rescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, Out of the grasp of the wrongdoer and ruthless man,

⁵ For I regard You as my hope; O Lord GOD, I have regarded You as my confidence from my youth.

⁶ You have sustained me from my birth; You took me from my mother's womb; I continually praise You.

⁷ I have become a marvel to many, For I regard You as my strong refuge.

⁸ My mouth praises you fully And with Your glory all day long.

⁹ Do not cast me off in the time of old age; Do not forsake me when my strength fails.

¹⁰ For my enemies have spoken against me; And those who watch for my life have consulted together,

¹¹ Saying, " God has forsaken him; Pursue and seize him, for no one will deliver him."

¹² O God, do not stay far from me; O my God, hasten to my help!

¹³ Let those who have made themselves adversaries of my soul suffer shame; Cover them with reproach and dishonor, who seek to injure me.

¹⁴But as for me, I will hope continually, And will praise You yet more and more.

¹⁵My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness And of Your salvation all day long; For I do not know the sum of them.

¹⁶I will come with the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD; I will make mention of Your righteousness, Yours alone.

¹⁷O God, You have taught me from my youth, And I still declare Your wondrous deeds.

¹⁸And even when I become old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to all who will come.

¹⁹For Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens, You who have done great things; O God, who resembles You?

²⁰You who have shown me many troubles and distresses Will revive me again, And will bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

²¹May You increase my greatness And turn to comfort me.

²²I will also praise You with a harp, Even Your truth, O my God; To You I will sing praises with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

²³My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to You; And my soul, which You have redeemed.

²⁴My tongue also will utter Your righteousness all day long; For they suffer shame and humiliation who seek my hurt.

Psalm 72

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Reign of the Righteous King.

A Psalm of Solomon.

¹Give the king Your judgments, O God, And Your righteousness to the king's son.

²May he judge Your people with righteousness And Your afflicted with justice.

³Let the mountains bring peace to the people, And the hills, in righteousness.

⁴May he vindicate the afflicted of the people, Save the children of the needy And crush the oppressor.

⁵Let them fear You while the sun endures, And as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

⁶May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, Like showers that water the earth.

⁷In his days may the righteous flourish, And abundance of peace till the moon exists no more.

⁸May he also rule from sea to sea And from the River to the ends of the earth.

⁹Let the nomads of the desert bow before him, And his enemies lick the dust.

¹⁰Let the kings of Tarshish and of the islands bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.

¹¹And let all kings bow down before him, All nations serve him.

¹²For he will deliver the needy when he cries for help, The afflicted also, and him who has no helper.

¹³He will have compassion on the poor and needy, And the lives of the needy he will save.

¹⁴He will rescue their life from oppression and violence, And their blood You will regard as precious ;

¹⁵So may he live, and may he receive the gold of Sheba; And let them pray for him continually; Let them bless him all day long.

¹⁶May an abundance of grain in the earth exist on top of the mountains; Its fruit will wave like the cedars of Lebanon; And may those from the city flourish like vegetation of the earth.

¹⁷May his name endure forever; May his name increase as long as the sun shines; And let men bless themselves by him; Let all nations call him blessed.

¹⁸We bless the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who alone works wonders.

¹⁹And we bless His glorious name forever; And may the whole earth receive an abundance of His glory Amen, and Amen.

²⁰The prayers of David the son of Jesse have ended.

Psalm 73

NASB E-Prime DFM

The End of the Wicked Contrasted with That of the Righteous.

A Psalm of Asaph.

BOOK 3

¹Surely God does good to Israel, To those who have purity of heart!

²But as for me, my feet came close to stumbling, My steps had almost slipped.

³For I envied the arrogant As I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

⁴For they seem to suffer no pains in their death, And their body has grown fat.

⁵They do not have trouble as other men, Nor do they receive plagues like mankind.

⁶Therefore they wear pride as their necklace; The garment of violence covers them.

⁷Their eye bulges from fatness; The imaginations of their heart run riotously.

⁸They mock and wickedly speak of oppression; They speak from on high.

⁹They have set their mouth against the heavens, And their tongue parades through the earth.

¹⁰Therefore his people return to this place, And waters of abundance they drink.

¹¹They say, "How does God know? And does the Most High have knowledge?"

¹²Behold, the wicked consist of these; And always at ease, they have increased in wealth.

¹³Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure And washed my hands in innocence;

¹⁴For I have suffered affliction all day long And chastened every morning.

¹⁵If I had said, "I will speak thus," Behold, I would have betrayed the generation of Your children.

¹⁶When I pondered to understand this, It seemed troublesome in my sight
¹⁷Until I came into the sanctuary of God; Then I perceived their end.
¹⁸Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction.
¹⁹How they have suffered destruction in a moment! Sudden terrors sweep them away!
²⁰Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when aroused, You will despise their form.
²¹When my heart felt bitter And I felt pierced within,
²²Then I seemed senseless and ignorant; I resembled a beast before You.
²³Nevertheless I continually stay with You; You have taken hold of my right hand.
²⁴With Your counsel You will guide me, And afterward receive me to glory.
²⁵Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth.
²⁶My flesh and my heart may fail, But God strengthens my heart and my portion forever.
²⁷For, behold, those who drift far from You will perish; You have destroyed all those who show faithlessness to You.
²⁸But as for me, I regard the nearness of God as my good; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, That I may tell of all Your works.

Psalm 74

NASB E-Prime DFM

An Appeal against the Devastation of the Land by the Enemy.

A Maskil of Asaph.

¹O God, why have You rejected us forever? Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?
²Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, Which You have redeemed them as the tribe of Your inheritance; And this Mount Zion, where You have dwelt.
³Turn Your footsteps toward the perpetual ruins; The enemy has damaged everything within the sanctuary.
⁴Your adversaries have roared in the midst of Your meeting place; They have set up their own standards for signs.
⁵It seems as if one had lifted up His axe in a forest of trees.
⁶And now all its carved work They smash with hatchet and hammers.
⁷They have burned Your sanctuary to the ground; They have defiled the dwelling place of Your name.
⁸They said in their heart, "Let us completely subdue them." They have burned all the meeting places of God in the land.
⁹We do not see our signs; We have no longer any prophet, Nor does any among us who knows how long.
¹⁰How long, O God, will the adversary revile, And the enemy spurn Your name forever?
¹¹Why do You withdraw Your hand, even Your right hand? From within Your bosom, destroy

them!

¹²Yet I regard God as my king from of old, Who works deeds of deliverance in the midst of the earth.

¹³You divided the sea by Your strength; You broke the heads of the sea monsters in the waters.

¹⁴You crushed the heads of Leviathan; You gave him as food for the creatures of the wilderness.

¹⁵You broke open springs and torrents; You dried up ever-flowing streams.

¹⁶You created the day, You created the night; You have prepared the light and the sun.

¹⁷You have established all the boundaries of the earth; You have made summer and winter.

¹⁸Remember this, O LORD, that the enemy has reviled, And a foolish people has spurned Your name.

¹⁹Do not deliver the soul of Your turtledove to the wild beast; Do not forget the life of Your afflicted forever.

²⁰Consider the covenant; For the dark places of the land have an abundance of violence.

²¹Let not the oppressed return dishonored; Let the afflicted and needy praise Your name.

²²Arise, O God, and plead Your own cause; Remember how the foolish man reproaches You all day long.

²³Do not forget the voice of Your adversaries, The uproar of those who rise against You which ascends continually.

Psalm 75

NASB E-Prime DFM

God Abases the Proud, but Exalts the Righteous.

For the choir director; set to Al-tashheth. A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

¹We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks, For Your name we perceive as near; Men declare Your wondrous works.

²"When I select an appointed time, I judge with equity.

³"The earth and all who dwell in it melt; I have firmly set its pillars. Selah.

⁴"I said to the boastful, 'Do not boast,' And to the wicked, 'Do not lift up the horn;

⁵Do not lift up your horn on high, Do not speak with insolent pride.'"

⁶For not from the east, nor from the west, Nor from the desert comes exaltation;

⁷But God alone Judges; He puts down one and exalts another.

⁸The Lord has a cup in His hand of the LORD, and the wine foams; He has mixed it well, and He pours out of this; Surely all the wicked of the earth must drain and drink down its dregs.

⁹But as for me, I will declare it forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

¹⁰And all the horns of the wicked He will cut off, But the horns of the righteous will receive exaltation.

Psalm 76

NASB E-Prime DFM

¹Judah knows God; His name has become magnified in Israel.

²His tabernacle locates in Salem; His dwelling place also locates in Zion.

³There He broke the flaming arrows, The shield and the sword and the weapons of war. Selah.

⁴You look resplendent, More majestic than the mountains of prey.

⁵The stouthearted suffered plundering, They sank into sleep; And none of the warriors could use his hands.

⁶At Your rebuke, O God of Jacob, Both rider and horse fell into a dead sleep.

⁷You, even You, we fear; And who may stand in Your presence when once You show your anger?

⁸You caused us to hear judgment from heaven; The earth feared and became still

⁹When God arose to judgment, To save all the humble of the earth. Selah.

¹⁰For the wrath of man shall praise You; With a remnant of wrath You will gird Yourself.

¹¹Make vows to the LORD your God and fulfill them; Let all who surround Him bring gifts to Him who we fear.

¹²He will cut off the spirit of princes; The kings of the earth fear Him.

Psalm 77

NASB E-Prime DFM

¹My voice rises to God, and I will cry aloud; My voice rises to God, and He will hear me.

²In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; In the night I stretched my hand out without weariness; My soul refused comfort.

³When I remember God, then I feel disturbed; When I sigh, then my spirit grows faint. Selah.

⁴You have held my eyelids open; I feel so troubled that I cannot speak.

⁵I have considered the days of old, The years of long ago.

⁶I will remember my song in the night; I will meditate with my heart, And my spirit ponders:

⁷Will the Lord reject forever? And will He never show favor to me again?

⁸Has His lovingkindness ceased forever? Has His promise come to an end forever?

⁹Has God forgotten to show graciousness, Or has He in anger withdrawn His compassion?
Selah.

¹⁰Then I said, " I feel grief, That the right hand of the Most High has changed."

¹¹I shall remember the deeds of the LORD; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old.

¹²I will meditate on all Your work And muse on Your deeds.

¹³Your way, O God, consists of holiness; What god has greatness like our God?

¹⁴You I acknowledge as the God who works wonders; You have made known Your strength among the peoples.

¹⁵You have by Your power redeemed Your people, The sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

¹⁶The waters saw You, O God; The waters saw You, they felt anguish; The deeps also

trembled.

¹⁷The clouds poured out water; The skies gave forth a sound; Your arrows flashed here and there.

¹⁸The sound of Your thunder resounded throughout the whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the world; The earth trembled and shook.

¹⁹We found your way in the sea And Your paths in the mighty waters, And Your footprints no one could know.

²⁰You led Your people like a flock By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalm 78

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¹ Listen, O my people, to my instruction; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

² I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old,

³ Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us.

⁴ We will not conceal them from their children, But tell to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wondrous works that He has done.

⁵ For He established a testimony in Jacob And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers That they should teach them to their children,

⁶ That the generation to come might know, even the children yet unborn, That they may arise and tell them to their children,

⁷ That they should put their confidence in God And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments,

⁸ And not behave like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not prepare its heart And whose spirit did not remain faithful to God.

⁹ The sons of Ephraim resembled archers equipped with bows, Yet they turned back in the day of battle.

¹⁰ They did not keep the covenant of God And refused to walk in His law;

¹¹ They forgot His deeds And His miracles that He had shown them.

¹² He wrought wonders before their fathers In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

¹³ He divided the sea and caused them to pass through, And He made the waters stand up like a heap.

¹⁴ Then He led them with the cloud by day And all the night with a light of fire.

¹⁵ He split the rocks in the wilderness And gave them abundant drink like the ocean depths.

¹⁶ He brought forth streams also from the rock And caused waters to run down like rivers.

¹⁷ Yet they still continued to sin against Him, To rebel against the Most High in the desert.

¹⁸ And in their heart they put God to the test By asking food according to their desire.

¹⁹ Then they spoke against God; They said, " Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?

²⁰ "Behold, He struck the rock so that waters gushed out, And streams overflowed; Can He

give bread also? Will He provide meat for His people?"

²¹Therefore the LORD heard and grew wrathful; And kindled a fire against Jacob And anger also mounted against Israel,

²²Because they did not believe in God And did not trust in His salvation.

²³Yet He commanded the clouds above And opened the doors of heaven;

²⁴He rained down manna upon them to eat And gave them food from heaven.

²⁵Man did eat the bread of angels; He sent them food in abundance.

²⁶He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens And by His power He directed the south wind.

²⁷When He rained meat upon them like the dust, Even winged fowl like the sand of the seas,

²⁸Then He let them fall in the midst of their camp, Round about their dwellings.

²⁹So they ate and filled themselves, And their desire He gave to them.

³⁰Before they had satisfied their desire, While their food remained in their mouths,

³¹The anger of God rose against them And killed some of their stoutest ones, And subdued the choice men of Israel.

³²In spite of all this they still sinned And did not believe in His wonderful works.

³³So He brought their days to an end in futility And their years in sudden terror.

³⁴When He killed them, then they sought Him, And returned and searched diligently for God;

³⁵And they remembered that considered God as their rock, And the Most High God their Redeemer.

³⁶But they deceived Him with their mouth And lied to Him with their tongue.

³⁷For their heart remained not steadfast toward Him, Nor did they remain faithful in His covenant.

³⁸But He, having a compassionate nature, forgave their iniquity and did not destroy them; And often He restrained His anger And did not arouse all His wrath.

³⁹Thus He remembered that they consisted of flesh, A wind that passes and does not return.

⁴⁰How often they rebelled against Him in the wilderness And grieved Him in the desert!

⁴¹Again and again they tempted God, And pained the Holy One of Israel.

⁴²They did not remember His power, The day when He redeemed them from the adversary,

⁴³When He performed His signs in Egypt And His marvels in the field of Zoan,

⁴⁴And turned their rivers to blood, And their streams, they could not drink.

⁴⁵He sent among them swarms of flies which devoured them, And frogs which destroyed them.

⁴⁶He gave also their crops to the grasshopper And the product of their labor to the locust.

⁴⁷He destroyed their vines with hailstones And their sycamore trees with frost.

⁴⁸He gave over their cattle also to the hailstones And their herds to bolts of lightning.

⁴⁹He sent upon them His burning anger, Fury and indignation and trouble, A band of destroying angels.

⁵⁰He leveled a path for His anger; He did not spare their soul from death, But gave over their life to the plague,

⁵¹And smote all the firstborn in Egypt, The first issue of their virility in the tents of Ham.
⁵²But He led forth His own people like sheep And guided them in the wilderness like a flock;
⁵³He led them safely, so that they did not fear; But the sea engulfed their enemies.
⁵⁴So He brought them to His holy land, To this hill country which His right hand had gained.
⁵⁵He also drove out the nations before them And apportioned them for an inheritance by measurement, And made the tribes of Israel dwell in their tents.
⁵⁶Yet they tempted and rebelled against the Most High God And did not keep His testimonies,
⁵⁷But turned back and acted treacherously like their fathers; They turned aside like a treacherous bow.
⁵⁸For they provoked Him with their high places And aroused His jealousy with their graven images.
⁵⁹When God heard, He became filled with wrath And greatly abhorred Israel;
⁶⁰So that He abandoned the dwelling place at Shiloh, The tent which He had pitched among men,
⁶¹And gave up His strength to captivity And His glory into the hand of the adversary.
⁶²He also delivered His people to the sword, And became filled with wrath at His inheritance.
⁶³Fire devoured His young men, And His virgins had no wedding songs.
⁶⁴His priests fell by the sword, And His widows could not weep.
⁶⁵Then the Lord awoke as if from sleep, Like a warrior overcome by wine.
⁶⁶He drove His adversaries backward; He put on them an everlasting reproach.
⁶⁷He also rejected the tent of Joseph, And did not choose the tribe of Ephraim,
⁶⁸But chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which He loved.
⁶⁹And He built His sanctuary like the heights, Like the earth which He has founded forever.
⁷⁰He also chose David His servant And took him from the sheepfolds;
⁷¹From the care of the ewes with suckling lambs He brought him To shepherd Jacob His people, And Israel His inheritance.
⁷²So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, And guided them with his skillful hands.

Psalm 79

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Lament over the Destruction of Jerusalem, and Prayer for Help.

A Psalm of Asaph.

¹O God, the nations have invaded Your inheritance; They have defiled Your holy temple; They have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

²They have given the dead bodies of Your servants for food to the birds of the heavens, The flesh of Your godly ones to the beasts of the earth.

³They have poured out their blood like water round about Jerusalem; And no one buried them.
⁴We have become a reproach to our neighbors, A scoffing and derision to those around us.
⁵How long, O LORD? Will You remain angry forever? Will Your jealousy burn like fire?
⁶Pour out Your wrath upon the nations which do not know You, And upon the kingdoms which do not call upon Your name.
⁷For they have devoured Jacob And laid waste his habitation.
⁸Do not remember the iniquities of our forefathers against us; Let Your compassion come quickly to meet us, For we feel very humbled.
⁹Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; And deliver us and forgive our sins for Your name's sake.
¹⁰Why should the nations say, "Where has their God gone?" Let the nations in our sight know, Vengeance for the blood of Your servants which they have shed.
¹¹Let the groaning of the prisoner come before You; According to the greatness of Your power preserve those who have received condemnation to die.
¹²And return to our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom The reproach with which they have reproached You, O Lord.
¹³So we Your people and the sheep of Your pasture Will give thanks to You forever; To all generations we will tell of Your praise.

Psalm 80

NASB E-Prime DFM

God Implored to Rescue His People from Their Calamities.

For the choir director; set to El Shoshannim; Eduth. A Psalm of Asaph.

¹Oh, give ear, Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You whose throne rises above the cherubim, shine forth!
²Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your power And come to save us!
³O God, restore us And cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will have salvation.
⁴O LORD God of hosts, How long will You show anger with the prayer of Your people?
⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears, And You have made them to drink tears in large measure.
⁶You make us an object of contention to our neighbors, And our enemies laugh among themselves.
⁷O God of hosts, restore us And cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will have salvation.
⁸You removed a vine from Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it.
⁹You cleared the ground before it, And it took deep root and filled the land.
¹⁰The mountains appeared covered with its shadow, And the cedars of God with its boughs.
¹¹It sent out its branches to the sea And its shoots to the River.
¹²Why have You broken down its hedges, So that all who pass that way pick its fruit?
¹³A boar from the forest eats it away And whatever moves in the field feeds on it.
¹⁴O God of hosts, turn again now, we beseech You; Look down from heaven and see, and take

care of this vine,

¹⁵Even the shoot which Your right hand has planted, And on the son whom You have strengthened for Yourself.

¹⁶It burns in the fire, we cut it down; They perish at the rebuke of Your countenance.

¹⁷Let Your hand support the man of Your right hand, Upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself.

¹⁸Then we shall not turn back from You; Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.

¹⁹O LORD God of hosts, restore us; Cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will have salvation.

Psalm 81

NASB E-Prime DFM

God's Goodness and Israel's Waywardness.

For the choir director; on the Gittith. A Psalm of Asaph.

¹ Sing for joy to God our strength; Shout joyfully to the God of Jacob.

² Raise a song, strike the timbrel, The sweet sounding lyre with the harp.

³ Blow the trumpet at the new moon, At the full moon, on our feast day.

⁴ For Israel regards it as a statute, An ordinance of the God of Jacob.

⁵ He established it for a testimony in Joseph When he went throughout the land of Egypt I heard a language that I did not know:

⁶ "I relieved his shoulder of the burden, He freed His hands from the basket.

⁷ "You called in trouble and I rescued you; I answered you in the hiding place of thunder; I proved you at the waters of Meribah. Selah.

⁸ "Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you; O Israel, if you would listen to Me!

⁹ "Let you have no strange god among you; Nor shall you worship any foreign god.

¹⁰ "I, the LORD, proclaim Myself your God, Who brought you up from the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

¹¹ "But My people did not listen to My voice, And Israel did not obey Me.

¹² "So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart, To walk in their own devices.

¹³ "Oh that My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways!

¹⁴ "I would quickly subdue their enemies And turn My hand against their adversaries.

¹⁵ "Those who hate the LORD would pretend obedience to Him, And their time of punishment would extend forever.

¹⁶ "But I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, And with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

Psalm 82

NASB E-Prime DFM

Unjust Judgments Rebuked.

A Psalm of Asaph.

¹God takes His stand in His own congregation; He judges in the midst of the rulers.

²How long will you judge unjustly And show partiality to the wicked? Selah.

³Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.

⁴Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.

⁵They do not know nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth shake.

⁶I said, "You appear as gods, And all of you resemble sons of the Most High.

⁷"Nevertheless you will die like men And fall like any one of the princes."

⁸Arise, O God, judge the earth! For You possess all the nations.

Psalm 83

NASB E-Prime DFM

God Implored to Confound His Enemies.

A Song, a Psalm of Asaph.

¹O God, do not remain quiet; Do not remain silent and, O God, do not remain still.

²For behold, Your enemies make an uproar, And those who hate You have exalted themselves.

³They make shrewd plans against Your people, And conspire together against Your treasured ones.

⁴They have said, "Come, and let us wipe them out as a nation, That the name of Israel have no remembrance anymore."

⁵For they have conspired together with one mind; Against You they make a covenant:

⁶The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites;

⁷Gebal and Ammon and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;

⁸Assyria also has joined with them; They have become a help to the children of Lot. Selah.

⁹Deal with them as with Midian, As with Sisera and Jabin at the torrent of Kishon,

¹⁰Who suffered destruction at En-dor, Who became as dung for the ground.

¹¹Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb And all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna,

¹²Who said, " Let us possess for ourselves The pastures of God."

¹³O my God, make them like the whirling dust, Like chaff before the wind.

¹⁴Like fire that burns the forest And like a flame that sets the mountains on fire,
¹⁵So pursue them with Your tempest And terrify them with Your storm.
¹⁶Fill their faces with dishonor, That they may seek Your name, O LORD.
¹⁷Let them feel shame and dismay forever, And let them feel humiliation and perish,
¹⁸That they may know that You alone, whose we acknowledge as the LORD, and regard as the
Most High over all the earth.

Psalm 84

NASB E-Prime DFM

Longing for the Temple Worship.

For the choir director; on the Gittith. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

¹How lovely appear Your dwelling places, O LORD of hosts!
²My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh sing for
joy to the living God.
³The bird also has found a house, And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her
young, Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts, My King and my God.
⁴How blessed feel those who dwell in Your house! They always praise You. Selah.
⁵How You bless the man who relies on Your strength, In whose heart direct the highways to
Zion!
⁶Passing through the valley of Baca they make it a spring; The early rain also covers it with
blessings.
⁷They go from strength to strength, Every one of them appears before God in Zion.
⁸O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah.
⁹Behold our shield, O God, And look upon the face of Your anointed.
¹⁰For a day in Your courts I regard better than a thousand outside. I would rather stand at the
threshold of the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
¹¹For the LORD God resembles a sun and shield; The LORD gives grace and glory; No good
thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
¹²O LORD of hosts, How You bless the man who trusts in You!

Psalm 85

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for God's Mercy upon the Nation.

For the choir director. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

¹O LORD, You showed favor to Your land; You restored the captivity of Jacob.

²You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin. Selah.

³You withdrew all Your fury; You turned away from Your burning anger.

⁴Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your indignation toward us to cease.

⁵Will You remain angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

⁶Will You not Yourself revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You?

⁷Show us Your lovingkindness, O LORD, And grant us Your salvation.

⁸I will hear what God the LORD will say; For He will speak peace to His people, to His godly ones; But let them not turn back to folly.

⁹Surely His salvation draws near to those who fear Him, That glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Lovingkindness and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹Truth springs from the earth, And righteousness looks down from heaven.

¹²Indeed, the LORD will give good, And our land will yield its produce.

¹³Righteousness will go before Him And will make His footsteps into a way.

Psalm 86

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Psalm of Supplication and Trust.

A Prayer of David.

¹Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me; For I suffer affliction and neediness.

²Preserve my soul, for I have lived as a godly man; O You my God, save Your servant who trusts in You.

³Show graciousness to me, O Lord, For to You I cry all day long.

⁴Make glad the soul of Your servant, For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

⁵For You, Lord demonstrate goodness and readiness to forgive, And abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon You.

⁶Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And give heed to the voice of my supplications!

⁷In the day of my trouble I shall call upon You, For You will answer me.

⁸There exists no one like You among the gods, O Lord, Nor do any works exist like Yours.

⁹All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And they shall glorify Your name.

¹⁰For You have shown greatness and have done wondrous deeds; We acknowledge You alone as God.

¹¹Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.

¹²I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And will glorify Your name forever.

¹³For Your lovingkindness toward me has proved great, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

¹⁴O God, arrogant men have risen up against me, And a band of violent men have sought my life, And they have not set You before them.

¹⁵But You, O Lord, have demonstrated mercy and grace to us, demonstrating slowness of anger and abundance in lovingkindness and truth.

¹⁶Turn to me, and show grace to me; Oh grant Your strength to Your servant, And save the son of Your handmaid.

¹⁷Show me a sign for good, That those who hate me may see it and feel ashamed, Because You, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Psalm 87

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Privileges of Citizenship in Zion.

A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A Song.

¹His foundation resides in the holy mountains.

²The LORD loves the gates of Zion More than all the other dwelling places of Jacob.

³Glorious things we speak of you, O city of God. Selah.

⁴"I shall mention Rahab and Babylon among those who know Me; Behold, Philistia and Tyre with Ethiopia: 'This one had his nativity there.'"

⁵But of Zion one may say, "This one and that one had their nativity in her"; And the Most High Himself will establish her.

⁶The LORD will count when He registers the peoples, "This one had His nativity there." Selah.

⁷Then those who sing as well as those who play the flutes shall say, "All my springs of joy remain in you."

Psalm 88

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Petition for Salvation from Death.

A Song. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. For the choir director; according to Mahalath Leannoth. A Maskil of Heman the Ezrahite.

¹O LORD, the God of my salvation, I have cried out by day and in the night before You.

²Let my prayer come before You; Incline Your ear to my cry!

³For my soul has had enough troubles, And my life has drawn near to Sheol.

⁴People reckon me among those who go down to the pit; I have become like a man without strength,

⁵Forsaken among the dead, Like the slain who lie in the grave, Whom You remember no more, And they find themselves off from Your hand.

⁶You have put me in the lowest pit, In dark places, in the depths.

⁷Your wrath has rested upon me, And You have afflicted me with all Your waves. Selah.

⁸You have removed my acquaintances far from me; You have made me an object of loathing to them; You shut us up and cannot go out.

⁹My eye has wasted away because of affliction; I have called upon You every day, O LORD; I have spread out my hands to You.

¹⁰Will You perform wonders for the dead? Will the departed spirits rise and praise You? Selah.

¹¹Will anyone declare Your lovingkindness in the grave, Your faithfulness in Abaddon?

¹²Will anyone know Your wonders in the darkness? And Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

¹³But I, O LORD, have cried out to You for help, And in the morning my prayer comes before You.

¹⁴O LORD, why do You reject my soul? Why do You hide Your face from me?

¹⁵I felt afflicted and about to die from my youth on; I suffer Your terrors; I feel overcome.

¹⁶Your burning anger has passed over me; Your terrors have destroyed me.

¹⁷They have surrounded me like water all day long; They have encompassed me altogether.

¹⁸You have removed lover and friend far from me; My acquaintances dwell in darkness.

Psalm 89

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD'S Covenant with David, and Israel's Afflictions.

A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

¹I will sing of the lovingkindness of the LORD forever; To all generations I will make known Your faithfulness with my mouth.

²For I have said, "our lovingkindness will last forever; In the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness."

³"I have made a covenant with My chosen; I have sworn to David My servant,

⁴I will establish your seed forever And build up your throne to all generations." Selah.

⁵The heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.

⁶For who in the skies compares to the LORD? Who among the sons of the mighty compares to the LORD,

⁷A God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones, And awesome above all those who are around Him?

⁸O LORD God of hosts, who compares to You, O mighty LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

⁹You rule the swelling of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.

¹¹The heavens belong to You, the earth also belongs to You; The world and all it contains, You have founded them.

¹²The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon shout for joy at Your name.

¹³You have a strong arm; Your hand has might, Your right hand commands exaltation.

¹⁴Righteousness and justice have become the foundation of Your throne; Lovingkindness and truth go before You.

¹⁵How You have blessed the people who know the joyful sound! O LORD, they walk in the light of Your countenance.

¹⁶In Your name they rejoice all the day, And by Your righteousness they receive exaltation.

¹⁷For they regard You as the glory of their strength, And You exalt our horn by Your favor.

¹⁸For our shield belongs to the LORD, And our king to the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁹Once You spoke in vision to Your godly ones, And said, "I have given help to the mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people.

²⁰"I have found David My servant; With My holy oil I have anointed him,

²¹With whom My hand will find its place; My arm also will strengthen him.

²²"The enemy will not deceive him, Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

²³"But I shall crush his adversaries before him, And strike those who hate him.

²⁴"My faithfulness and My lovingkindness will accompany him, And in My name his horn will receive exaltation.

²⁵"I shall also set his hand on the sea And his right hand on the rivers.

²⁶"He will cry to Me, 'I acknowledge You as my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.'

²⁷"I also shall make him My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth.

²⁸"My lovingkindness I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall have confirmation in him.

²⁹"So I will establish his descendants forever And his throne as the days of heaven.

³⁰"If his sons forsake My law And do not walk in My judgments,

³¹If they violate My statutes And do not keep My commandments,

³²Then I will punish their transgression with the rod And their iniquity with stripes.

³³"But I will not break off My lovingkindness from him, Nor deal falsely in My faithfulness.

³⁴"My covenant I will not violate, Nor will I alter the utterance of My lips.

³⁵"Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David.

³⁶"His descendants shall endure forever And his throne as the sun before Me.

³⁷"It shall have security forever like the moon, And the witness in the sky remains faithful."

Selah.

³⁸But You have cast off and rejected, You have shown wrath against Your anointed.

³⁹You have spurned the covenant of Your servant; You have profaned his crown in the dust.

⁴⁰You have broken down all his walls; You have brought his strongholds to ruin.

⁴¹All who pass along the way plunder him; He has become a reproach to his neighbors.

⁴²You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries; You have made all his enemies rejoice.

⁴³You also turn back the edge of his sword And have not made him stand in battle.

⁴⁴You have made his splendor to cease And cast his throne to the ground.

⁴⁵You have shortened the days of his youth; You have covered him with shame. Selah.

⁴⁶How long, O LORD? Will You hide Yourself forever? Will Your wrath burn like fire?

⁴⁷Remember what my span of life seems; For what vanity You have created all the sons of men!

⁴⁸What man can live and not see death? Can he deliver his soul from the power of Sheol?

Selah.

⁴⁹Where can we see Your former lovingkindnesses, O Lord, Which You swore to David in Your faithfulness?

⁵⁰Remember, O Lord, the reproach of Your servants; How I bear in my bosom the reproach of all the many peoples,

⁵¹With which Your enemies have reproached, O LORD, With which they have reproached the footsteps of Your anointed.

⁵²We bless the name of the LORD forever!

Amen and Amen.

Psalm 90

NASB E-Prime DFM

God's Eternity and Man's Transitoriness.

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

BOOK 4

¹Lord, we have dwelled in You in all generations.

²Before the mountains came into existence Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, we acknowledge You as God.

³You turn man back into dust And say, "Return, O children of men."

⁴For a thousand years in Your sight resemble yesterday when it passes by, Or as a watch in the night.

⁵You have swept them away like a flood, they fall asleep; In the morning they resemble grass which sprouts anew.

⁶In the morning it flourishes and sprouts anew; Toward evening it fades and withers away.

⁷For You have consumed us by Your anger And by Your wrath we have become dismayed.

⁸You have placed our iniquities before You, Our secret sins in the light of Your presence.

⁹For all our days have declined in Your fury; We have finished our years like a sigh.

¹⁰As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, Or if due to strength, eighty years, Yet their pride contains labor and sorrow; For soon it disappears and we fly away.

¹¹Who understands the power of Your anger And Your fury, according to the fear that we owe You?

¹²So teach us to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.

¹³Do return, O LORD; how long will it take? And feel sorry for Your servants.

¹⁴O satisfy us in the morning with Your lovingkindness, That we may sing for joy and show gladness in all our days.

¹⁵Make us glad according to the days You have afflicted us, And the years we have seen evil.

¹⁶Let Your work appear to Your servants And Your majesty to their children.

¹⁷Let the favor of the Lord our God fall upon us; And confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands.

Psalm 91

NASB E-Prime DFM

Security of the One Who Trusts in the LORD.

¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

²I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!"

³For He delivers you from the snare of the trapper And from the deadly pestilence.

⁴He will cover you with His pinions, And under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness resembles a shield and bulwark.

⁵You will have no fear of the terror by night, Or of the arrow that flies by day;

⁶Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, Or of the destruction that lays waste at noon.

⁷A thousand may fall at your side And ten thousand at your right hand, But it shall not approach you.

⁸You will only look on with your eyes And see the recompense of the wicked.

⁹For you have made the LORD, my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place.

¹⁰No evil will befall you, Nor will any plague come near your tent.

¹¹For He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways.

¹²They will bear you up in their hands, That you do not strike your foot against a stone.

¹³You will tread upon the lion and cobra, The young lion and the serpent you will trample down.

¹⁴" Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him securely on high, because he has known My name.

¹⁵"He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will remain with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

¹⁶"With a long life I will satisfy him And let him see My salvation."

Psalm 92

NASB E-Prime DFM

Praise for the LORD'S Goodness.

A Psalm, a Song for the Sabbath day.

¹We find it good to give thanks to the LORD And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

²To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning And Your faithfulness by night,

³With the ten-stringed lute and with the harp, With resounding music upon the lyre.

⁴For You, O LORD, have made me glad by what You have done, I will sing for joy at the works of Your hands.

⁵How we regard Your works as great, O LORD! Your thoughts I acknowledge as very deep.

⁶A senseless man has no knowledge, Nor does a stupid man understand this:

⁷That when the wicked sprouted up like grass And all who did iniquity flourished, They flourished only that they might suffer destruction forevermore.

⁸But You, O LORD, dwell on high forever.

⁹For, behold, Your enemies, O LORD, For, behold, Your enemies will perish; All who do iniquity will become scattered.

¹⁰But You have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; You have anointed me with fresh oil.

¹¹And my eye has looked exultantly upon my foes, My ears hear of the evildoers who rise up against me.

¹²The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree, He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

¹³Planted in the house of the LORD, They will flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴They will still yield fruit in old age; They shall have an abundance of sap and grow very green,

¹⁵To declare that we regard the LORD as upright; I regard Him as my rock, and we find no unrighteousness in Him.

Psalm 93

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Majesty of the LORD.

¹The LORD reigns, He clothes Himself with majesty; The LORD has clothed and girded Himself with strength; Indeed, the Lord firmly established the world, it will not move.

²You have established Your throne from of old; You continue from everlasting.

³The floods have lifted up, O LORD, The floods have lifted up their voice, The floods lift up their pounding waves.

⁴More than the sounds of many waters, Than the mighty breakers of the sea, The LORD on high has might.

⁵Your testimonies we fully confirmed; Holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Psalm 94

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD Implored to Avenge His People.

¹O LORD, God of vengeance, God of vengeance, shine forth!

²Rise up, O Judge of the earth, Render recompense to the proud.

³How long shall the wicked, O LORD, How long shall the wicked exult?

⁴They pour forth words, they speak arrogantly; All who do wickedness vaunt themselves.
⁵They crush Your people, O LORD, And afflict Your heritage.
⁶They slay the widow and the stranger And murder the orphans.
⁷They have said, "The LORD does not see, Nor does the God of Jacob pay heed."
⁸Pay heed, you senseless among the people; And when will you understand, stupid ones?
⁹He who planted the ear, does He not hear? He who formed the eye, does He not see?
¹⁰He who chastens the nations, will He not rebuke, Even He who teaches man knowledge?
¹¹The LORD knows the thoughts of man, That they resemble a mere breath.
¹²The man whom You chasten receives blessings, O LORD, And whom You teach out of Your law;
¹³That You may grant him relief from the days of adversity, Until You dig a pit for the wicked.
¹⁴For the LORD will not abandon His people, Nor will He forsake His inheritance.
¹⁵For judgment will again consist of righteousness, And all the upright in heart will follow it.
¹⁶Who will stand up for me against evildoers? Who will take his stand for me against those who do wickedness?
¹⁷If the LORD had not helped me, My soul would soon have dwelt in the abode of silence.
¹⁸If I should say, " My foot has slipped," Your lovingkindness, O LORD, will hold me up.
¹⁹When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your consolations delight my soul.
²⁰Can a throne of destruction join itself with You, One which devises mischief by decree?
²¹They band themselves together against the life of the righteous And condemn the innocent to death.
²²But the LORD has remained my stronghold, And my God the rock of my refuge.
²³He has brought back their wickedness upon them And will destroy them in their evil; The LORD our God will destroy them.

Psalm 95

NASB E-Prime DFM

Praise to the LORD, and Warning against Unbelief.

¹O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD, Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.
²Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.
³For we acknowledge the LORD as a great God And a great King above all gods,
⁴In whose hand reside the depths of the earth, The peaks of the mountains belong to Him also.
⁵The sea belongs to Him, for He made it, And His hands formed the dry land.
⁶Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.
⁷For we acknowledge Him as our God, And we consider ourselves the people of His pasture

and the sheep of His hand Today, if you would hear His voice,

⁸Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, As in the day of Massah in the wilderness,

⁹"When your fathers tested Me, They tried Me, though they had seen My work.

¹⁰"For forty years I loathed that generation, And said this people err in their heart, And they do not know My ways.

¹¹"Therefore I swore in My anger, Truly they shall not enter into My rest."

Psalm 96

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Call to Worship the LORD the Righteous Judge.

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.

³Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.

⁴For We acknowledge the LORD as great and praise Him greatly; We fear Him above all gods.

⁵For all the gods of the peoples consist of idols, But the LORD made the heavens.

⁶Splendor and majesty dwell before Him, Strength and beauty reside in His sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory of His name; Bring an offering and come into His courts.

⁹Worship the LORD in holy attire; Tremble before Him, all the earth.

¹⁰Say among the nations, " The LORD reigns; Indeed, the Lord firmly establishes the earth, it will not move; He will judge the peoples with equity."

¹¹Let the heavens show gladness, and let the earth rejoice; Let the sea roar, and all it contains;

¹²Let the field exult, and everything in it Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy

¹³Before the LORD, for He comes, For He comes to judge the earth He will judge the world in righteousness And the peoples in His faithfulness.

Psalm 97

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD'S Power and Dominion.

¹ The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; Let the many islands show gladness.

² Clouds and thick darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice have become the foundation of His throne.

³ Fire goes before Him And burns up His adversaries round about.

⁴His lightnings lit up the world; The earth saw and trembled.

⁵The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

⁶The heavens declare His righteousness, And all the peoples have seen His glory.

⁷Let all those feel ashamed who serve graven images, Who boast themselves of idols; Worship Him, all you gods.

⁸Zion heard this and felt glad, And the daughters of Judah have rejoiced Because of Your judgments, O LORD.

⁹We regard You as the LORD Most High over all the earth; You have exaltation far above all gods.

¹⁰Hate evil, you who love the LORD, Who preserves the souls of His godly ones; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹God sows light like seed for the righteous And gladness for the upright in heart.

¹²Show gladness in the LORD, you righteous ones, And give thanks to His holy name.

Psalm 98

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Call to Praise the LORD for His Righteousness.

A Psalm.

¹O sing to the LORD a new song, For He has done wonderful things, His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him.

²The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises.

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, With the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn Shout joyfully before the King, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar and all it contains, The world and those who dwell in it.

⁸Let the rivers clap their hands, Let the mountains sing together for joy

⁹Before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth; He will judge the world with righteousness And the peoples with equity.

Psalm 99

NASB E-Prime DFM

Praise to the LORD for His Fidelity to Israel.

¹ The LORD reigns, let the peoples tremble; He has His throne above the cherubim, let the earth shake!

² The LORD appears great in Zion, And He receives exaltation above all the peoples.

³ Let them praise Your great and awesome name; We acknowledge Him as Holy.

⁴ The strength of the King loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵ Exalt the LORD our God And worship at His footstool; We acknowledge Him as Holy.

⁶ Moses and Aaron served among His priests, And Samuel dwelled among those who called on His name; They called upon the LORD and He answered them.

⁷ He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; They kept His testimonies And the statute that He gave them.

⁸ O LORD our God, You answered them; You forgave them, And yet You avenged them of their evil deeds.

⁹ Exalt the LORD our God And worship at His holy hill, For we acknowledge the LORD our God as Holy.

Psalm 100

NASB E-Prime DFM

All Men Exhorted to Praise God.

A Psalm for Thanksgiving.

¹ Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.

² Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing.

³ Know that the LORD Himself we acknowledge as God; We know He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We acknowledge ourselves His people and the sheep of His pasture.

⁴ Enter His gates with thanksgiving And His courts with praise Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

⁵ For the LORD does good; His lovingkindness remains forever And His faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 101

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Psalmist's Profession of Uprightness.

A Psalm of David.

¹I will sing of lovingkindness and justice, To You, O LORD, I will sing praises.

²I will give heed to the blameless way When will You come to me? I will walk within my house in the integrity of my heart.

³I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not fasten its grip on me.

⁴A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will know no evil.

⁵Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, him I will destroy; No one who has a haughty look and an arrogant heart will I endure.

⁶My eyes shall fix upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me; He who walks in a blameless way who ministers to me.

⁷He who practices deceit shall not dwell within my house; He who speaks falsehood shall not maintain his position before me.

⁸Every morning I will destroy all the wicked of the land, So as to cut off from the city of the LORD all those who do iniquity.

Psalm 102

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer of an Afflicted Man for Mercy on Himself and on Zion.

A Prayer of the Afflicted when he faints and pours out his complaint before the LORD.

¹Hear my prayer, O LORD! And let my cry for help come to You.

²Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress; Incline Your ear to me; In the day when I call answer me quickly.

³For my days have consumed in smoke, And my bones have scorched like a hearth.

⁴My heart has felt smitten like grass and has withered away, Indeed, I forget to eat my bread.

⁵Because of the loudness of my groaning My bones cling to my flesh.

⁶I resemble a pelican of the wilderness; I have become like an owl of the waste places.

⁷I lie awake, I have become like a lonely bird on a housetop.

⁸My enemies have reproached me all day long; Those who deride me have used my name as a curse.

⁹For I have eaten ashes like bread And mingled my drink with weeping
¹⁰Because of Your indignation and Your wrath, For You have lifted me up and cast me away.
¹¹My days resemble a lengthened shadow, And I wither away like grass.
¹²But You, O LORD, abide forever, And Your name to all generations.
¹³You will arise and have compassion on Zion; For it has become time to show graciousness to her, For the appointed time has come.
¹⁴Surely Your servants find pleasure in her stones And feel pity for her dust.
¹⁵So the nations will fear the name of the LORD And all the kings of the earth Your glory.
¹⁶For the LORD has built up Zion; He has appeared in His glory.
¹⁷He has regarded the prayer of the destitute And has not despised their prayer.
¹⁸This will appear in print for the generation to come, That a people not yet created may praise the LORD.
¹⁹For He looked down from His holy height; From heaven the LORD gazed upon the earth,
²⁰To hear the groaning of the prisoner, To set free those who had received a death sentence,
²¹That men may tell of the name of the LORD in Zion And His praise in Jerusalem,
²²When the peoples gather together, And the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.
²³He has weakened my strength in the way; He has shortened my days.
²⁴I say, "O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days, Your years extend throughout all generations.
²⁵"Of old You founded the earth, And the heavens exist as the work of Your hands.
²⁶"Even they will perish, but You endure; And all of them will wear out like a garment; Like clothing You will change them and they will change.
²⁷"But You remain the same, And Your years will not come to an end.
²⁸"The children of Your servants will continue, And their descendants will dwell before You."

Psalm 103

NASB E-Prime DFM

Praise for the LORD'S Mercies.

A Psalm of David.

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, And all that dwells within me, bless His holy name.
² Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits;
³ Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases;
⁴ Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion;
⁵ Who satisfies your years with good things, So that your youth renews like the eagle.
⁶ The LORD performs righteous deeds And judgments for all who feel oppressed.
⁷ He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel.

⁸The LORD shows compassion and graciousness, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.

⁹He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever.

¹⁰He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as high as the heavens extend high above the earth, So great does He demonstrate His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.

¹²As far as the east extends from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

¹³Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

¹⁴For He Himself knows our frame; He knows that we consist of dust.

¹⁵As for man, his days resemble the brevity of grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

¹⁶When the wind has passed over it, it exists no more, And its place acknowledges it no longer.

¹⁷But the lovingkindness of the LORD extends from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children,

¹⁸To those who keep His covenant And remember His precepts to do them.

¹⁹The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all.

²⁰Bless the LORD, you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform His word, Obeying the voice of His word!

²¹Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, You who serve Him, doing His will.

²²Bless the LORD, all you works of His, In all places of His dominion; Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Psalm 104

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD'S Care over All His Works.

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, We acknowledge your greatness; You clothe yourself with splendor and majesty,

² Covering Yourself with light as with a cloak, Stretching out heaven like a tent curtain.

³ He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters; He makes the clouds His chariot; He walks upon the wings of the wind;

⁴ He makes the winds His messengers, Flaming fire His ministers.

⁵ He established the earth upon its foundations, So that it will not totter forever and ever.

⁶ You covered it with the deep as with a garment; The waters stood above the mountains.

⁷ At Your rebuke they fled, At the sound of Your thunder they hurried away.

⁸ The mountains rose; the valleys sank down To the place which You established for them.

⁹ You set a boundary that they may not pass over, So that they will not return to cover the earth.

¹⁰He sends forth springs in the valleys; They flow between the mountains;
¹¹They give drink to every beast of the field; The wild donkeys quench their thirst.
¹²Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; They lift up their voices among the branches.
¹³He waters the mountains from His upper chambers; The earth becomes satisfied with the fruit of His works.
¹⁴He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, And vegetation for the labor of man, So that he may bring forth food from the earth,
¹⁵And wine which makes man's heart glad, So that he may make his face glisten with oil, And food which sustains man's heart.
¹⁶The trees of the LORD drink their fill, The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,
¹⁷Where the birds build their nests, And the stork, who builds its home in the fir trees.
¹⁸The high mountains provide refuge for the wild goats; The cliffs provide a refuge for the shephanim.
¹⁹He made the moon for the seasons; The sun knows the place of its setting.
²⁰You appoint darkness and it becomes night, In which all the beasts of the forest prowl about.
²¹The young lions roar after their prey And seek their food from God.
²²When the sun rises they withdraw And lie down in their dens.
²³Man goes forth to his work And to his labor until evening.
²⁴O LORD, how many works You do! In wisdom You have made them all; The earth has become full of Your possessions.
²⁵We see the sea, great and broad, In which dwell swarms without number, Animals both small and great.
²⁶There the ships move along, And Leviathan, which You have formed to sport in it.
²⁷They all wait for You To give them their food in due season.
²⁸You give to them, they gather it up; You open Your hand, they have satisfaction with good.
²⁹You hide Your face, they feel dismayed; You take away their spirit, they expire And return to their dust.
³⁰You send forth Your Spirit, You create; And You renew the face of the ground.
³¹Let the glory of the LORD endure forever; Let the LORD show gladness in His works;
³²He looks at the earth, and it trembles; He touches the mountains, and they smoke.
³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
³⁴Let Him show pleasure in my meditation; As for me, I shall have gladness in the LORD.
³⁵Let God consume sinners from the earth And let the wicked exist no more Bless the LORD,
O my soul Praise the LORD!

Psalm 105

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD'S Wonderful Works in Behalf of Israel.

¹Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples.

²Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders.

³Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the LORD have gladness.

⁴Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face continually.

⁵Remember His wonders which He has done, His marvels and the judgments uttered by His mouth,

⁶O seed of Abraham, His servant, O sons of Jacob, His chosen ones!

⁷We acknowledge Him as the LORD our God; His judgments stand in all the earth.

⁸He has remembered His covenant forever, The word which He commanded to a thousand generations,

⁹The covenant which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac.

¹⁰Then He confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel as an everlasting covenant,

¹¹Saying, " To you I will give the land of Canaan As the portion of your inheritance,"

¹²When they numbered only a few men, Very few, and strangers in it.

¹³And they wandered about from nation to nation, From one kingdom to another people.

¹⁴He permitted no man to oppress them, And He reprov'd kings for their sakes:

¹⁵" Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm."

¹⁶And He called for a famine upon the land; He broke the whole staff of bread.

¹⁷He sent a man before them, Joseph, whose brothers sold him as a slave.

¹⁸They afflicted his feet with fetters, His captors placed him in irons;

¹⁹Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of the LORD tested him.

²⁰The king sent and released him, The ruler of peoples, and set him free.

²¹He made him lord of his house And ruler over all his possessions,

²²To imprison his princes at will, That he might teach his elders wisdom.

²³Israel also came into Egypt; Thus Jacob sojourn'd in the land of Ham.

²⁴And He caused His people to show fruitfulness, And made them stronger than their adversaries.

²⁵He turned their heart to hate His people, To deal craftily with His servants.

²⁶He sent Moses His servant, And Aaron, whom He had chosen.

²⁷They performed His wondrous acts among them, And miracles in the land of Ham.

²⁸He sent darkness and made it dark; And they did not rebel against His words.

²⁹He turned their waters into blood And caused their fish to die.

³⁰Their land swarmed with frogs Even in the chambers of their kings.

³¹He spoke, and there came a swarm of flies And gnats in all their territory.

³²He gave them hail for rain, And flaming fire in their land.
³³He struck down their vines also and their fig trees, And shattered the trees of their territory.
³⁴He spoke, and locusts came, And young locusts, even without number,
³⁵And ate up all vegetation in their land, And ate up the fruit of their ground.
³⁶He also struck down all the firstborn in their land, The first fruits of all their vigor.
³⁷Then He brought them out with silver and gold, And among His tribes existed not one who stumbled.
³⁸Egypt felt glad when they departed, For the dread of them had fallen upon them.
³⁹He spread a cloud for a covering, And fire to illumine by night.
⁴⁰They asked, and He brought quail, And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
⁴¹He opened the rock and water flowed out; It ran in the dry places like a river.
⁴²For He remembered His holy word With Abraham His servant;
⁴³And He brought forth His people with joy, His chosen ones with a joyful shout.
⁴⁴He gave them also the lands of the nations, That they might take possession of the fruit of the peoples' labor,
⁴⁵So that they might keep His statutes And observe His laws, Praise the LORD!

Psalm 106

NASB E-Prime DFM

Israel's Rebelliousness and the LORD'S Deliverances.

¹Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for we acknowledge His goodness; For His lovingkindness extends eternally.
²Who can speak of the mighty deeds of the LORD, Or can show forth all His praise?
³How God blesses those who keep justice, Who practice righteousness at all times!
⁴Remember me, O LORD, in Your favor toward Your people; Visit me with Your salvation,
⁵That I may see the prosperity of Your chosen ones, That I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, That I may glory with Your inheritance.
⁶We have sinned like our fathers, We have committed iniquity, we have behaved wickedly.
⁷Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; They did not remember Your abundant kindnesses, But rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea.
⁸Nevertheless He saved them for the sake of His name, That He might make His power known.
⁹Thus He rebuked the Red Sea and it dried up, And He led them through the deeps, as through the wilderness.
¹⁰So He saved them from the hand of the one who hated them, And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
¹¹The waters covered their adversaries; Not one of them remained.

¹²Then they believed His words; They sang His praise.
¹³They quickly forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel,
¹⁴But craved intensely in the wilderness, And tempted God in the desert.
¹⁵So He gave them their request, But sent a wasting disease among them.
¹⁶When they became envious of Moses in the camp, And of Aaron, the holy one of the LORD,
¹⁷The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, And engulfed the company of Abiram.
¹⁸And a fire blazed up in their company;The flame consumed the wicked.
¹⁹They made a calf in Horeb And worshiped a molten image.
²⁰Thus they exchanged their glory For the image of an ox that eats grass.
²¹They forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt,
²²Wonders in the land of Ham And awesome things by the Red Sea.
²³Therefore He said that He would destroy them, Had not Moses His chosen one stood in the breach before Him, To turn away His wrath from destroying them.
²⁴Then they despised the pleasant land; They did not believe in His word,
²⁵But grumbled in their tents; They did not listen to the voice of the LORD.
²⁶Therefore He swore to them That He would cast them down in the wilderness,
²⁷And that He would cast their seed among the nations And scatter them in the lands.
²⁸They joined themselves also to Baal-peor, And ate sacrifices offered to the dead.
²⁹Thus they provoked Him to anger with their deeds, And the plague broke out among them.
³⁰Then Phinehas stood up and interposed, And so God withdrew the plague .
³¹And God reckoned it to him for righteousness, To all generations forever.
³²They also provoked Him to wrath at the waters of Meribah,So that it went hard with Moses on their account;
³³Because they rebelled against His Spirit, He spoke rashly with his lips.
³⁴They did not destroy the peoples, As the LORD commanded them,
³⁵But they mingled with the nations And learned their practices,
³⁶And served their idols, Which became a snare to them.
³⁷They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons,
³⁸And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and their daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And they polluted with the blood.
³⁹Thus they became unclean in their practices, And played the harlot in their deeds.
⁴⁰Therefore the anger of the LORD kindled against His people And He abhorred His inheritance.
⁴¹Then He gave them into the hand of the nations, And those who hated them ruled over them.
⁴²Their enemies also oppressed them, And they subdued them under their power.
⁴³Many times He would deliver them; They, however, rebelled in their counsel, And so sank down in their iniquity.
⁴⁴Nevertheless He looked upon their distress When He heard their cry;
⁴⁵And He remembered His covenant for their sake, And relented according to the greatness of His lovingkindness.

⁴⁶He also made them objects of compassion In the presence of all their captors.

⁴⁷Save us, O LORD our God, And gather us from among the nations, To give thanks to Your holy name And glory in Your praise.

⁴⁸We bless the LORD, the God of Israel, From everlasting even to everlasting. And let all the people say, "Amen." Praise the LORD!

Psalm 107

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD Delivers Men from Manifold Troubles.

BOOK 5

¹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for we acknowledge His goodness, For His lovingkindness extends eternally.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary

³And gathered from the lands, From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south.

⁴They wandered in the wilderness in a desert region; They did not find a way to an inhabited city.

⁵They felt hungry and thirsty; Their soul fainted within them.

⁶Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble; He delivered them out of their distresses.

⁷He led them also by a straight way, To go to an inhabited city.

⁸Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men!

⁹For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, And the hungry soul He has filled with goodness.

¹⁰There lived those who dwelt in darkness and in the shadow of death, Prisoners in misery and chains,

¹¹Because they had rebelled against the words of God And spurned the counsel of the Most High.

¹²Therefore He humbled their heart with labor; They stumbled and no one helped.

¹³Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble; He saved them out of their distresses.

¹⁴He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death And broke their bands apart.

¹⁵Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men!

¹⁶For He has shattered gates of bronze And cut bars of iron asunder.

¹⁷Fools, because of their rebellious way, And because of their iniquities, suffered affliction.

¹⁸Their soul abhorred all kinds of food, And they drew near to the gates of death.

¹⁹Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble; He saved them out of their distresses.

²⁰He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.

²¹Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men!

²²Let them also offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, And tell of His works with joyful singing.

²³Those who go down to the sea in ships, Who do business on great waters;

²⁴They have seen the works of the LORD, And His wonders in the deep.

²⁵For He spoke and raised up a stormy wind, Which lifted up the waves of the sea.

²⁶They rose up to the heavens, they went down to the depths; Their soul melted away in their misery.

²⁷They reeled and staggered like a drunken man, And felt at their wits' end.

²⁸Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, And He brought them out of their distresses.

²⁹He caused the storm to cease, So that the waves of the sea quieted.

³⁰Then they felt glad because they quieted themselves, So He guided them to their desired haven.

³¹Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men!

³²Let them extol Him also in the congregation of the people, And praise Him at the seat of the elders.

³³He changes rivers into a wilderness And springs of water into a thirsty ground;

³⁴A fruitful land into a salt waste, Because of the wickedness of those who dwell in it.

³⁵He changes a wilderness into a pool of water And a dry land into springs of water;

³⁶And there He makes the hungry to dwell, So that they may establish an inhabited city,

³⁷And sow fields and plant vineyards, And gather a fruitful harvest.

³⁸Also He blesses them and they multiply greatly, And He does not let their cattle decrease.

³⁹When they suffer loss and become bowed down Through oppression, misery and sorrow,

⁴⁰He pours contempt upon princes And makes them wander in a pathless waste.

⁴¹But He sets the needy securely on high away from affliction, And makes his families like a flock.

⁴²The upright see it and receive gladness; But all unrighteousness shuts its mouth.

⁴³Who has wisdom? Let him give heed to these things, And consider the lovingkindnesses of the LORD.

Psalm 108

NASB E-Prime DFM

God Praised and Supplicated to Give Victory.

A Song, a Psalm of David.

¹ My heart remains steadfast, O God; I will sing, I will sing praises, even with my soul.

² Awake, harp and lyre; I will awaken the dawn!

³ I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples, And I will sing praises to You among the nations.

⁴ For Your lovingkindness rises great above the heavens, And Your truth reaches to the skies.

⁵ We exalt You, O God, above the heavens, And Your glory above all the earth.

⁶ That Your beloved may receive deliverance, Save with Your right hand, and answer me!

⁷ God has spoken in His holiness: "I will exult, I will portion out Shechem And measure out the valley of Succoth.

⁸ "Gilead belongs to Me, Manasseh belongs to Me; Ephraim I consider the helmet of My head; Judah serves as My scepter.

⁹ "Moab serves as My washbowl; Over Edom I shall throw My shoe; Over Philistia I will shout aloud."

¹⁰ Who will bring me into the besieged city? Who will lead me to Edom?

¹¹ Have not You Yourself, O God, rejected us? And will You not go forth with our armies, O God?

¹² Oh give us help against the adversary, For deliverance by man seems futile.

¹³ Through God we will do valiantly, And He shall tread down our adversaries.

Psalm 109

NASB E-Prime DFM

Vengeance Invoked upon Adversaries.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹ O God of my praise, Do not remain silent!

² For they have opened the wicked and deceitful mouth against me; They have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

³ They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, And fought against me without cause.

⁴ In return for my love they act as my accusers; But I pray to You.

⁵ Thus they have repaid me evil for good And hatred for my love.

⁶ Appoint a wicked man over him, And let an accuser stand at his right hand.

⁷ When You judge him, let him come forth guilty, And let his prayer become sin.

⁸Let his days be few; Let another take his office.

⁹Let his children remain fatherless And his wife a widow.

¹⁰Let his children wander about and beg; And let them seek sustenance far from their ruined homes.

¹¹Let the creditor seize all that he has, And let strangers plunder the product of his labor.

¹²Let no one extend lovingkindness to him, Nor any show graciousness to his fatherless children.

¹³Let his posterity cease; In a following generation let their name cease to exist.

¹⁴Let the Lord remember the iniquity of his fathers, And do not let him forget the sin of his mother.

¹⁵Let them remain before the LORD continually, That He may cut off their memory from the earth;

¹⁶Because he did not remember to show lovingkindness, But persecuted the afflicted and needy man, And the despondent in heart, to put them to death.

¹⁷He also loved cursing, so it came to him; And he did not delight in blessing, so it stayed far from him.

¹⁸But he clothed himself with cursing as with his garment, And it entered into his body like water And like oil into his bones.

¹⁹Let it seem to him as a garment with which he covers himself, And for a belt with which he constantly girds himself.

²⁰Let this remain the reward of my accusers from the LORD, And of those who speak evil against my soul.

²¹But You, O GOD, the Lord, deal kindly with me for Your name's sake; Because we acknowledge Your lovingkindness and goodness, You will deliver me;

²²For I suffer affliction and need, And my heart feels wounded within me.

²³I pass like a shadow when it lengthens; I have become shaken off like the locust.

²⁴My knees feel weak from fasting, And my flesh has grown lean, without fatness.

²⁵I also have become a reproach to them; When they see me, they wag their head.

²⁶Help me, O LORD my God; Save me according to Your lovingkindness.

²⁷And let them know that You have these things under Your control; You, LORD, have done it.

²⁸Let them curse, but You bless; When they arise, they shall suffer shame, But Your servant shall have gladness.

²⁹Let my accusers clothe themselves with dishonor, And let them cover themselves with their own shame as with a robe.

³⁰With my mouth I will give thanks abundantly to the LORD; And in the midst of many I will praise Him.

³¹For He stands at the right hand of the needy, To save him from those who judge his soul.

Psalm 110

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD Gives Dominion to the King.

A Psalm of David.

¹ The LORD says to my Lord: " Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

² The LORD will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, "Rule in the midst of Your enemies."

³ Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; In holy array, from the womb of the dawn, Your youth seems to You as the dew.

⁴ The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, "You have become a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

⁵ The Lord strengthens Your right hand; He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath.

⁶ He will judge among the nations, He will fill them with corpses, He will shatter the chief men over a broad country.

⁷ He will drink from the brook by the wayside; Therefore He will lift up His head.

Psalm 111

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD Praised for His Goodness.

¹ Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart, In the company of the upright and in the assembly.

² We consider the works of the LORD as great; Those who study them who delight in them.

³ Splendid and majestic we consider His work, And His righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has made His wonders for people to remember; The LORD shows graciousness and compassion.

⁵ He has given food to those who fear Him; He will remember His covenant forever.

⁶ He has made known to His people the power of His works, In giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷ The works of His hands show truth and justice; All His precepts remain sure.

⁸ We uphold them forever and ever; He performs them in truth and uprightness.

⁹ He has sent redemption to His people; He has ordained His covenant forever; We regard His name as Holy and awesome.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD we consider the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever.

Psalm 112

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prosperity of the One Who Fears the LORD.

¹Praise the LORD! How God blesses the man who fears Him, Who greatly delights in His commandments.

²His descendants will have prominence on earth; The generation of the upright will receive blessings.

³Wealth and riches dwell in his house, And his righteousness endures forever.

⁴Light arises in the darkness for the upright; He shows graciousness, compassion, and righteousness.

⁵It bodes well with the man who shows graciousness and lends; He will maintain his cause in judgment.

⁶For he will never suffer unsettlement; People will remember the righteous forever.

⁷He will not fear evil tidings; His heart remains steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸God upholds His heart, he will not fear, Until he looks with satisfaction on his adversaries.

⁹He has given freely to the poor, His righteousness endures forever; His horn will have exaltation in honor.

¹⁰The wicked will see it and suffer vexation, He will gnash his teeth and melt away; The desire of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 113

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD Exalts the Humble.

¹Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, Praise the name of the LORD.

²We bless the name of the LORD From this time forth and forever.

³From the rising of the sun to its setting We need to praise the name of the LORD.

⁴The LORD dwells high above all nations; His glory rises above the heavens.

⁵Who compared to the LORD our God, Who enthrones Himself on high,

⁶Who humbles Himself to behold The things that exist in heaven and in the earth?

⁷He raises the poor from the dust And lifts the needy from the ash heap,

⁸To make them sit with princes, With the princes of His people.

⁹He makes the barren woman abide in the house As a joyful mother of children. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 114

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God's Deliverance of Israel from Egypt.

- ¹When Israel went forth from Egypt, The house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
²Judah became His sanctuary, Israel, His dominion.
³The sea looked and fled; The Jordan turned back.
⁴The mountains skipped like rams, The hills, like lambs.
⁵What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?
⁶O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?
⁷Tremble, O earth, before the Lord, Before the God of Jacob,
⁸Who turned the rock into a pool of water, The flint into a fountain of water.

Psalm 115

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Heathen Idols Contrasted with the LORD.

- ¹Not to us, O LORD, not to us, But to Your name give glory Because of Your lovingkindness, because of Your truth.
²Why should the nations say, "Where, now, does their God exist?"
³But our God resides in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.
⁴Their idols consist of silver and gold, The work of man's hands.
⁵They have mouths, but they cannot speak; They have eyes, but they cannot see;
⁶They have ears, but they cannot hear; They have noses, but they cannot smell;
⁷They have hands, but they cannot feel; They have feet, but they cannot walk; They cannot make a sound with their throat.
⁸Those who make them will become like them, Everyone who trusts in them.
⁹O Israel, trust in the LORD; He helps them and protects them as a shield.
¹⁰O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; He helps them and protects them.
¹¹You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; He helps them and protects them like a shield.
¹²The LORD has had us in mind; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.
¹³He will bless those who fear the LORD, The small together with the great.

- ¹⁴May the LORD give you increase, You and your children.
¹⁵May you receive blessings from the LORD, Maker of heaven and earth.
¹⁶The heavens belong to the LORD, But the earth He has given to the sons of men.
¹⁷The dead do not praise the LORD, Nor do any who go down into silence;
¹⁸But as for us, we will bless the LORD From this time forth and forever. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 116

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Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death.

- ¹ I love the LORD, because He hears My voice and my supplications.
² Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live.
³ The cords of death encompassed me And the terrors of Sheol came upon me; I found distress and sorrow.
⁴ Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I beseech You, save my life!"
⁵ The Lord acts graciously and righteously; Yes, our God shows compassion.
⁶ The LORD preserves the simple; I tumbled very low, and He saved me.
⁷ Return to your rest, O my soul, For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
⁸ For You have rescued my soul from death, My eyes from tears, My feet from stumbling.
⁹ I shall walk before the LORD In the land of the living.
¹⁰ I believed when I said, "I have suffered great affliction."
¹¹ I said in my alarm, " All men lie."
¹² What shall I render to the LORD For all His benefits toward me?
¹³ I shall lift up the cup of salvation And call upon the name of the LORD.
¹⁴ I shall pay my vows to the LORD, Oh may it occur in the presence of all His people.
¹⁵ The Lord regards as precious in His sight the death of His godly ones.
¹⁶ O LORD, surely I serve You, I regard myself as Your servant, the son of Your handmaid, You have loosed my bonds.
¹⁷ To You I shall offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving, And call upon the name of the LORD.
¹⁸ I shall pay my vows to the LORD, Oh may it occur in the presence of all His people,
¹⁹ In the courts of the LORD'S house, In the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 117

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A Psalm of Praise.

¹ Praise the LORD, all nations; Laud Him, all peoples!

² For He greatly demonstrates His lovingkindness toward us, And the truth of the LORD extends into eternity. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 118

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Thanksgiving for the LORD'S Saving Goodness.

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for He does good things; For His lovingkindness extends into eternity.

² Oh let Israel say, "His lovingkindness exists forever."

³ Oh let the house of Aaron say, "His lovingkindness exists forever."

⁴ Oh let those who fear the LORD say, "His lovingkindness exists forever."

⁵ From my distress I called upon the LORD; The LORD answered me and set me in a large place.

⁶ The LORD supports me; I will not fear; What can man do to me?

⁷ The LORD supports me among those who help me; Therefore I will look with satisfaction on those who hate me.

⁸ I find it better to take refuge in the LORD Than to trust in man.

⁹ I find it better to take refuge in the LORD Than to trust in princes.

¹⁰ All nations surrounded me; In the name of the LORD I will surely cut them off.

¹¹ They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me; In the name of the LORD I will surely cut them off.

¹² They surrounded me like bees; They burned up as a fire of thorns; In the name of the LORD I will surely cut them off.

¹³ You pushed me violently so that I fell, But the LORD helped me.

¹⁴ The LORD provides my strength and song, And He has become my salvation.

¹⁵ The sound of joyful shouting and salvation resounds through the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD shows exaltation; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

¹⁷ I will not die, but live, And tell of the works of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD has disciplined me severely, But He has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ We have come to the gate of the LORD; The righteous will enter through it.
²¹ I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me, And You have become my salvation.
²² The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner stone.
²³ The Lord does this; Our eyes regard it as marvelous .
²⁴ The LORD has made this day; Let us rejoice and show gladness in it.
²⁵ O LORD, do save, we beseech You; O LORD, we beseech You, do send prosperity!
²⁶ The Lord blesses the one who comes in His name; We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.
²⁷ We acknowledge the LORD as God, and He has given us light; Bind the festival sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.
²⁸ I acknowledge You as my God, and I give thanks to You; I acknowledge You as my God, I extol You.
²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for He does good; For His lovingkindness extends forever.

Psalm 119

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Meditations and Prayers Relating to the Law of God.

A Aleph.

¹ God blesses those who behave blamelessly, Who walk in the law of the LORD.
² God blesses those who observe His testimonies, Who seek Him with all their heart.
³ They also do no unrighteousness; They walk in His ways.
⁴ You have ordained Your precepts, That we should keep them diligently.
⁵ Oh that I may establish my ways To keep Your statutes!
⁶ Then I shall not feel ashamed When I look upon all Your commandments.
⁷ I shall give thanks to You with uprightness of heart, When I learn Your righteous judgments.
⁸ I shall keep Your statutes; Do not forsake me utterly!

B Beth.

⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word.
¹⁰ With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments.
¹¹ Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.
¹² We bless You, O LORD; Teach me Your statutes.
¹³ With my lips I have told of All the ordinances of Your mouth.
¹⁴ I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches.
¹⁵ I will meditate on Your precepts And regard Your ways.
¹⁶ I shall delight in Your statutes; I shall not forget Your word.

G Gimel.

- ¹⁷ Deal bountifully with Your servant, That I may live and keep Your word.
¹⁸ Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law.
¹⁹ I feel like a stranger in the earth; Do not hide Your commandments from me.
²⁰ My soul feels crushed with longing After Your ordinances at all times.
²¹ You rebuke the arrogant, the cursed, Who wander from Your commandments.
²² Take away reproach and contempt from me, For I observe Your testimonies.
²³ Even though princes sit and talk against me, Your servant meditates on Your statutes.
²⁴ I delight myself in Your testimonies; I regard them as my counselors.

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- ²⁵ My soul cleaves to the dust; Revive me according to Your word.
²⁶ I have told of my ways, and You have answered me; Teach me Your statutes.
²⁷ Make me understand the way of Your precepts, So I will meditate on Your wonders.
²⁸ My soul weeps because of grief; Strengthen me according to Your word.
²⁹ Remove the false way from me, And graciously grant me Your law.
³⁰ I have chosen the faithful way; I have placed Your ordinances before me.
³¹ I cling to Your testimonies; O LORD, do not put me to shame!
³² I shall run the way of Your commandments, For You will enlarge my heart.

H He.

- ³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, And I shall observe it to the end.
³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may observe Your law And keep it with all my heart.
³⁵ Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it.
³⁶ Incline my heart to Your testimonies And not to dishonest gain.
³⁷ Turn away my eyes from looking at vanity, And revive me in Your ways.
³⁸ Establish Your word to Your servant, As that which produces reverence for You.
³⁹ Turn away my reproach which I dread, For Your ordinances bring goodness.
⁴⁰ Behold, I long for Your precepts; Revive me through Your righteousness.

V Vav.

- ⁴¹ May Your lovingkindnesses also come to me, O LORD, Your salvation according to Your word;
⁴² So I will have an answer for him who reproaches me, For I trust in Your word.
⁴³ And do not take the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, For I wait for Your ordinances.
⁴⁴ So I will keep Your law continually, Forever and ever.
⁴⁵ And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Your precepts.
⁴⁶ I will also speak of Your testimonies before kings And shall not feel ashamed.
⁴⁷ I shall delight in Your commandments, Which I love.
⁴⁸ And I shall lift up my hands to Your commandments, Which I love; And I will meditate on Your statutes.

Z Zayin.

- ⁴⁹Remember the word to Your servant, In which You have made me hope.
⁵⁰This serves as my comfort in my affliction, That Your word has revived me.
⁵¹The arrogant utterly deride me, Yet I do not turn aside from Your law.
⁵²I have remembered Your ordinances from of old, O LORD, And comfort myself.
⁵³Burning indignation has seized me because of the wicked, Who forsake Your law.
⁵⁴Your statutes have become my songs In the house of my pilgrimage.
⁵⁵O LORD, I remember Your name in the night, And keep Your law.
⁵⁶This has become mine, That I observe Your precepts.

C Heth.

- ⁵⁷I regard the LORD as my portion; I have promised to keep Your words.
⁵⁸I sought Your favor with all my heart; Show graciousness to me according to Your word.
⁵⁹I considered my ways And turned my feet to Your testimonies.
⁶⁰I hastened and did not delay To keep Your commandments.
⁶¹The cords of the wicked have encircled me, But I have not forgotten Your law.
⁶²At midnight I shall rise to give thanks to You Because of Your righteous ordinances.
⁶³I regard myself a companion of all those who fear You, And of those who keep Your precepts.
⁶⁴You have filled the earth with Your lovingkindness, O LORD; Teach me Your statutes.

T Teth.

- ⁶⁵You have dealt well with Your servant, O LORD, according to Your word.
⁶⁶Teach me good discernment and knowledge, For I believe in Your commandments.
⁶⁷Before I suffered affliction, I went astray, But now I keep Your word.
⁶⁸You consist of goodness and do good; Teach me Your statutes.
⁶⁹The arrogant have forged a lie against me; With all my heart I will observe Your precepts.
⁷⁰Their heart becomes covered with fat, But I delight in Your law.
⁷¹I consider it good for me that I suffered affliction, That I may learn Your statutes.
⁷²I regard the law of Your mouth as better to me Than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Y Yodh.

- ⁷³Your hands made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.
⁷⁴May those who fear You see me and have gladness, Because I wait for Your word.
⁷⁵I know, O LORD, that You judge righteously, And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.
⁷⁶O may Your lovingkindness comfort me, According to Your word to Your servant.
⁷⁷May Your compassion come to me that I may live, For I delight in Your law.
⁷⁸May the arrogant feel ashamed, for they subvert me with a lie; But I shall meditate on Your

precepts.

⁷⁹May those who fear You turn to me, Even those who know Your testimonies.

⁸⁰May my heart remain blameless in Your statutes, So that I will not fall into disgrace.

K Kaph.

⁸¹My soul languishes for Your salvation; I wait for Your word.

⁸²My eyes fail with longing for Your word, While I say, "When will You comfort me?"

⁸³Though I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, I do not forget Your statutes.

⁸⁴How many days does Your servant have? When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?

⁸⁵The arrogant have dug pits for me, Men who do not agree with Your law.

⁸⁶All Your commandments demonstrate dependability; They have persecuted me with a lie; help me!

⁸⁷They almost destroyed me on earth, But as for me, I did not forsake Your precepts.

⁸⁸Revive me according to Your lovingkindness, So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.

L Lamedh.

⁸⁹Forever, O LORD, Your word resides in heaven.

⁹⁰Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; You established the earth, and it stands.

⁹¹They stand this day according to Your ordinances, For all things serve You.

⁹²If I had not delighted in Your law, Then I would have perished in my affliction.

⁹³I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have revived me.

⁹⁴I belong to You, save me; For I have sought Your precepts.

⁹⁵The wicked wait for me to destroy me; I shall diligently consider Your testimonies.

⁹⁶I have seen a limit to all perfection; Your commandment has tremendous breadth.

M Mem.

⁹⁷O how I love Your law! I meditate on it all the day.

⁹⁸Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, For they belong to me always.

⁹⁹I have more insight than all my teachers, For I meditate on Your testimonies.

¹⁰⁰I understand more than the aged, Because I have observed Your precepts.

¹⁰¹I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word.

¹⁰²I have not turned aside from Your ordinances, For You Yourself have taught me.

¹⁰³How sweet Your words taste to me! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴From Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

N Nun.

¹⁰⁵I consider Your word as a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶I have sworn and I will confirm it, That I will keep Your righteous ordinances.

¹⁰⁷I have suffered extensive affliction; Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.

¹⁰⁸O accept the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, And teach me Your ordinances.
¹⁰⁹My life remains continually in my hand, Yet I do not forget Your law.
¹¹⁰The wicked have laid a snare for me, Yet I have not gone astray from Your precepts.
¹¹¹I have inherited Your testimonies forever, For they give my heart joy.
¹¹²I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes Forever, even to the end.

S Samekh.

¹¹³I hate those who behave double-mindedly, But I love Your law.
¹¹⁴I regard you as my hiding place and my shield; I wait for Your word.
¹¹⁵Depart from me, evildoers, That I may observe the commandments of my God.
¹¹⁶Sustain me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me suffer shame for my hope.
¹¹⁷Uphold me that I may feel safe, That I may have regard for Your statutes continually.
¹¹⁸You have rejected all those who wander from Your statutes, For their deceitfulness proves useless.
¹¹⁹You have removed all the wicked of the earth like dross; Therefore I love Your testimonies.
¹²⁰My flesh trembles for fear of You, And I fear Your judgments.

W Ayin.

¹²¹I have done justice and righteousness; Do not leave me to my oppressors.
¹²²Stand behind Your servant for good; Do not let the arrogant oppress me.
¹²³My eyes fail with longing for Your salvation And for Your righteous word.
¹²⁴Deal with Your servant according to Your lovingkindness And teach me Your statutes.
¹²⁵I consider myself Your servant; give me understanding, That I may know Your testimonies.
¹²⁶The time has come for the LORD to act, For they have broken Your law.
¹²⁷Therefore I love Your commandments Above gold, yes, above fine gold.
¹²⁸Therefore I esteem right all Your precepts concerning everything, I hate every false way.

F Pe.

¹²⁹I consider Your testimonies wonderful; Therefore my soul observes them.
¹³⁰The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.
¹³¹I opened my mouth wide and panted, For I longed for Your commandments.
¹³²Turn to me and show graciousness to me, After Your manner with those who love Your name.
¹³³Establish my footsteps in Your word, And do not let any iniquity have dominion over me.
¹³⁴Redeem me from the oppression of man, That I may keep Your precepts.
¹³⁵Make Your face shine upon Your servant, And teach me Your statutes.
¹³⁶My eyes shed streams of water, Because they do not keep Your law.

Q Tsadhe.

- ¹³⁷I acknowledge You, O LORD, And consider Your judgments upright.
¹³⁸You have commanded Your testimonies in righteousness And exceeding faithfulness.
¹³⁹My zeal has consumed me, Because my adversaries have forgotten Your words.
¹⁴⁰I regard Your word as very pure, Therefore Your servant loves it.
¹⁴¹I feel small and despised, Yet I do not forget Your precepts.
¹⁴²Your righteousness extends forever, And Your law produces truth.
¹⁴³Trouble and anguish have come upon me, Yet I regard Your commandments as my delight.
¹⁴⁴Your testimonies remain righteous forever; Give me understanding that I may live.

J Qoph.

- ¹⁴⁵I cried with all my heart; answer me, O LORD! I will observe Your statutes.
¹⁴⁶I cried to You; save me And I shall keep Your testimonies.
¹⁴⁷I rise before dawn and cry for help; I wait for Your words.
¹⁴⁸My eyes anticipate the night watches, That I may meditate on Your word.
¹⁴⁹Hear my voice according to Your lovingkindness; Revive me, O LORD, according to Your ordinances.
¹⁵⁰Those who follow after wickedness draw near; They run far from Your law.
¹⁵¹You draw near, O LORD, And all Your commandments bring truth.
¹⁵²Of old I have known from Your testimonies That You have founded them forever.

R Resh.

- ¹⁵³Look upon my affliction and rescue me, For I do not forget Your law.
¹⁵⁴Plead my cause and redeem me; Revive me according to Your word.
¹⁵⁵Salvation eludes the wicked, For they do not seek Your statutes.
¹⁵⁶You show great mercies, O LORD; Revive me according to Your ordinances.
¹⁵⁷I have many persecutors and my adversaries, Yet I do not turn aside from Your testimonies.
¹⁵⁸I behold the treacherous and loathe them, Because they do not keep Your word.
¹⁵⁹Consider how I love Your precepts; Revive me, O LORD, according to Your lovingkindness.
¹⁶⁰Truth constitutes the sum of Your word, And every one of Your righteous ordinances extends forever.

E Shin.

- ¹⁶¹Princes persecute me without cause, But my heart stands in awe of Your words.
¹⁶²I rejoice at Your word, As one who finds great spoil.
¹⁶³I hate and despise falsehood, But I love Your law.
¹⁶⁴Seven times a day I praise You, Because of Your righteous ordinances.
¹⁶⁵Those who love Your law have great peace, And nothing causes them to stumble.
¹⁶⁶I hope for Your salvation, O LORD, And do Your commandments.
¹⁶⁷My soul keeps Your testimonies, And I love them exceedingly.
¹⁶⁸I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies, For You observe all my ways.

: Tav.

¹⁶⁹Let my cry come before You, O LORD; Give me understanding according to Your word.

¹⁷⁰Let my supplication come before You; Deliver me according to Your word.

¹⁷¹Let my lips utter praise, For You teach me Your statutes.

¹⁷²Let my tongue sing of Your word, For all Your commandments constitute righteousness.

¹⁷³Let Your hand show readiness to help me, For I have chosen Your precepts.

¹⁷⁴I long for Your salvation, O LORD, And I delight in Your law.

¹⁷⁵Let my soul live that it may praise You, And let Your ordinances help me.

¹⁷⁶I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant, For I do not forget Your commandments.

Psalm 120

E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Deliverance from the Treacherous.

A Song of Ascents.

¹In my trouble I cried to the LORD, And He answered me.

²Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, From a deceitful tongue.

³What shall we give to you, and what more shall we do to you, You deceitful tongue?

⁴Sharp arrows of the warrior, With the burning coals of the broom tree.

⁵I feel woe, for I sojourn in Meshech, For I dwell among the tents of Kedar!

⁶Too long has my soul had its dwelling With those who hate peace.

⁷I champion peace, but when I speak, They desire war.

Psalm 121

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD the Keeper of Israel.

A Song of Ascents.

¹I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; From where shall my help come?

²My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

³He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴Behold, He who keeps Israel Will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD keeps you; The LORD serves as your shade on your right hand.

⁶The sun will not smite you by day, Nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul.

⁸The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in From this time forth and forever.

Psalm 122

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

¹I felt glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

²Our feet stand Within your gates, O Jerusalem,

³Jerusalem, that its founders have built As a city that has compactness together;

⁴To which the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD-- An ordinance for Israel-- To give thanks to the name of the LORD.

⁵For their thrones became established for judgment, The thrones of the house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

⁷"May peace remain within your walls, And prosperity within your palaces."

⁸For the sake of my brothers and my friends, I will now say, " May peace remain within you."

⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Psalm 123

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for the LORD'S Help.

A Song of Ascents.

¹To You I lift up my eyes, O You who has His throne in the heavens!

²Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes look to the LORD our God, Until He has shown graciousness to us.

³Show graciousness to us, O LORD, show graciousness to us, For we have great contempt.

⁴Our soul has endured the scoffing of those who feel at ease, And with the contempt of the proud.

Psalm 124

NASB E-Prime DFM

Praise for Rescue from Enemies.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

¹" Had the LORD not remained on our side," Let Israel now say,

²"Had the LORD not remained on our side When men rose up against us,

³Then they would have swallowed us alive, When their anger kindled against us;

⁴Then the waters would have engulfed us, The stream would have swept over our soul;

⁵Then the raging waters would have swept over our soul."

⁶We bless the name of LORD, Who has not given us to suffer tearing by their teeth.

⁷Our soul has escaped as a bird out of the snare of the trapper; The snare has broken and we have escaped.

⁸Our help remains in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 125

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD Surrounds His People.

A Song of Ascents.

¹Those who trust in the LORD resemble Mount Zion, which people cannot move but abides forever.

²As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So the LORD surrounds His people From this time forth and forever.

³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest upon the land of the righteous, So that the righteous will not put forth their hands to do wrong.

⁴Do good, O LORD, to those who do good And to those who have upright hearts.

⁵But as for those who turn aside to their crooked ways, The LORD will lead them away with the doers of iniquity Peace dwell upon Israel.

Psalm 126

NASB E-Prime DFM

Thanksgiving for Return from Captivity.

A Song of Ascents.

¹When the LORD brought back the captive ones of Zion, We resembled those who dream.

²Then our mouth filled with laughter And our tongue with joyful shouting; Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us; We feel glad.

⁴Restore our captivity, O LORD, As the streams in the South.

⁵Those who sow in tears shall reap with joyful shouting.

⁶He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying his bag of seed, Shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalm 127

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prosperity Comes from the LORD.

A Song of Ascents, of Solomon.

¹Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman keeps awake in vain.

²In vain you to rise up early, To retire late, To eat the bread of painful labors; For He gives to His beloved even in his sleep.

³Behold, the Lord gives children as a gift, The Lord rewards the fruit of the womb .

⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So one can consider the children of one's youth.

⁵How the Lord blesses the man who has a quiver full of them; They will not suffer shame When they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Psalm 128

NASB E-Prime DFM

Blessedness of the Fear of the LORD.

A Song of Ascents.

¹ God blesses everyone who fears Him, Who walks in His ways.

² When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, You will have happiness and well-being.

³ Your wife shall resemble a fruitful vine Within your house, Your children resemble olive plants Around your table.

⁴ Behold, for thus shall the man receive blessings Who fears the LORD.

⁵ The LORD bless you from Zion, And may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

⁶ Indeed, may you see your children's children Peace dwell upon Israel!

Psalm 129

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for the Overthrow of Zion's Enemies.

A Song of Ascents.

¹ "Many times they have persecuted me from my youth up," Let Israel now say,

² "Many times they have persecuted me from my youth up; Yet they have not prevailed against me.

³ "The plowers plowed upon my back; They lengthened their furrows."

⁴ The LORD has dealt righteously; He has cut in two the cords of the wicked.

⁵ May all who hate Zion fall into shame and turn backward;

⁶ Let them resemble grass upon the housetops, Which withers before it grows up;

⁷ With which the reaper does not fill his hand, Or the binder of sheaves his bosom;

⁸ Nor do those who pass by say, "The blessing of the LORD rest upon you; We bless you in the name of the LORD."

Psalm 130

NASB E-Prime DFM

Hope in the LORD'S Forgiving Love.

A Song of Ascents.

¹Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD.

²Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears show attentiveness To the voice of my supplications.

³If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

⁴But You do forgive, That we may fear You.

⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul does wait, And in His word do I hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord More than the watchmen for the morning; Indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning.

⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD; For the LORD demonstrated lovingkindness,
And has abundantly redeemed us.

⁸And He will redeem Israel From all his iniquities.

Psalm 131

NASB E-Prime DFM

Childlike Trust in the LORD.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

¹O LORD, my heart has not demonstrated pride, nor my eyes shown haughtiness; Nor do I involve myself in great matters, Or in things too difficult for me.

²Surely I have composed and quieted my soul; Like a weaned child rests against his mother, My I wean my soul like a child within me.

³O Israel, hope in the LORD From this time forth and forever.

Psalm 132

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for the LORD'S Blessing upon the Sanctuary.

A Song of Ascents.

¹Remember, O LORD, on David's behalf, All his affliction;

²How he swore to the LORD And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,

³"Surely I will not enter my house, Nor lie on my bed;

⁴I will not give sleep to my eyes Or slumber to my eyelids,

⁵Until I find a place for the LORD, A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

⁶Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah, We found it in the field of Jaar.

⁷Let us go into His dwelling place; Let us worship at His footstool.

⁸Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength.

⁹Let Your priests clothe themselves with righteousness, And let Your godly ones sing for joy.

¹⁰For the sake of David Your servant, Do not turn away the face of Your anointed.

¹¹The LORD has sworn to David A truth from which He will not turn back: " Of the fruit of your body I will set upon your throne.

¹²"If your sons will keep My covenant And My testimony which I will teach them, Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forever."

¹³For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation.

¹⁴"This has become My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

¹⁵"I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her needy with bread.

¹⁶"Her priests also I will clothe with salvation, And her godly ones will sing aloud for joy.

¹⁷"There I will cause the horn of David to spring forth; I have prepared a lamp for Mine anointed.

¹⁸"His enemies I will clothe with shame, But upon himself his crown shall shine."

Psalm 133

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Excellency of Brotherly Unity.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

¹Behold, how good and how pleasant it seems For brothers to dwell together in unity!

²It resembles the precious oil upon the head, Coming down upon the beard, Even Aaron's beard, Coming down upon the edge of his robes.

³It resembles the dew of Hermon Coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing-- life forever.

Psalm 134

NASB E-Prime DFM

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Greetings of Night Watchers.

A Song of Ascents.

¹Behold, bless the LORD, all servants of the LORD, Who serve by night in the house of the LORD!

²Lift up your hands to the sanctuary And bless the LORD.

³May the LORD bless you from Zion, He Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 135

NASB E-Prime DFM

Praise the LORD'S Wonderful Works. Vanity of Idols.

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD; Praise Him, O servants of the LORD,

²You who stand in the house of the LORD, In the courts of the house of our God!

³Praise the LORD, for the LORD does good; Sing praises to His name, for it has a lovely sound.

⁴For the LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel for His own possession.

⁵For I acknowledge the LORD as great And that our Lord dwells above all gods.
⁶Whatever the LORD pleases, He does, In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all
deeps.
⁷He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; Who makes lightnings for
the rain, Who brings forth the wind from His treasuries.
⁸He smote the firstborn of Egypt, Both of man and beast.
⁹He sent signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt, Upon Pharaoh and all his
servants.
¹⁰He smote many nations And slew mighty kings,
¹¹Sihon, king of the Amorites, And Og, king of Bashan, And all the kingdoms of
Canaan;
¹²And He gave their land as a heritage, A heritage to Israel His people.
¹³Your name, O LORD extends forever, Your remembrance, O LORD, throughout all
generations.
¹⁴For the LORD will judge His people And will have compassion on His servants.
¹⁵The idols of the nations consist of silver and gold, The work of man's hands.
¹⁶They have mouths, but they do not speak; They have eyes, but they do not see;
¹⁷They have ears, but they do not hear, Nor do they have any breath at all in their
mouths.
¹⁸Those who make them will resemble them, Yes, everyone who trusts in them.
¹⁹O house of Israel, bless the LORD; O house of Aaron, bless the LORD;
²⁰O house of Levi, bless the LORD; You who revere the LORD, bless the LORD.
²¹We bless the LORD from Zion, Who dwells in Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 136

NASB E-Prime DFM

Thanks for the LORD'S Goodness to Israel.

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for He radiates goodness, For His lovingkindness lasts forever.
² Give thanks to the God of gods, For His lovingkindness lasts forever.
³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords, For His lovingkindness lasts forever.
⁴ To Him who alone does great wonders, For His lovingkindness lasts forever;
⁵ To Him who made the heavens with skill, For His lovingkindness lasts forever;
⁶ To Him who spread out the earth above the waters, For His lovingkindness lasts forever;
⁷ To Him who made the great lights, For His lovingkindness lasts forever:
⁸ The sun to rule by day, For His lovingkindness lasts forever,
⁹ The moon and stars to rule by night, For His lovingkindness lasts forever.
¹⁰ To Him who smote the Egyptians in their firstborn, For His lovingkindness lasts forever,

¹¹And brought Israel out from their midst, For His lovingkindness lasts forever,
¹²With a strong hand and an outstretched arm, For His lovingkindness lasts forever.
¹³To Him who divided the Red Sea asunder, For His lovingkindness lasts forever,
¹⁴And made Israel pass through the midst of it, For His lovingkindness lasts forever;
¹⁵But He overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, For His lovingkindness lasts forever.
¹⁶To Him who led His people through the wilderness, For His lovingkindness lasts forever;
¹⁷To Him who smote great kings, For His lovingkindness lasts forever,
¹⁸And slew mighty kings, For His lovingkindness lasts forever:
¹⁹Sihon, king of the Amorites, For His lovingkindness lasts forever,
²⁰And Og, king of Bashan, For His lovingkindness lasts forever,
²¹And gave their land as a heritage, For His lovingkindness lasts forever,
²²Even a heritage to Israel His servant, For His lovingkindness lasts forever.
²³Who remembered us in our low estate, For His lovingkindness lasts forever,
²⁴And has rescued us from our adversaries, For His lovingkindness lasts forever;
²⁵Who gives food to all flesh, For His lovingkindness lasts forever.
²⁶Give thanks to the God of heaven, For His lovingkindness lasts forever.

Psalm 137

NASB E-Prime DFM

An Experience of the Captivity.

¹By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat down and wept, When we remembered Zion.
²Upon the willows in the midst of it We hung our harps.
³For there our captors demanded of us songs, And our tormentors mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
⁴How can we sing the LORD'S song In a foreign land?
⁵If I forget you, O Jerusalem, May my right hand forget her skill.
⁶May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth If I do not remember you, If I do not exalt Jerusalem Above my chief joy.
⁷Remember, O LORD, against the sons of Edom The day of Jerusalem, Who said, "Raze it, raze it To its very foundation."
⁸O daughter of Babylon, you devastated one, How You will bless the one who repays you With the recompense with which you have repaid us.
⁹How You will bless the one who seizes and dashes your little ones Against the rock.

Psalm 138

NASB E-Prime DFM

Thanksgiving for the LORD'S Favor.

A Psalm of David.

¹ I will give You thanks with all my heart; I will sing praises to You before the gods.

² I will bow down toward Your holy temple And give thanks to Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name.

³ On the day I called, You answered me; You made me bold with strength in my soul.

⁴ All the kings of the earth will give thanks to You, O LORD, When they have heard the words of Your mouth.

⁵ And they will sing of the ways of the LORD, For great we regard the glory of the LORD.

⁶ For though we exalt the LORD, Yet He regards the lowly, But the haughty He knows from afar.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me.

⁸ The LORD will accomplish what concerns me; Your lovingkindness, O LORD, lasts forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

Psalm 139

NASB E-Prime DFM

God's Omnipresence and Omniscience.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹ O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar.

³ You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And you have become intimately acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word exists on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, You know it all.

⁵ You have enclosed me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge seems too wonderful for me; It seems too high, I cannot attain to it.

⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

⁸ If I ascend to heaven, You dwell there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You dwell there.

⁹ If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,

¹⁰ Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me.

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, And the light around me will seem equivalent to night,"

¹²Even the darkness does not seem dark to You, And the night shines as bright as the day
Darkness and light You regard as equivalent.

¹³For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I will give thanks to You, for You have fearfully and wonderfully made me; We regard Your works as wonderful, And my soul knows it very well.

¹⁵I cannot hide my frame from You, When You made me in secret, And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;

¹⁶Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book You wrote all the details
The days that you ordained for me, When as yet they had not occurred.

¹⁷How precious I regard Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast have they totalled!

¹⁸If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand When I awake, I still reside with You.

¹⁹O that You would slay the wicked, O God; Depart from me, therefore, men of bloodshed.

²⁰For they speak against You wickedly, And Your enemies take Your name in vain.

²¹Do I not hate those who hate You, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?

²²I hate them with the utmost hatred; They have become my enemies.

²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts;

²⁴And see if any hurtful way exists in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.

Psalm 140

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Protection against the Wicked.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹Rescue me, O LORD, from evil men; Preserve me from violent men

²Who devise evil things in their hearts; They continually stir up wars.

³They sharpen their tongues as a serpent; Poison of a viper lurks under their lips. Selah.

⁴Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; Preserve me from violent men Who have purposed to trip up my feet.

⁵The proud have hidden a trap for me, and cords; They have spread a net by the wayside; They have set snares for me. Selah.

⁶I said to the LORD, "I acknowledge you as my God; Give ear, O LORD, to the voice of my supplications.

⁷"O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of

battle.

⁸"Do not grant, O LORD, the desires of the wicked; Do not promote his evil device, that they may not feel exalted. Selah.

⁹"As for the head of those who surround me, May the mischief of their lips cover them.

¹⁰"May burning coals fall upon them; May You cast them into the fire, Into deep pits from which they cannot rise.

¹¹"May a slanderer not remain in the earth; May evil hunt the violent man speedily."

¹²I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted And justice for the poor.

¹³Surely the righteous will give thanks to Your name; The upright will dwell in Your presence.

Psalm 141

NASB E-Prime DFM

An Evening Prayer for Sanctification and Protection.

A Psalm of David.

¹O LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to You!

²May You count my prayer as incense before You; The lifting up of my hands as the evening offering.

³Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

⁴Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, To practice deeds of wickedness With men who do iniquity; And do not let me eat of their delicacies.

⁵Let the righteous smite me in kindness and reprove me; It seems like oil upon the head; Do not let my head refuse it, For still I pray against their wicked deeds.

⁶You throw their judges down by the sides of the rock, And they hear my words, for they seem pleasant.

⁷As when one plows and breaks open the earth, Our bones have become scattered at the mouth of Sheol.

⁸For my eyes fix on You, O GOD, the Lord; In You I take refuge; do not leave me defenseless.

⁹Keep me from the jaws of the trap which they have set for me, And from the snares of those who do iniquity.

¹⁰Let the wicked fall into their own nets, While I pass by safely.

Psalm 142

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Help in Trouble.

Maskil of David, when he was in the cave. A Prayer.

¹I cry aloud with my voice to the LORD; I make supplication with my voice to the LORD.

²I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare my trouble before Him.

³When my spirit felt overwhelmed within me, You knew my path In the way where I walk They have hidden a trap for me.

⁴Look to the right and see; For no one who regards me; There appears no escape for me; No one cares for my soul.

⁵I cried out to You, O LORD; I said, "I consider you my refuge, My portion in the land of the living.

⁶" Give heed to my cry, For I have fallen very low; Deliver me from my persecutors, For they seem too strong for me.

⁷" Bring my soul out of prison, So that I may give thanks to Your name; The righteous will surround me, For You will deal bountifully with me."

Psalm 143

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Deliverance and Guidance.

A Psalm of David.

¹Hear my prayer, O LORD, Give ear to my supplications! Answer me in Your faithfulness, in Your righteousness!

²And do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no man living acts righteously.

³For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in dark places, like those who have long died.

⁴Therefore my spirit feels overwhelmed within me; My heart feels appalled within me.

⁵I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your doings; I muse on the work of Your hands.

⁶I stretch out my hands to You; My soul longs for You, as a parched land. Selah.

⁷ Answer me quickly, O LORD, my spirit fails; Do not hide Your face from me, Or I will become like those who go down to the pit.

⁸Let me hear Your lovingkindness in the morning; For I trust in You; Teach me the way in which I should walk; For to You I lift up my soul.

⁹Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies; I take refuge in You.

¹⁰ Teach me to do Your will, For I acknowledge You as my God; Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

¹¹ For the sake of Your name, O LORD, revive me In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.

¹² And in Your lovingkindness, cut off my enemies And destroy all those who afflict my soul, For I regard myself as Your servant.

Psalm 144

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Rescue and Prosperity.

A Psalm of David.

¹ I bless the LORD, my rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle;

² My lovingkindness and my fortress, My stronghold and my deliverer, My shield and He in whom I take refuge, Who subdues my people under me.

³ O LORD, why do You take knowledge of man? Or the son of man, that You think of him?

⁴ Man resembles a mere breath; His days resemble a passing shadow.

⁵ Bow Your heavens, O LORD, and come down; Touch the mountains, that they may smoke.

⁶ Flash forth lightning and scatter them; Send out Your arrows and confuse them.

⁷ Stretch forth Your hand from on high; Rescue me and deliver me out of great waters, Out of the hand of aliens

⁸ Whose mouths speak deceit, And whose right hand shows falsehood.

⁹ I will sing a new song to You, O God; Upon a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You,

¹⁰ Who gives salvation to kings, Who rescues David His servant from the evil sword.

¹¹ Rescue me and deliver me out of the hand of aliens, Whose mouth speaks deceit And whose right hand shows falsehood.

¹² Let our sons in their youth resemble grown-up plants, And our daughters as corner pillars fashioned as for a palace;

¹³ Fill our garners I, furnishing every kind of produce, And our flocks bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields;

¹⁴ Let our cattle bear Without mishap and without loss, Let no outcry occur in our streets!

¹⁵ How God blesses the people who have become so situated; How God blesses the people who regard Him as the LORD!

Psalm 145

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD Extolled for His Goodness.

A Psalm of Praise, of David.

¹I will extol You, my God, O King, And I will bless Your name forever and ever.

²Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever.

³We acknowledge the LORD as Great and highly praiseworthy, And His greatness we cannot search.

⁴One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts.

⁵On the glorious splendor of Your majesty And on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.

⁶Men shall speak of the power of Your awesome acts, And I will tell of Your greatness.

⁷They shall eagerly utter the memory of Your abundant goodness And will shout joyfully of Your righteousness.

⁸The LORD shows graciousness and mercy; Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.

⁹The LORD does good to all, And His mercies extend over all His works.

¹⁰All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, And Your godly ones shall bless You.

¹¹They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom And talk of Your power;

¹²To make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts And the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom lasts forever, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

¹⁴The LORD sustains all who fall And raises up all who fall down.

¹⁵The eyes of all look to You, And You give them their food in due time.

¹⁶You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷The LORD acts righteously in all His ways And kind in all His deeds.

¹⁸The LORD remains near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

¹⁹He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will also hear their cry and will save them.

²⁰The LORD keeps all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy.

²¹My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, And all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.

Psalm 146

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The LORD an Abundant Helper.

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD while I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Do not trust in princes, In mortal man, in whom no salvation exists.

⁴His spirit departs, he returns to the earth; In that very day his thoughts perish.

⁵How He blesses those who trusts the God of Jacob, Who hopes in the LORD his God,

⁶Who made heaven and earth, The sea and all that lives in them; Who keeps faith forever;

⁷Who executes justice for the oppressed; Who gives food to the hungry The LORD sets the prisoners free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; The LORD raises up those who have become bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous;

⁹The LORD protects the strangers; He supports the fatherless and the widow, But He thwarts the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever, Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 147

NASB E-Prime DFM

Praise for Jerusalem's Restoration and Prosperity.

¹Praise the LORD! For it seems good to sing praises to our God; For it feels pleasant and praise seems becoming.

²The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds.

⁴He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them.

⁵We regard our Lord as great and abundant in strength; His understanding extends to infinity.

⁶The LORD supports the afflicted; He brings down the wicked to the ground.

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praises to our God on the lyre,

⁸Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who provides rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains.

⁹He gives to the beast its food, And to the young ravens which cry.

¹⁰He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He does not take pleasure in the legs of a man.

¹¹The LORD favors those who fear Him, Those who wait for His lovingkindness.
¹²Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
¹³For He has strengthened the bars of your gates; He has blessed your sons within you.
¹⁴He makes peace in your borders; He satisfies you with the finest of the wheat.
¹⁵He sends forth His command to the earth; His word runs very swiftly.
¹⁶He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes.
¹⁷He casts forth His ice as fragments; Who can stand before His cold?
¹⁸He sends forth His word and melts them; He causes His wind to blow and the waters to flow.
¹⁹He declares His words to Jacob, His statutes and His ordinances to Israel.
²⁰He has not dealt thus with any nation; And as for His ordinances, they have not known them. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 148

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The Whole Creation Invoked to Praise the LORD.

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights!
²Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!
³Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all stars of light!
⁴Praise Him, highest heavens, And the waters that appear above the heavens!
⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and created them.
⁶He has also established them forever and ever; He has made a decree which will not pass away.
⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, Sea monsters and all deeps;
⁸Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;
⁹Mountains and all hills; Fruit trees and all cedars;
¹⁰Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and winged fowl;
¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth;
¹²Both young men and virgins; Old men and children.
¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, For We exalt His name alone; His glory rises above earth and heaven.
¹⁴And He has lifted up a horn for His people, Praise for all His godly ones; Even for the sons of Israel, a people near to Him. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 149

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Israel Invoked to Praise the LORD.

¹Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, And His praise in the congregation of the godly ones.

²Let Israel show gladness in his Maker; Let the sons of Zion rejoice in their King.

³Let them praise His name with dancing; Let them sing praises to Him with timbrel and lyre.

⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the afflicted ones with salvation.

⁵Let the godly ones exult in glory; Let them sing for joy on their beds.

⁶Let the high praises of God resound in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand,

⁷To execute vengeance on the nations And punishment on the peoples,

⁸To bind their kings with chains And their nobles with fetters of iron,

⁹To execute on them the judgment written; This constitutes an honor for all His godly ones. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 150

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A Psalm of Praise.

¹Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty expanse.

²Praise Him for His mighty deeds; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

³Praise Him with trumpet sound; Praise Him with harp and lyre.

⁴Praise Him with timbrel and dancing; Praise Him with stringed instruments and pipe.

⁵Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with resounding cymbals.

⁶Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!

Proverbs 1 -31

Rendered into E-Prime by Dr. David F. Maas

The Usefulness of Proverbs

- ¹The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:
²To know wisdom and instruction,
 To discern the sayings of understanding,
³To receive instruction in wise behavior,
 Righteousness, justice and equity;
⁴To give prudence to the naive,
 To the youth knowledge and discretion,
⁵A wise man will hear and increase in learning,
 And a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel,
⁶To understand a proverb and a figure,
 The words of the wise and their riddles.
⁷When people fear of the LORD, they begin to receive knowledge;
 Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

The Enticement of Sinners

- ⁸Hear, my son, your father's instruction
 And do not forsake your mother's teaching;
⁹Indeed, they will seem like a graceful wreath to your head
 And ornaments about your neck.
¹⁰My son, if sinners entice you,
 Do not consent.
¹¹If they say, "Come with us,
 Let us lie in wait for blood,
 Let us ambush the innocent without cause;
¹²Let us swallow them alive like Sheol,
 Even whole, as those who go down to the pit;
¹³We will find all kinds of precious wealth,
 We will fill our houses with spoil;
¹⁴Throw in your lot with us,
 We shall all have one purse,"
¹⁵My son, do not walk in the way with them
 Keep your feet from their path,
¹⁶For their feet run to evil
 And they hasten to shed blood.
¹⁷Indeed, they would find it useless to spread the baited net
 In the sight of any bird;
¹⁸But they lie in wait for their own blood;
 They ambush their own lives.

¹⁹Those who practice the ways of attaining gains by violence will discover that it takes away the life of its possessors.

Wisdom Warns

²⁰Wisdom shouts in the street,
She lifts her voice in the square;
²¹At the head of the noisy streets she cries out;
At the entrance of the gates in the city she utters her sayings:
²²"How long, O naive ones, will you love acting simple-minded?
And scoffers delight themselves in scoffing
And fools hate knowledge?
²³"Turn to my reproof,
Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you;
I will make my words known to you.
²⁴"Because I called and you refused,
I stretched out my hand and no one paid attention;
²⁵And you neglected all my counsel
And did not want my reproof;
²⁶I will also laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when your dread comes,
²⁷When your dread comes like a storm
And your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
When distress and anguish come upon you.
²⁸"Then they will call on me, but I will not answer;
They will seek me diligently but they will not find me,
²⁹Because they hated knowledge
And did not choose the fear of the LORD.
³⁰"They would not accept my counsel,
They spurned all my reproof.
³¹"So they shall eat of the fruit of their own way
And become satiated with their own devices.
³²"For the waywardness of the naive will kill them,
And the complacency of fools will destroy them.
³³"But he who listens to me shall live securely
And will dwell at ease from the dread of evil."

Proverbs 2

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The Pursuit of Wisdom Brings Security

- ¹My son, if you will receive my words
And treasure my commandments within you,
²Make your ear attentive to wisdom,
Incline your heart to understanding;
³For if you cry for discernment,
Lift your voice for understanding;
⁴If you seek her as silver
And search for her as for hidden treasures;
⁵Then you will discern the fear of the LORD
And discover the knowledge of God.
⁶For the LORD gives wisdom;
From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.
⁷He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
He resembles a shield to those who walk in integrity,
⁸Guarding the paths of justice,
And He preserves the way of His godly ones.
⁹Then you will discern righteousness and justice
And equity and every good course.
¹⁰For wisdom will enter your heart
And knowledge will seem pleasant to your soul;
¹¹Discretion will guard you,
Understanding will watch over you,
¹²To deliver you from the way of evil,
From the man who speaks perverse things;
¹³From those who leave the paths of uprightness
To walk in the ways of darkness;
¹⁴Who delight in doing evil
And rejoice in the perversity of evil;
¹⁵Whose paths have become crooked,
And who act deviously in their ways;
¹⁶To deliver you from the strange woman,
From the adulteress who flatters with her words;
¹⁷That leaves the companion of her youth

And forgets the covenant of her God;
¹⁸For her house sinks down to death
And her tracks lead to the dead;
¹⁹None who go to her return again,
Nor do they reach the paths of life.
²⁰So you will walk in the way of good men
And keep to the paths of the righteous.
²¹For the upright will live in the land
And the blameless will remain in it;
²²But God will cut the wicked off from the land
And will uproot the treacherous from it.

Proverbs 3

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The Rewards of Wisdom

¹My son, do not forget my teaching,
But let your heart keep my commandments;
²For length of days and years of life
And peace they will add to you.
³Do not let kindness and truth leave you;
Bind them around your neck,
Write them on the tablet of your heart.
⁴So you will find favor and good repute
In the sight of God and man.
⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding.
⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight.
⁷Do not think yourself wise in your own eyes;
Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.
⁸It will provide healing to your body
And refreshment to your bones.
⁹Honor the LORD from your wealth
And from the first of all your produce;
¹⁰So the Lord will fill your barns with plenty
And your vats will overflow with new wine.
¹¹My son, do not reject the discipline of the LORD
Or loathe His reproof,
¹²For whom the LORD loves He reproves,
Even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights.

¹³The Lord blesses the man who finds wisdom
And the man who gains understanding.
¹⁴For her profit yields more than the profit of silver
And her gain better than fine gold.
¹⁵She has more value than jewels;
And nothing you desire compares with her.
¹⁶Long life rests in her right hand;
In her left hand reside riches and honor.
¹⁷Her ways have a pleasant aspect
And all her paths lead to peace.
¹⁸She resembles a tree of life to those who take hold of her,
And happiness attain all who hold her fast.
¹⁹The LORD by wisdom founded the earth,
By understanding He established the heavens.
²⁰By His knowledge He broke up the deeps
And the skies drip with dew.
²¹My son, let them not vanish from your sight;
Keep sound wisdom and discretion,
²²So they will bring life to your soul
And adornment to your neck.
²³Then you will walk in your way securely
And your foot will not stumble.
²⁴When you lie down, you will not have fear;
When you lie down, you will sleep sweetly.
²⁵Do not have sudden fear
Nor of the onslaught of the wicked when it comes;
²⁶For the LORD will serve as your confidence
And will keep your foot from entrapment.
²⁷Do not withhold good from those to whom you owe it,
When you have the power to do it.
²⁸Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back,
And tomorrow I will give it,"
When you have it with you.
²⁹Do not devise harm against your neighbor,
While he lives securely beside you.
³⁰Do not contend with a man without cause,
If he has done you no harm.
³¹Do not envy a man of violence
And do not choose any of his ways.
³²For those who behave deviously have become an abomination to the LORD;
But He desires intimacy with the upright.
³³The curse of the LORD lands on the house of the wicked,
But He blesses the dwelling of the righteous.
³⁴Though He scoffs at the scoffers,
Yet He gives grace to the afflicted.

³⁵ The wise will inherit honor,
But fools display dishonor.

Proverbs 4

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A Father's Instruction

¹Hear, O sons, the instruction of a father,
And give attention that you may gain understanding,
²For I give you sound teaching;
Do not abandon my instruction.
³As a young son to my father,
Tender and the only son in the sight of my mother,
⁴Then he taught me and said to me,
"Let your heart hold fast my words;
Keep my commandments and live;
⁵Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding!
Do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth.
⁶"Do not forsake her, and she will guard you;
Love her, and she will watch over you.
⁷"The beginning of wisdom consists of acquiring wisdom;
And with all your acquiring, get understanding.
⁸"Prize her, and she will exalt you;
She will honor you if you embrace her.
⁹"She will place on your head a garland of grace;
She will present you with a crown of beauty."
¹⁰Hear, my son, and accept my sayings
And the years of your life will greatly increase.
¹¹I have directed you in the way of wisdom;
I have led you in upright paths.
¹²When you walk, your steps will not have threats of any impediments;
And if you run, you will not stumble.
¹³Take hold of instruction; do not let go
Guard her, for she will guard your life.
¹⁴Do not enter the path of the wicked
And do not proceed in the way of evil men.
¹⁵Avoid it, do not pass by it;
Turn away from it and pass on.
¹⁶For they cannot sleep unless they do evil;
And they become robbed of sleep unless they make someone stumble.
¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness
And drink the wine of violence.

¹⁸But the path of the righteous resembles the light of dawn,
That shines brighter and brighter until the full day.
¹⁹The way of the wicked resembles darkness;
They do not know over what they stumble.
²⁰My son, give attention to my words;
Incline your ear to my sayings.
²¹Do not let them depart from your sight;
Keep them in the midst of your heart.
²²For they bring life to those who find them
And health to all their body.
²³Watch over your heart with all diligence,
For from it flow the springs of life.
²⁴Put away from you a deceitful mouth
And put devious speech far from you.
²⁵Let your eyes look directly ahead
And let your gaze fix straight in front of you.
²⁶Watch the path of your feet
And all your ways will find security.
²⁷Do not turn to the right nor to the left;
Turn your foot from evil.

Proverbs 5

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Pitfalls of Immorality

¹My son, give attention to my wisdom,
Incline your ear to my understanding;
²That you may observe discretion
And your lips may reserve knowledge.
³For the lips of an adulteress drip honey
And smoother than oil seems her speech;
⁴But in the end she will become bitter as wormwood,
Sharp as a two-edged sword.
⁵Her feet go down to death,
Her steps take hold of Sheol.
⁶She does not ponder the path of life;
Her ways prove unstable, she does not know it.
⁷Now then, my sons, listen to me
And do not depart from the words of my mouth.
⁸Keep your way far from her
And do not go near the door of her house,

⁹Or you will give your vigor to others
And your years to the cruel one;
¹⁰And strangers will consume your strength
And your hard-earned goods will go to the house of an alien;
¹¹And you groan at your final end,
When your flesh and your body have become consumed;
¹²And you say, "How I have hated instruction!
And my heart spurned reproof!
¹³"I have not listened to the voice of my teachers,
Nor inclined my ear to my instructors!
¹⁴"I almost ruined myself utterly
In the midst of the assembly and congregation."
¹⁵Drink water from your own cistern
And fresh water from your own well.
¹⁶Should your springs disperse abroad,
Streams of water in the streets?
¹⁷Make them yours alone
And not for strangers with you.
¹⁸Let your fountain receive blessings,
And rejoice in the wife of your youth.
¹⁹As a loving hind and a graceful doe,
Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;
Have exhilaration always with her love.
²⁰For why should you, my son, become enraptured with an adulteress
And embrace the bosom of a foreigner?
²¹For the ways of a man present themselves before the eyes of the LORD,
And He watches all his paths.
²²His own iniquities will capture the wicked,
And he will ensnare himself with the cords of his sin.
²³He will die for lack of instruction,
And in the greatness of his folly he will go astray.

Proverbs 6

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Parental Counsel

- ¹My son, if you have become surety for your neighbor,
Have given a pledge for a stranger,
- ²If you have snared yourself with the words of your mouth,
Have ensnared yourself with the words of your mouth,
- ³Do this then, my son, and deliver yourself;
Since you have come into the hand of your neighbor,
Go, humble yourself, and importune your neighbor.
- ⁴Give no sleep to your eyes,
Nor slumber to your eyelids;
- ⁵Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hunter's hand
And like a bird from the hand of the fowler.
- ⁶Go to the ant, O sluggard,
Observe her ways and receive wisdom,
- ⁷Which, having no chief,
Officer or ruler,
- ⁸Prepares her food in the summer
And gathers her provision in the harvest.
- ⁹How long will you lie down, O sluggard?
When will you arise from your sleep?
- ¹⁰"A little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to rest"--
- ¹¹Your poverty will come in like a vagabond
And your need like an armed man.
- ¹²A worthless person, a wicked man,
walks with a perverse mouth,
- ¹³Who winks with his eyes, who signals with his feet,
Who points with his fingers;
- ¹⁴Who with perversity in his heart continually devises evil,
Who spreads strife.
- ¹⁵Therefore his calamity will come suddenly;
Instantly he will face destruction and no healing will come to him.
- ¹⁶We identify six things which the LORD hates,
Yes, seven which He abhors:
- ¹⁷Haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
And hands that shed innocent blood,
- ¹⁸A heart that devises wicked plans,
Feet that run rapidly to evil,
- ¹⁹A false witness who utters lies,
And one who spreads strife among brothers.
- ²⁰My son, observe the commandment of your father

And do not forsake the teaching of your mother;
²¹ Bind them continually on your heart;
Tie them around your neck.
²² When you walk about, they will guide you;
When you sleep, they will watch over you;
And when you awake, they will talk to you.
²³ For the commandment resembles a lamp and the teaching resembles light;
And reproofs for discipline lead to life
²⁴ To keep you from the evil woman,
From the smooth tongue of the adulteress.
²⁵ Do not desire her beauty in your heart,
Nor let her capture you with her eyelids.
²⁶ For on account of a harlot one reduces himself to a loaf of bread,
And an adulteress hunts for the precious life.
²⁷ Can a man take fire in his bosom
And his clothes not catch on fire?
²⁸ Or can a man walk on hot coals
And his feet not burn?
²⁹ Similarly the one who goes in to his neighbor's wife;
Whoever touches her will not go unpunished.
³⁰ Men do not despise a thief if he steals
To satisfy himself when he hungers;
³¹ But when people discover his theft, he must repay sevenfold;
He must give all the substance of his house.
³² The one who commits adultery with a woman lacks sense;
He who would destroy himself does it.
³³ Wounds and disgrace he will find,
And his reproach will never cease.
³⁴ For jealousy enrages a man,
And he will not spare in the day of vengeance.
³⁵ He will not accept any ransom,
Nor will he relent though you give many gifts.

Proverbs 7

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The Wiles of the Harlot

¹ My son, keep my words
And treasure my commandments within you.
² Keep my commandments and live,
And my teaching as the apple of your eye.
³ Bind them on your fingers;

Write them on the tablet of your heart.
⁴Say to wisdom, "I consider you my sister,"
And call understanding your intimate friend;
⁵That they may keep you from an adulteress,
From the foreigner who flatters with her words.
⁶For at the window of my house
I looked out through my lattice,
⁷And I saw among the naive,
And discerned among the youths
A young man lacking sense,
⁸Passing through the street near her corner;
And he takes the way to her house,
⁹In the twilight, in the evening,
In the middle of the night and in the darkness.
¹⁰And behold, a woman comes to meet him,
Dressed as a harlot and cunning of heart.
¹¹She acts boisterous and rebellious,
Her feet do not remain at home;
¹²She now walks in the streets, now in the squares,
And lurks by every corner.
¹³So she seizes him and kisses him
And with a brazen face she says to him:
¹⁴"I planned to offer peace offerings;
Today I have paid my vows.
¹⁵"Therefore I have come out to meet you,
To seek your presence earnestly, and I have found you.
¹⁶"I have spread my couch with coverings,
With colored linens of Egypt.
¹⁷"I have sprinkled my bed
With myrrh, aloes and cinnamon.
¹⁸"Come, let us drink our fill of love until morning;
Let us delight ourselves with caresses.
¹⁹"For my husband has gone away from home,
He has gone on a long journey;
²⁰He has taken a bag of money with him,
At the full moon he will come home."
²¹With her many persuasions she entices him;
With her flattering lips she seduces him.
²²Suddenly he follows her
As an ox goes to the slaughter,

Or as one in fetters to the discipline of a fool,
²³Until an arrow pierces through his liver;
As a bird hastens to the snare,
So he does not know that it will cost him his life.
²⁴Now therefore, my sons, listen to me,
And pay attention to the words of my mouth.
²⁵Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways,
Do not stray into her paths.
²⁶For many have allowed themselves to become the victims she has cast down,
And numerous have gone to her slaughter.
²⁷Her house locates on the way to Sheol,
Descending to the chambers of death.

Proverbs 8

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The Commendation of Wisdom

¹Does not wisdom call,
And understanding lift up her voice?
²On top of the heights beside the way,
Where the paths meet, she takes her stand;
³Beside the gates, at the opening to the city,
At the entrance of the doors, she cries out:
⁴"To you, O men, I call,
And I extend my voice to the sons of men.
⁵"O naive ones, understand prudence;
And, O fools, understand wisdom.
⁶"Listen, for I will speak noble things;
And the opening of my lips will reveal right things.
⁷"For my mouth will utter truth;
And I consider wickedness an abomination to my lips.
⁸"All the utterances of my mouth I maintain righteousness;
I will allow nothing crooked or perverted in them.
⁹"They all prove straightforward to him who understands,
And right to those who find knowledge.
¹⁰"Take my instruction and not silver,
And knowledge rather than choicest gold.
¹¹"For wisdom proves more valuable than jewels;

And all desirable things cannot compare with her.
12" I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,
And I find knowledge and discretion.
13" The fear of the LORD leads one to hate evil;
Pride and arrogance and the evil way
And the perverted mouth, I hate.
14" Counsel belongs to me and sound wisdom;
I embody understanding, power belongs to me.
15" By me kings reign,
And rulers decree justice.
16" By me princes rule, and nobles,
All who judge rightly.
17" I love those who love me;
And those who diligently seek me will find me.
18" Riches and honor reside with me,
Enduring wealth and righteousness.
19" My fruit has more value than gold, even pure gold,
And my yield better than choicest silver.
20" I walk in the way of righteousness,
In the midst of the paths of justice,
21" To endow those who love me with wealth,
That I may fill their treasuries.
22" The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way,
Before His works of old.
23" From everlasting He established me,
From the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth.
24" When no depths existed He brought me forth,
When no springs abounded with water.
25" Before He settled the mountains,
Before the hills He brought me forth;
26" While He had not yet made the earth and the fields,
Nor the first dust of the world.
27" When He established the heavens, I accompanied Him,
When He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep,
28" When He made firm the skies above,
When the springs of the deep became fixed,
29" When He set for the sea its boundary
So that the water would not transgress His command,
When He marked out the foundations of the earth;
30" Then I stood beside Him, as a master workman;

And He considered me daily His delight,
Rejoicing always before Him,
³¹Rejoicing in the world, His earth,
And having my delight in the sons of men.
³²"Now therefore, O sons, listen to me,
For blessings accrue on those who keep my ways.
³³" Heed instruction and grow in wisdom,
And do not neglect it.
³⁴" The man who listens to me will receive blessings,
Watching daily at my gates,
Waiting at my doorposts.
³⁵"For he who finds me finds life
And obtains favor from the LORD.
³⁶"But he who sins against me injures himself;
All those who hate me love death."

Proverbs 9

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Wisdom's Invitation

¹Wisdom has built her house,
She has hewn out her seven pillars;
²She has prepared her food, she has mixed her wine;
She has also set her table;
³She has sent out her maidens, she calls
From the tops of the heights of the city:
⁴" Whoever acts naively, let him turn in here!"
To him who lacks understanding she says,
⁵"Come, eat of my food
And drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶"Forsake your folly and live,
And proceed in the way of understanding."
⁷He who corrects a scoffer gets dishonor for himself,
And he who reproves a wicked man gets insults for himself.
⁸Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you,
Reprove a wise man and he will love you.
⁹Give instruction to a wise man and he will increase in wisdom,
Teach a righteous man and he will increase his learning.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD begins the process of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One brings understanding.
¹¹For by me your days will multiply,
And years of life will accrue to you.
¹²If you have wisdom, you have wisdom for yourself,
And if you scoff, you alone will bear it.
¹³The woman of folly behaves boisterously,
She behaves naively and knows nothing.
¹⁴She sits at the doorway of her house,
On a seat by the high places of the city,
¹⁵Calling to those who pass by,
Who make their paths straight:
¹⁶"Whoever acts naively, let him turn in here,"
And to him who lacks understanding she says,
¹⁷"Stolen water tastes sweet;
And bread eaten in secret tastes pleasant."
¹⁸But he does not know that the dead reside there,
That her guests fall into the depths of Sheol.

Proverbs 10

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Contrast of the Righteous and the Wicked

¹The proverbs of Solomon
A wise son makes a father glad,
But a foolish son brings grief to his mother.
²Ill-gotten gains do not profit,
But righteousness delivers from death.
³The LORD will not allow the righteous to hunger,
But He will reject the craving of the wicked.
⁴One gets poor who works with a negligent hand,
But the hand of the diligent makes rich.
⁵The son who gathers in summer acts wisely,
But the son who sleeps in harvest acts shamefully.
⁶God blesses the head of the righteous,
But the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
⁷The memory of the righteous remains a blessing,
But the name of the wicked will rot.

⁸The wise of heart will receive commands,
 But a babbling fool will suffer ruin.

⁹He who walks in integrity walks securely,
 But people will soon discover the one who perverts his ways.

¹⁰He who winks the eye causes trouble,
 And a babbling fool will come to ruin.

¹¹The mouth of the righteous resembles a fountain of life,
 But the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.

¹²Hatred stirs up strife,
 But love covers all transgressions.

¹³On the lips of the discerning, we find wisdom ,
 But we use a rod for the back of him who lacks understanding.

¹⁴Wise men store up knowledge,
 But with the mouth of the foolish, ruin comes to fruition.

¹⁵The rich man considers his wealth his fortress,
 The ruin of the poor consists of their poverty.

¹⁶The righteous receive the wages of life,
 The income of the wicked, punishment.

¹⁷He follows on the path of life who heeds instruction,
 But he who ignores reproof goes astray.

¹⁸He who conceals hatred has lying lips,
 And he who spreads slander acts foolishly.

¹⁹When many words abound, transgression seems unavoidable,
 But he who restrains his lips acts wisely wise.

²⁰The tongue of the righteous resembles choice silver,
 The heart of the wicked shows little worth.

²¹The lips of the righteous feed many,
 But fools die for lack of understanding.

²²The blessing of the LORD makes rich,
 And He adds no sorrow to it.

²³Doing wickedness feels like sport to a fool,
 And so does wisdom to a man of understanding.

²⁴What the wicked fears will come upon him,
 But the desire of the righteous will come to him.

²⁵When the whirlwind passes, the wicked exists no more,
 But the righteous has an everlasting foundation.

²⁶The lazy one to those who send him resembles vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes.

²⁷The fear of the LORD prolongs life,
 But the years of the wicked will truncate.

²⁸The hope of the righteous leads to gladness,

- But the expectation of the wicked perishes.
- ²⁹The way of the LORD proves a stronghold to the upright,
But ruin to the workers of iniquity.
- ³⁰The righteous will never feel shaken,
But the wicked will not dwell in the land.
- ³¹The mouth of the righteous flows with wisdom,
But God will cut out the perverted tongue.
- ³²The lips of the righteous bring forth acceptable words,
But the mouth of the wicked perverted words.

Proverbs 11

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Contrast the Upright and the Wicked

- ¹The Lord considers a false balance an abomination,
But considers a just weight His delight.
- ²When pride comes, then comes dishonor,
But with the humble comes wisdom.
- ³The integrity of the upright will guide them,
But the crookedness of the treacherous will destroy them.
- ⁴Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,
But righteousness delivers from death.
- ⁵The righteousness of the blameless will smooth his way,
But the wicked will fall by his own wickedness.
- ⁶The righteousness of the upright will deliver them,
But the treacherous will catch themselves in their own greed.
- ⁷When a wicked man dies, his expectation will perish,
And the hope of strong men perishes.
- ⁸God delivers the righteous from trouble,
But the wicked takes his place.
- ⁹With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor,
But through knowledge the righteous will deliver themselves.
- ¹⁰When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices,
And when the wicked perish, people shout joyfully.
- ¹¹By the blessing of the upright God exalts a city ,
But the mouth of the wicked tears it down.
- ¹²He who despises his neighbor lacks sense,
But a man of understanding keeps silent.

- ¹³He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets,
But he who remains trustworthy conceals a matter.
- ¹⁴Where no one exercises guidance the people fall,
But in abundance of counselors the people find victory.
- ¹⁵He who becomes a guarantor for a stranger will surely suffer for it,
But he who hates entanglements remains secure.
- ¹⁶A gracious woman attains honor,
And ruthless men attain riches.
- ¹⁷The merciful man does himself good,
But the cruel man does himself harm.
- ¹⁸The wicked earns deceptive wages,
But he who sows righteousness gets a true reward.
- ¹⁹He who remains steadfast in righteousness will attain to life,
And he who pursues evil will bring about his own death.
- ²⁰The Lord considers the perverse in heart an abomination,
But the blameless walk in His delight.
- ²¹Assuredly, the evil man will not go unpunished,
But God will deliver the descendants of the righteous.
- ²²A beautiful woman who lacks discretion resembles a ring of gold in a swine's snout.
- ²³The righteous desire only good,
But the wicked expect wrath.
- ²⁴One scatters, and yet increases all the more,
And one withholds what he owes, and yet it results only in want.
- ²⁵The generous man will prosper,
And he who waters will himself receive watering.
- ²⁶He who withholds grain, the people will curse him,
But God bestows blessings on the head of him who sells it.
- ²⁷He who diligently seeks good seeks favor,
But he who seeks evil, evil will come to him.
- ²⁸He who trusts in his riches will fall,
But the righteous will flourish like the green leaf.
- ²⁹He who troubles his own house will inherit wind,
And the foolish will end up the servant to the wisehearted.
- ³⁰The fruit of the righteous comes from the tree of life,
And he who exercises wisdom wins souls.
- ³¹If the righteous will receive a reward in the earth,
How much more the wicked and the sinner!

Proverbs 12

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Contrast the Upright and the Wicked

- ¹Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,
But he who hates reproof acts stupidly.
- ²A good man will obtain favor from the LORD,
But He will condemn a man who devises evil.
- ³A man will not establish himself by wickedness,
But the root of the righteous will not move.
- ⁴An excellent wife resembles a crown to her husband,
But she who shames him resembles rottenness in his bones.
- ⁵The thoughts of the righteous remain just,
But the counsels of the wicked deceive.
- ⁶The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood,
But the mouth of the upright will deliver them.
- ⁷God overthrows the wicked and they exist no more,
But the house of the righteous will stand.
- ⁸A man will receive praise according to his insight,
But one of perverse mind will receive scorn.
- ⁹Of more value seems one who esteems himself lightly and has a servant
Than he who honors himself and lacks bread.
- ¹⁰A righteous man has regard for the life of his animal,
But even the compassion of the wicked seems cruel.
- ¹¹He who tills his land will have plenty of bread,
But he who pursues worthless things lacks sense.
- ¹²The wicked man desires the booty of evil men,
But the root of the righteous yields fruit.
- ¹³An evil man ensnares himself by the transgression of his lips,
But the righteous will escape from trouble.
- ¹⁴A man will receive satisfaction by the fruit of his words,
And the deeds of a man's hands will return to him.
- ¹⁵The way of a fool appears right in his own eyes,
But a wise man listens to counsel.
- ¹⁶A fool displays his anger at once,
But a prudent man conceals dishonor.
- ¹⁷He who speaks truth tells the right thing,
But a false witness, deceit.
- ¹⁸One speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword,

- But the tongue of the wise brings healing.
¹⁹Truthful lips will find permanence,
But a lying tongue lasts only for a moment.
²⁰Deceit resides in the heart of those who devise evil,
But counselors of peace have joy.
²¹No harm befalls the righteous,
But the wicked become filled with trouble.
²²The Lord considers lying lips an abomination,
But regards those who deal faithfully as His delight.
²³A prudent man conceals knowledge,
But the heart of fools proclaims folly.
²⁴The hand of the diligent will rule,
But the slack hand will end up in forced labor.
²⁵Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down,
But a good word makes it glad.
²⁶The righteous guides his neighbor,
But the way of the wicked leads them astray.
²⁷A lazy man does not roast his prey,
But a man's most precious possession consists of diligence.
²⁸The way of righteousness leads to life,
And its pathway does not lead to death.

Proverbs 13

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Contrast the Upright and the Wicked

- ¹A wise son accepts his father's discipline,
But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.
²From the fruit of a man's mouth he enjoys good,
But the treacherous desires violence.
³The one who guards his mouth preserves his life;
The one who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.
⁴The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing,
But the soul of the diligent becomes fat.
⁵A righteous man hates falsehood,
But a wicked man acts disgustingly and shamefully.
⁶Righteousness guards the blameless one,
But wickedness subverts the sinner.

- ⁷One who pretends to have riches, but has nothing;
Another pretends to suffer poverty, but has great wealth.
- ⁸The rich man considers his wealth his ransom,
But the poor hears no rebuke.
- ⁹The light of the righteous rejoices,
But the lamp of the wicked goes out.
- ¹⁰Through insolence comes nothing but strife,
But wisdom stays with those who receive counsel.
- ¹¹Wealth obtained by fraud dwindles,
But the one who gathers by labor increases it.
- ¹²Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
But desire fulfilled resembles a tree of life.
- ¹³The one who despises the word will become indebted to it,
But the one who fears the commandment will receive a reward.
- ¹⁴The teaching of the wise resembles a fountain of life,
To turn aside from the snares of death.
- ¹⁵Good understanding produces favor,
But the way of the treacherous seems hard.
- ¹⁶Every prudent man acts with knowledge,
But a fool displays folly.
- ¹⁷A wicked messenger falls into adversity,
But a faithful envoy brings healing.
- ¹⁸Poverty and shame will come to him who neglects discipline,
But he who regards reproof will receive honor.
- ¹⁹Desire realized tastes sweet to the soul,
But a fool considers it an abomination to turn away from evil.
- ²⁰He who walks with wise men will become wise,
But the companion of fools will suffer harm.
- ²¹Adversity pursues sinners,
But the righteous will receive prosperity as their reward.
- ²²A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children,
And the wealth of the sinner accumulates for the righteous.
- ²³Abundant food rests in the fallow ground of the poor,
But becomes swept away by injustice.
- ²⁴He who withholds his rod hates his son,
But he who loves him disciplines him diligently.
- ²⁵The righteous has enough to satisfy his appetite,
But the stomach of the wicked suffers need.

Proverbs 14

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Contrast the Upright and the Wicked

- ¹The wise woman builds her house,
But the foolish tears it down with her own hands.
- ²He who walks in his uprightness fears the LORD,
But he who acts deviously despises Him.
- ³The mouth of the foolish calls for a rod for his back,
But the lips of the wise will protect them.
- ⁴Where no oxen reside, the manger stays clean,
But much revenue comes by the strength of the ox.
- ⁵A trustworthy witness will not lie,
But a false witness utters lies.
- ⁶A scoffer seeks wisdom and finds none,
But knowledge comes easily to one who has understanding.
- ⁷Leave the presence of a fool,
Or you will not discern words of knowledge.
- ⁸The wisdom of the sensible leads him to understand his way,
But the foolishness of fools leads to deceit.
- ⁹Fools mock at sin,
But among the upright one finds good will.
- ¹⁰The heart knows its own bitterness,
And a stranger does not share its joy.
- ¹¹The house of the wicked will suffer destruction,
But the tent of the upright will flourish.
- ¹²A way seems right to a man,
But its end leads to death.
- ¹³Even in laughter the heart may suffer pain,
And the end of joy may turn into grief.
- ¹⁴The backslider in heart will have his fill of his own ways,
But a good man will find satisfaction with his.
- ¹⁵The naive believes everything,
But the sensible man considers his steps.
- ¹⁶A wise man displays caution and turns away from evil,
But a fool acts arrogantly and carelessly.
- ¹⁷A quick-tempered man acts foolishly,
And people hate a man of evil devices.
- ¹⁸The naive inherit foolishness,

But the sensible receive the crown of knowledge.
¹⁹The evil will bow down before the good,
And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
²⁰The poor receives hatred from his neighbor,
But many love the rich.
²¹He who despises his neighbor sins,
But people find happiness who show graciousness to the poor.
²²Will they not go astray who devise evil?
But kindness and truth will come to those who devise good.
²³In all labor one finds profit,
But mere talk leads only to poverty.
²⁴The crown of the wise consists of their riches,
But the folly of fools consists of their foolishness.
²⁵A truthful witness saves lives,
But he who utters lies acts treacherously.
²⁶In the fear of the LORD one finds strong confidence,
And his children will have refuge.
²⁷The fear of the LORD resembles a fountain of life,
That one may avoid the snares of death.
²⁸In a multitude of people one sees a king's glory,
But in the dearth of people a prince finds his ruin.
²⁹He who shows patience has great understanding,
But he who has a quick-temper exalts folly.
³⁰A tranquil heart gives life to the body,
But passion brings rottenness to the bones.
³¹He who oppresses the poor taunts his Maker,
But he who shows grace to the needy honors Him.
³²The wicked becomes thrust down by his wrongdoing,
But the righteous has a refuge when he dies.
³³Wisdom rests in the heart of one who has understanding,
But the hearts of fools reveals its folly.
³⁴Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin disgraces any people.
³⁵The kings favors a servant who acts wisely,
But displays his anger toward him who acts shamefully.

Proverbs 15

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Contrast the Upright and the Wicked

- ¹A gentle answer turns away wrath,
But a harsh word stirs up anger.
- ²The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable,
But the mouth of fools spouts folly.
- ³The eyes of the LORD move in every place,
Watching the evil and the good.
- ⁴A soothing tongue resembles a tree of life,
But perversion in it crushes the spirit.
- ⁵A fool rejects his father's discipline,
But he who regards reproof acts sensibly.
- ⁶Great wealth comes to the house of the righteous,
But the income of the wicked consists of trouble.
- ⁷The lips of the wise spread knowledge,
But the hearts of fools do not.
- ⁸The Lord regards the sacrifice of the wicked an abomination,
But He delights in prayer of the upright.
- ⁹The Lord regards the way of the wicked as an abomination,
But He loves one who pursues righteousness.
- ¹⁰Grievous punishment will come to him who forsakes the way;
He who hates reproof will die.
- ¹¹Sheol and Abaddon lie open before the LORD,
How much more the hearts of men!
- ¹²A scoffer does not love one who reproves him,
He will not go to the wise.
- ¹³A joyful heart makes a cheerful face,
But when the heart saddens, the spirit breaks.
- ¹⁴The mind of the intelligent seeks knowledge,
But the mouth of fools feeds on folly.
- ¹⁵All the days of the afflicted seem bad,
But a cheerful heart has a continual feast.
- ¹⁶One finds it better with a little accompanied by the fear of the LORD
Than great treasure and turmoil with it.
- ¹⁷Better a dish of vegetables where love resides
Than a fattened ox served with hatred.
- ¹⁸A hot-tempered man stirs up strife,

But the slow to anger calms a dispute.

¹⁹The way of the lazy resembles a hedge of thorns,
But the path of the upright resembles a highway.

²⁰A wise son makes a father glad,
But a foolish man despises his mother.

²¹Folly seems joyful to him who lacks sense,
But a man of understanding walks straight.

²²Without consultation, plans end up frustrated,
But with many counselors they succeed.

²³A man has joy in an apt answer,
And how delightful in giving a timely word!

²⁴The path of life leads upward for the wise
That he may keep away from Sheol below.

²⁵The LORD will tear down the house of the proud,
But He will establish the boundary of the widow.

²⁶The Lord considers the plans of the evil man an abomination

But regards pleasant words as pure.

²⁷He who profits illicitly troubles his own house,
But he who hates bribes will live.

²⁸The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer,
But the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

²⁹The LORD stays far from the wicked,
But He hears the prayer of the righteous.

³⁰Bright eyes gladden the heart;
Good news puts fat on the bones.

³¹He whose ear listens to the life-giving reproof
Will dwell among the wise.

³²He who neglects discipline despises himself,
But he who listens to reproof acquires understanding.

³³The fear of the LORD brings the instruction for wisdom,
And before honor comes humility.

Proverbs 16

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Contrast the Upright and the Wicked

- ¹The plans of the heart belong to man,
But the answer of the tongue come from the LORD.
- ²All the ways of a man appear clean in his own sight,
But the LORD weighs the motives.
- ³Commit your works to the LORD
And you will establish your plans.
- ⁴The LORD has made everything for its own purpose,
Even the wicked for the day of evil.
- ⁵Everyone who feels proud in heart becomes an abomination to the LORD;
Assuredly, he will not avoid punishment.
- ⁶By lovingkindness and truth iniquity becomes atoned for,
And by the fear of the LORD one keeps away from evil.
- ⁷When a man's ways please to the LORD,
He makes even his enemies to remain at peace with him.
- ⁸Better a little with righteousness
Than great income with injustice.
- ⁹The mind of man plans his way,
But the LORD directs his steps.
- ¹⁰A divine decision rests in the lips of the king;
His mouth should not err in judgment.
- ¹¹A just balance and scales belong to the LORD;
All the weights of the bag concern Him.
- ¹²A king acts abominably when he commits wicked acts,
For a throne becomes established on righteousness.
- ¹³Righteous lips delight the kings,
And he who speaks rightly receives love.
- ¹⁴The fury of a king resembles messengers of death,
But a wise man will appease it.
- ¹⁵In the light of a king's face glows life,
And his favor resembles a cloud with the spring rain.
- ¹⁶We find it preferable to get wisdom than gold!
And choosing understanding we find preferable to silver.
- ¹⁷The highway of the upright departs from evil;
He who watches his way preserves his life.
- ¹⁸Pride goes before destruction,

And a haughty spirit before stumbling.
¹⁹ We should prefer humbleness in spirit with the lowly
Than to divide the spoil with the proud.
²⁰ He who gives attention to the word will find good,
And blessings will come to he who trusts in the LORD.
²¹ The wise in heart will receive understanding,
And sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness.
²² Understanding resembles a fountain of life to one who has it,
But the discipline of fools results in folly.
²³ The heart of the wise instructs his mouth
And adds persuasiveness to his lips.
²⁴ Pleasant words resemble a honeycomb,
Sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.
²⁵ We find a way which seems right to a man,
But it ends in death.
²⁶ A worker's appetite works for him,
For his hunger urges him on.
²⁷ A worthless man digs up evil,
While his words resemble a scorching fire.
²⁸ A perverse man spreads strife,
And a slanderer separates intimate friends.
²⁹ A man of violence entices his neighbor
And leads him in a way that does not produce good.
³⁰ He who winks his eyes does so to devise perverse things;
He who compresses his lips brings evil to pass.
³¹ A gray head constitutes a crown of glory;
if it results from the way of righteousness.
³² He who rises slowly to anger has more value than the mighty,
And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.
³³ The lot becomes cast into the lap,
But its every decision comes from the LORD.

Proverbs 17

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Contrast the Upright and the Wicked

- ¹We find a dry morsel and quietness with it more preferable
Than a house full of feasting with strife.
- ²A servant who acts wisely will rule over a son who acts shamefully,
And will share in the inheritance among brothers.
- ³The refining pot processes silver and the furnace refines gold,
But the LORD tests hearts.
- ⁴An evildoer listens to wicked lips;
A liar pays attention to a destructive tongue.
- ⁵He who mocks the poor taunts his Maker;
He who rejoices at calamity will not go unpunished.
- ⁶Old men consider grandchildren their crown,
And sons find glory in their fathers.
- ⁷Excellent speech does not befit a fool,
Much less when a prince lies.
- ⁸A bribe serves as a charm in the sight of its owner;
Wherever he turns, he prospers.
- ⁹He who conceals a transgression seeks love,
But he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends.
- ¹⁰A rebuke goes deeper into one who has understanding
Than a hundred blows into a fool.
- ¹¹A rebellious man seeks only evil,
So a cruel messenger will come against him.
- ¹²Let a man meet a bear robbed of her cubs,
Rather than a fool in his folly.
- ¹³He who returns evil for good,
Evil will not depart from his house.
- ¹⁴The beginning of strife resembles letting out water,
So abandon the quarrel before it breaks out.
- ¹⁵He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous,
Both of them alike will appear as an abomination to the LORD.
- ¹⁶Why do you put money in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom,
When he has no sense?
- ¹⁷A friend loves at all times,
And a brother seems designed for adversity.
- ¹⁸A man lacking in sense pledges

And becomes guarantor in the presence of his neighbor.

- ¹⁹He who loves transgression loves strife;
He who raises his door seeks destruction.
- ²⁰He who has a crooked mind finds no good,
And he who uses perverted language falls into evil.
- ²¹He who sires a fool does so to his sorrow,
And the father of a fool has no joy.
- ²²A joyful heart works like good medicine,
But a broken spirit dries up the bones.
- ²³A wicked man receives a bribe from the bosom
To pervert the ways of justice.
- ²⁴Wisdom emanates from the presence of the one who has understanding,
But the eyes of a fool move to the ends of the earth.
- ²⁵A foolish son brings grief to his father
And bitterness to her who bore him.
- ²⁶It also does no good to fine the righteous,
Nor to strike the noble for their uprightness.
- ²⁷He who restrains his words has knowledge,
And he who has a cool spirit reveals himself as a man of understanding.
- ²⁸Even a fool, when he keeps silent, people consider wise;
When he closes his lips, people consider him prudent.

Proverbs 18

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Contrast the Upright and the Wicked

- ¹He who separates himself seeks his own desire,
He quarrels against all sound wisdom.
- ²A fool does not delight in understanding,
But only in revealing his own mind.
- ³When a wicked man comes, contempt also comes,
And with dishonor comes scorn.
- ⁴The words of a man's mouth resemble deep waters;
The fountain of wisdom resembles a bubbling brook.
- ⁵To show partiality to the wicked does not bode well,
Nor to thrust aside the righteous in judgment.
- ⁶A fool's lips bring strife,
And his mouth calls for blows.

⁷A fool's mouth brings his ruin,
And his lips snare his soul.

⁸The words of a whisperer resemble dainty morsels,
And they go down into the innermost parts of the body.

⁹He also who works with slackness
makes himself a brother to him who destroys.

¹⁰The name of the LORD serves as a strong tower;
The righteous runs into it and finds safety.

¹¹A rich man considers wealth his strong city,
And like a high wall in his own imagination.

¹²Before destruction the heart of man becomes haughty,
But humility goes before honor.

¹³He who gives an answer before he hears,
It becomes folly and shame to him.

¹⁴The spirit of a man can endure his sickness,
But as for a broken spirit who can bear it?

¹⁵The mind of the prudent acquires knowledge,
And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

¹⁶A man's gift makes room for him
And brings him before great men.

¹⁷The first to plead his case seems right,
Until another comes and examines him.

¹⁸The cast lot puts an end to strife
And decides between the mighty ones.

¹⁹We find a brother offended harder to win than a strong city,
And contentions resemble the bars of a citadel.

²⁰With the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach will find satisfaction;
He will find satisfaction in the product of his lips.

²¹Death and life reside in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit.

²²He who finds a wife finds a good thing
And obtains favor from the LORD.

²³The poor man utters supplications,
But the rich man answers roughly.

²⁴A man of too many friends comes to ruin,
But one finds a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 19

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On Life and Conduct

- ¹ We consider a poor man who walks in his integrity
more preferable than one perverse in speech and acting like a fool.
- ² Also we do not find it good for a person to act without knowledge,
And he who hurries his footsteps errs.
- ³ The foolishness of man ruins his way,
And his heart rages against the LORD.
- ⁴ Wealth adds many friends,
But a poor man becomes separated from his friend.
- ⁵ A false witness will not go unpunished,
And he who tells lies will not escape.
- ⁶ Many will seek the favor of a generous man,
And every man wants to befriend him who gives gifts.
- ⁷ All the brothers of a poor man hate him;
How much more do his friends abandon him!
He pursues them with words, but they disappear.
- ⁸ He who gets wisdom loves his own soul;
He who keeps understanding will find good.
- ⁹ A false witness will not go unpunished,
And he who tells lies will perish.
- ¹⁰ Luxury does not befit a fool;
Much less for a slave to rule over princes.
- ¹¹ A man's discretion makes him slow to anger,
And a king finds it glorious to overlook a transgression.
- ¹² The king's wrath resembles the roaring of a lion,
But his favor resembles dew on the grass.
- ¹³ A foolish son brings destruction to his father,
And the contentions of a wife seem like a constant dripping.
- ¹⁴ House and wealth come as an inheritance from fathers,
But a prudent wife comes from the LORD.
- ¹⁵ Laziness casts into a deep sleep,
And an idle man will suffer hunger.
- ¹⁶ He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul,
But he who acts carelessly will die.
- ¹⁷ One who shows graciousness to a poor man lends to the LORD,
And He will repay him for his good deed.
- ¹⁸ Discipline your son while you have hope
And do not desire his death.
- ¹⁹ A man of great anger will bear the penalty,
For if you rescue him, you will only have to do it again.
- ²⁰ Listen to counsel and accept discipline,

That you may have wisdom the rest of your days.
²¹Many plans exist in a man's heart,
But the counsel of the LORD will stand.
²²The Lord desires a man's kindness,
And a poor man has more value than a liar.
²³The fear of the LORD leads to life,
So that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil.
²⁴The sluggard buries his hand in the dish,
But will not even bring it back to his mouth.
²⁵Strike a scoffer and the naive may become shrewd,
But reprove one who has understanding and he will gain knowledge.
²⁶He who assaults his father and drives his mother away
proves himself a shameful and disgraceful son.
²⁷Cease listening, my son, to discipline,
And you will stray from the words of knowledge.
²⁸A rogue witness makes a mockery of justice,
And the mouth of the wicked spreads iniquity.
²⁹God prepares judgments for scoffers,
And blows for the back of fools.

Proverbs 20

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On Life and Conduct

¹Wine leads one to mock, strong drink makes a man brawl,
And whoever becomes intoxicated by it does not act wisely.
²The terror of a king resembles the growling of a lion;
He who provokes him to anger forfeits his own life.
³Keeping away from strife seems honorable for a man,
But any fool will quarrel.
⁴The sluggard does not plow after the autumn,
So he begs during the harvest and has nothing.
⁵A plan in the heart of a man resembles deep water,
But a man of understanding draws it out.
⁶Many a man proclaims his own loyalty,
But who can find a trustworthy man?
⁷A righteous man who walks in his integrity--
How his sons receive blessings after him.
⁸A king who sits on the throne of justice
Disperses all evil with his eyes.
⁹Who can say, "I have cleansed my heart,

I have purified myself from my sin"?
¹⁰ Differing weights and differing measures,
Both of them the LORD finds abominable .
¹¹ A lad distinguishes himself
If he has conducted himself as pure and right.
¹² The hearing ear and the seeing eye,
The LORD has made both of them.
¹³ Do not love sleep, or you will become poor;
Open your eyes, and you will have plenty of food.
¹⁴ "Bad, bad," says the buyer,
But when he goes his way, then he boasts.
¹⁵ One finds gold, and an abundance of jewels;
But the lips of knowledge have more value.
¹⁶ Take his garment when he becomes surety for a stranger;
And for foreigners, hold him in pledge.
¹⁷ Bread obtained by falsehood tastes sweet to a man,
But afterward his mouth will fill with gravel.
¹⁸ Prepare plans by consultation,
And make war by wise guidance.
¹⁹ He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets,
Therefore do not associate with a gossip.
²⁰ He who curses his father or his mother,
His lamp will go out in time of darkness.
²¹ An inheritance gained hurriedly at the beginning
Will not receive blessing in the end.
²² Do not say, "I will repay evil";
Wait for the LORD, and He will save you.
²³ The LORD considers differing weights an abomination,
And He does not consider a false scale good.
²⁴ The LORD ordains man's steps,
How then can man understand his way?
²⁵ Man traps himself to say rashly, "I devote this as holy!"
And after the vows to make inquiry.
²⁶ A wise king winnows the wicked,
And drives the threshing wheel over them.
²⁷ The spirit of man resembles the lamp of the LORD,
Searching all the innermost parts of his being.
²⁸ Loyalty and truth preserve the king,
And he upholds his throne by righteousness.
²⁹ Young men glory in their strength,

And old men find honor in their gray hair.
³⁰ Stripes that wound scour away evil,
And strokes reach the innermost parts.

Proverbs 21

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On Life and Conduct

- ¹The king's heart resembles channels of water in the hand of the LORD;
He turns it wherever He wishes.
- ²Every man's way seems right in his own eyes,
But the LORD weighs the hearts.
- ³To do righteousness and justice
the LORD desires more than sacrifice.
- ⁴Haughty eyes and a proud heart,
The lamp of the wicked, produce sin.
- ⁵The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage,
But everyone who acts hastily comes surely to poverty.
- ⁶The acquisition of treasures by a lying tongue
resembles a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of death.
- ⁷The violence of the wicked will drag them away,
Because they refuse to act with justice.
- ⁸The way of a guilty man appears crooked,
But as for the pure, his conduct proves upright.
- ⁹One would find it better to live in a corner of a roof
Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.
- ¹⁰The soul of the wicked desires evil;
His neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.
- ¹¹When the scoffer receives punishment, the naive becomes wise;
But when the wise receive instruction, he receives knowledge.
- ¹²The righteous one considers the house of the wicked,
Turning the wicked to ruin.
- ¹³He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor
Will also cry himself and not receive an answer.
- ¹⁴A gift in secret subdues anger,
And a bribe in the bosom, strong wrath.
- ¹⁵The exercise of justice brings joy for the righteous,
But brings terror to the workers of iniquity.

- ¹⁶A man who wanders from the way of understanding
Will rest in the assembly of the dead.
- ¹⁷He who loves pleasure will become a poor man;
He who loves wine and oil will not become rich.
- ¹⁸The wicked will become a ransom for the righteous,
And the treacherous will take the place of the upright.
- ¹⁹One would find it preferable to live in a desert land
Than with a contentious and vexing woman.
- ²⁰One finds precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise,
But a foolish man swallows it up.
- ²¹He who pursues righteousness and loyalty
Finds life, righteousness and honor.
- ²²A wise man scales the city of the mighty
And brings down the stronghold in which they trust.
- ²³He who guards his mouth and his tongue,
Guards his soul from troubles.
- ²⁴"Proud," "Haughty," "Scoffer," we name him,
Who acts with insolent pride.
- ²⁵The desire of the sluggard puts him to death,
For his hands refuse to work;
- ²⁶All day long he craves,
While the righteous gives and does not hold back.
- ²⁷The sacrifice of the wicked proves an abomination,
How much more when he brings it with evil intent!
- ²⁸A false witness will perish,
But the man who listens to the truth will speak forever.
- ²⁹A wicked man displays a bold face,
But as for the upright, he makes his way sure.
- ³⁰No wisdom and no understanding can exist
And no counsel against the LORD.
- ³¹We can prepare the horse for the day of battle,
But victory belongs to the LORD.

Proverbs 22

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On Life and Conduct

- ¹One should desire a good name more than great wealth,
and favor more than silver and gold.
- ²The rich and the poor have a common bond,
The LORD makes them all.
- ³The prudent sees the evil and hides himself,
But the naive go on, and suffer punishment for it.
- ⁴The reward of humility and the fear of the LORD
consist of riches, honor and life.
- ⁵Thorns and snares block way of the perverse;
He who guards himself will remove himself from them.
- ⁶Train up a child in the way he should go,
Even when he reaches old age he will not depart from it.
- ⁷The rich rules over the poor,
And the borrower becomes the lender's slave.
- ⁸He who sows iniquity will reap vanity,
And the rod of his fury will perish.
- ⁹He who shows generosity will receive blessings,
For he gives some of his food to the poor.
- ¹⁰Drive out the scoffer, and contention will go out,
Even strife and dishonor will cease.
- ¹¹He who loves purity of heart
And whose speech has graciousness, the king will seek him out as his friend.
- ¹²The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge,
But He overthrows the words of the treacherous man.
- ¹³The sluggard says, " I think a lion might roam outside;
he will kill me in the streets!"
- ¹⁴The mouth of an adulteress resembles a deep pit;
He whom the LORD has cursed will fall into it.
- ¹⁵Foolishness resides in the heart of a child;
The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.
- ¹⁶He who oppresses the poor to make more for himself
Or who gives to the rich, will only come to poverty.
- ¹⁷Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise,
And apply your mind to my knowledge;
- ¹⁸For it will seem pleasant if you keep them within you,

That they may dwell on your lips.
¹⁹So you trust in the LORD,
I have taught you today, even you.
²⁰Have I not written to you excellent things
Of counsels and knowledge,
²¹To make you know the certainty of the words of truth
That you may correctly answer him who sent you?
²²Do not rob the poor because he has little,
Or crush the afflicted at the gate;
²³For the LORD will plead their case
And take the life of those who rob them.
²⁴Do not associate with a man given to anger;
Or go with a hot-tempered man,
²⁵Or you will learn his ways
And find a snare for yourself.
²⁶Do not associate with those who give pledges,
Among those who become guarantors for debts.
²⁷If you have nothing with which to pay,
Why should he take your bed from under you?
²⁸Do not move the ancient boundary
Which your fathers have set.
²⁹Do you see a man skilled in his work?
He will stand before kings;
He will not stand before obscure men.

Proverbs 23

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On Life and Conduct

¹When you sit down to dine with a ruler,
Consider carefully what you see before you,
²And put a knife to your throat
If you have a great appetite.
³Do not desire his delicacies,
For it will prove deceptive food.
⁴Do not weary yourself to gain wealth,
Cease from your consideration of it.
⁵When you set your eyes on it, it will disappear.

For wealth certainly makes itself wings
Like an eagle that flies toward the heavens.

⁶Do not eat the bread of a selfish man,
Or desire his delicacies;

⁷For as he thinks within himself, so he will probably prove himself.
He says to you, "Eat and drink!"
But his heart does not accommodate you.

⁸You will vomit up the morsel you have eaten,
And waste your compliments.

⁹Do not speak in the hearing of a fool,
For he will despise the wisdom of your words.

¹⁰Do not move the ancient boundary
Or go into the fields of the fatherless,

¹¹For their Redeemer has strength;
He will plead their case against you.

¹²Apply your heart to discipline
And your ears to words of knowledge.

¹³Do not hold back discipline from the child,
Although you strike him with the rod, he will not die.

¹⁴You shall strike him with the rod
And rescue his soul from Sheol.

¹⁵My son, if your heart shows wisdom,
My own heart also will have gladness;

¹⁶And my inmost being will rejoice
When your lips speak the right things.

¹⁷Do not let your heart envy sinners,
But live in the fear of the LORD always.

¹⁸Surely there will come a future,
And your hope will not become shortened.

¹⁹Listen, my son, and grow in wisdom,
And direct your heart in the way.

²⁰Do not associate with heavy drinkers of wine,
Or with gluttonous eaters of meat;

²¹For the heavy drinker and the glutton will come to poverty,
And drowsiness will clothe one with rags.

²²Listen to your father who begot you,
And do not despise your mother when she reaches old age.

²³Buy truth, and do not sell it,
Get wisdom and instruction and understanding.

²⁴The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice,

And he who sires a wise son will have gladness in him.
²⁵Let your father and your mother have gladness,
And let her rejoice who gave birth to you.
²⁶Give me your heart, my son,
And let your eyes delight in my ways.
²⁷For a harlot resembles a deep pit
And an adulterous woman resembles a narrow well.
²⁸Surely she lurks as a robber,
And increases the faithless among men.
²⁹Who has woe? Who has sorrow?
Who has contentions? Who has complaining?
Who has wounds without cause?
Who has redness of eyes?
³⁰Those who linger long over wine,
Those who go to taste mixed wine.
³¹Do not look on the wine when it looks red,
When it sparkles in the cup,
When it goes down smoothly;
³²At the last it bites like a serpent
And stings like a viper.
³³Your eyes will see strange things
And your mind will utter perverse things.
³⁴And you will resemble one who lies down in the middle of the sea,
Or like one who lies down on the top of a mast.
³⁵"They struck me, but I did not become ill;
They beat me, but I did not know it
When shall I awake?
I will seek another drink."

Proverbs 24

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Precepts and Warnings

¹Do not envy evil men,
Nor desire to associate with them;
²For their minds devise violence,
And their lips talk of trouble.
³By wisdom we build a house ,

And by understanding we establish it ;
⁴And by knowledge we fill the rooms
With all precious and pleasant riches.
⁵A wise man has strength,
And a man of knowledge increases power.
⁶For by wise guidance you will wage war,
And in abundance of counselors we obtain victory.
⁷Wisdom has too high a price for a fool,
He does not open his mouth in the gate.
⁸One who plans to do evil,
Men will call a schemer.
⁹When people devise folly, they sin,
Men consider the scoffer an abomination.
¹⁰If you demonstrate slackness in the day of distress,
You have limited strength .
¹¹Deliver those who follow the way to death,
And those who stagger to slaughter, Oh hold them back.
¹²If you say, "See, we did not know this,"
Does He not consider it who weighs the hearts?
And does He not know it who keeps your soul?
And will He not render to man according to his work?
¹³My son, eat honey, for it tastes good,
Yes, the honey from the comb tastes sweet;
¹⁴Know that wisdom seems sweet for your soul;
If you find it, you will have a future,
And your hope will not expire.
¹⁵Do not lie in wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous;
Do not destroy his resting place;
¹⁶For a righteous man falls seven times, and rises again,
But the wicked stumble in time of calamity.
¹⁷Do not rejoice when your enemy falls,
And do not rejoice when he stumbles;
¹⁸Or the LORD will see it and become angry,
And turn His anger away from him.
¹⁹Do not fret because of evildoers
Or envy the wicked;
²⁰For the evil man will have no future;
The lamp of the wicked will darken.
²¹My son, fear the LORD and the king;
Do not associate with those who like to rebel,

²²For their calamity will rise suddenly,
And who knows the ruin that comes from both of them?
²³We read also these sayings of the wise
To show partiality in judgment does no good.
²⁴He who says to the wicked, "I proclaim you righteous,"
Peoples will curse him, nations will abhor him;
²⁵But to those who rebuke the wicked will have delight,
And a good blessing will come upon them.
²⁶He kisses the lips
Who gives a right answer.
²⁷Prepare your work outside
And make it ready for yourself in the field;
Afterwards, then, build your house.
²⁸Do not witness against your neighbor without cause,
And do not deceive with your lips.
²⁹Do not say, "Thus I shall do to him as he has done to me;
I will render to the man according to his work."
³⁰I passed by the field of the sluggard
And by the vineyard of the man lacking sense,
³¹And behold, the ground had completely overgrown with thistles;
Nettles covered its surface,
And its stone wall had broken down.
³²When I saw, I reflected upon it;
I looked, and received instruction.
³³"A little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to rest,"
³⁴Then your poverty will come as a robber
And your want like an armed man.

Proverbs 25

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Similitudes, Instructions

¹We read here more proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah, king of Judah, transcribed.

²God reveals His glory by concealing a matter,
But the king demonstrates his glory by searching out a matter.

³As the heavens for height and the earth for depth,

So the heart of kings seems unsearchable.

⁴Take away the dross from the silver,
And there comes out a vessel for the smith;

⁵Take away the wicked before the king,
And his throne will have permanence through righteousness.

⁶Do not claim honor in the presence of the king,
And do not stand in the place of great men;

⁷For you will find it more preferable that someone say to you, "Come up here,"
Than for someone to place you lower in the presence of the prince,
Whom your eyes have seen.

⁸Do not go out hastily to argue your case;
Otherwise, what will you do in the end,
When your neighbor humiliates you?

⁹Argue your case with your neighbor,
And do not reveal the secret of another,

¹⁰Or he who hears it will reproach you,
And the evil report about you will not pass away.

¹¹A word spoken in the right circumstances resembles apples of gold in settings of silver

¹²A wise reproof to a listening ear resembles an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold

¹³A faithful messenger resembles the cold of snow in the time of harvest
to those who send him,
For he refreshes the soul of his masters.

¹⁴A man who boasts of his gifts falsely resembles clouds and wind without rain

¹⁵By forbearance one may persuade a ruler,
And a soft tongue breaks the bone.

¹⁶Have you found honey? Eat only what you need,
That you not have it in excess and vomit it.

¹⁷Let your foot rarely enter your neighbor's house,
Or he will become weary of you and hate you.

¹⁸A man who bears false witness against his neighbor resembles a club and a sword and a sharp arrow

¹⁹Confidence in a faithless man in time of trouble resembles a bad tooth and an unsteady foot

²⁰He who sings songs to a troubled heart resembles one who takes off a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar on soda,

²¹If your enemy hungers, give him food to eat;

- And if he thirsts, give him water to drink;
²²For you will heap burning coals on his head,
And the LORD will reward you.
- ²³The north wind brings forth rain,
And a backbiting tongue, an angry countenance.
- ²⁴One would find it preferable to live in a corner of the roof
Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.
- ²⁵Good news from a distant land resembles cold water to a weary soul,
- ²⁶ A righteous man who gives way before the wicked resembles a trampled spring and a polluted well
- ²⁷One should not eat too much honey,
Nor should someone proclaim his own glory.
- ²⁸ A man who has no control over his spirit resembles a city that an enemy has broken into and has destroyed the walls.

Proverbs 26

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Similitudes, Instructions

- ¹Like snow in summer and like rain in harvest,
So honor does not seem fitting for a fool.
- ²Like a sparrow in its flitting, like a swallow in its flying,
So a curse without cause does not alight.
- ³We use a whip for the horse, a bridle for the donkey,
And a rod for the back of fools.
- ⁴Do not answer a fool according to his folly,
Or you will also behave like him.
- ⁵Answer a fool as his folly deserves,
That he not attain presume wisdom in his own eyes.
- ⁶He cuts off his own feet and drinks violence
Who sends a message by the hand of a fool.
- ⁷A proverb in the mouth of fools resembles the legs which prove useless to the lame,
- ⁸ He who gives honor to a fool resembles one who binds a stone in a sling,
- ⁹ A proverb in the mouth of fools resembles a thorn which falls into the hand of a drunkard,
- ¹⁰ He who hires a fool or who hires those who pass by resembles an archer who wounds

everyone,

¹¹ A fool who repeats his folly resembles a dog that returns to its vomit

¹² Do you see a man wise in his own eyes?

We have more hope for a fool than for him.

¹³ The sluggard says, "A lion could have roamed onto the road!

A lion could have wandered in the open square!"

¹⁴ As the door turns on its hinges,

So does the sluggard on his bed.

¹⁵ The sluggard buries his hand in the dish;

He has incredible fatigue when he tries to bring it to his mouth again.

¹⁶ The sluggard feels wiser in his own eyes

Than seven men who can give a discreet answer.

¹⁷ He who passes by and meddles with strife not belonging to him resembles one who takes a dog by the ears.

¹⁸ Like a madman who throws

Firebrands, arrows and death,

¹⁹ The man who deceives his neighbor,

And says, " Did I not joke?"

²⁰ For lack of wood the fire goes out,

And where no whisperer exists, contention quiets down.

²¹ A contentious man to kindle strife resembles charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire,

²² The words of a whisperer resemble dainty morsels,

And they go down into the innermost parts of the body.

²³ Burning lips and a wicked heart resemble an earthen vessel overlaid with silver dross

²⁴ He who hates disguises it with his lips,

But he lays up deceit in his heart.

²⁵ When he speaks graciously, do not believe him,

For seven abominations abound in his heart.

²⁶ Though his hatred covers itself with guile,

His wickedness will reveal itself before the assembly.

²⁷ He who digs a pit will fall into it,

And he who rolls a stone, it will come back on him.

²⁸ A lying tongue hates those it crushes,

And a flattering mouth works ruin.

Proverbs 27

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Warnings and Instructions

- ¹ Do not boast about tomorrow,
For you do not know what a day may bring forth.
- ² Let another praise you, and not your own mouth;
A stranger, and not your own lips.
- ³ A stone feels heavy and the sand weighty,
But the provocation of a fool feels heavier than both of them.
- ⁴ Wrath has fierceness and anger resembles a flood,
But who can stand before jealousy?
- ⁵ Open rebuke seems better
Than love that remains concealed.
- ⁶ A friend wounds with a faithful and loving motive,
But an enemy kisses deceitfully.
- ⁷ A sated man loathes honey,
But to a famished man any bitter thing tastes sweet.
- ⁸ A man who wanders from his home resembles a bird that wanders from her nest,
- ⁹ Oil and perfume make the heart glad,
So a man's counsel seems sweet to his friend.
- ¹⁰ Do not forsake your own friend or your father's friend,
And do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity;
A neighbor nearby will prove more valuable than a brother far away.
- ¹¹ Attain wisdom, my son, and make my heart glad,
That I may reply to him who reproaches me.
- ¹² A prudent man sees evil and hides himself,
The naive proceed and pay the penalty.
- ¹³ Take his garment when he becomes surety for a stranger;
And for an adulterous woman hold him in pledge.
- ¹⁴ He who blesses his friend with a loud voice early in the morning,
It will have the same effect as a curse to him.
- ¹⁵ A contentious woman resembles constant dripping on a day of steady rain
- ¹⁶ He who would restrain her restrains the wind,
And grasps oil with his right hand.
- ¹⁷ Iron sharpens iron,
So one man sharpens another.

- ¹⁸He who tends the fig tree will eat its fruit,
And he who cares for his master will receive honor.
- ¹⁹As in water face reflects face,
So the heart of man reflects man.
- ²⁰Sheol and Abaddon will never experience satisfaction,
Nor do the eyes of man ever become satisfied.
- ²¹The crucible refines silver and the furnace refines gold,
And each receives testing by the praise accorded him.
- ²²Though you pound a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with crushed grain,
Yet his foolishness will not depart from him.
- ²³Know well the condition of your flocks,
And pay attention to your herds;
- ²⁴For riches do not last forever,
Nor does a crown endure to all generations.
- ²⁵When the grass disappears, the new growth appears,
And you will gather in the herbs of the mountains,
- ²⁶The lambs will provide your clothing,
And the goats will bring the price of a field,
- ²⁷And you will have goats' milk enough for your food,
For the food of your household,
And sustenance for your maidens.

Proverbs 28

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Warnings and Instructions

- ¹The wicked flee when no one pursues,
But the righteous stand boldly as a lion.
- ²By the transgression of a land the inhabitants will have many princes,
But by a man of understanding and knowledge, so it endures.
- ³A poor man who oppresses the lowly
resembles a driving rain which leaves no food.
- ⁴Those who forsake the law praise the wicked,
But those who keep the law strive with them.
- ⁵Evil men do not understand justice,
But those who seek the LORD understand all things.
- ⁶We would much prefer the poor who walks in his integrity
Than he who acts crookedly though he have great riches.
- ⁷He who keeps the law proves himself a discerning son,

But he who makes companions of gluttons humiliates his father.
⁸He who increases his wealth by interest and usury
Gathers it for him who acts graciously to the poor.
⁹He who turns away his ear from listening to the law,
God regards his prayer as an abomination.
¹⁰He who leads the upright astray in an evil way
Will himself fall into his own pit,
But the blameless will inherit good.
¹¹The rich man considers himself wise in his own eyes,
But the poor who has understanding sees through him.
¹²When the righteous triumph, the community feels great glory,
But when the wicked rise, men hide themselves.
¹³He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.
¹⁴The man receives blessings who fears always,
But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.
¹⁵A wicked ruler over a poor people resembles a roaring lion and a rushing bear.
¹⁶A leader who greatly oppresses lacks understanding,
But he who hates unjust gain will prolong his days.
¹⁷A man who feels burdened with the guilt of human blood
Will remain a fugitive until death; let no one support him.
¹⁸God will deliver those who walk blamelessly,
But the crooked will fall all at once.
¹⁹He who tills his land will have plenty of food,
But he who follows empty pursuits will have poverty in plenty.
²⁰A faithful man will abound with blessings,
But he who makes haste to have riches will not go unpunished.
²¹To show partiality does not bode well,
Because for a piece of bread a man will transgress.
²²A man with an evil eye hastens after wealth
And does not know that want will come upon him.
²³He who rebukes a man will afterward find more favor
Than he who flatters with the tongue.
²⁴He who robs his father or his mother
And says, "I have not transgressed,"
has become the companion of a man who destroys.
²⁵An arrogant man stirs up strife,
But he who trusts in the LORD will prosper.
²⁶He who trusts in his own heart acts foolishly,
God will deliver those who walk wisely .
²⁷He who gives to the poor will never want,
But he who shuts his eyes will have many curses.
²⁸When the wicked rise, men hide themselves;
But when they perish, the righteous increase.

Proverbs 29

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Warnings and Instructions

- ¹A man who hardens his neck after much reproof
Will suddenly find himself broken beyond remedy.
- ²When the righteous increase, the people rejoice,
But when a wicked man rules, people groan.
- ³A man who loves wisdom makes his father glad,
But he who keeps company with harlots wastes his wealth.
- ⁴The king gives stability to the land by justice,
But a man who takes bribes overthrows it.
- ⁵A man who flatters his neighbor
spreads spreading a net for his steps.
- ⁶By transgression an evil man ensnares himself,
But the righteous sings and rejoices.
- ⁷The righteous concern themselves for the rights of the poor,
The wicked does not understand such concern.
- ⁸Scorners set a city aflame,
But wise men turn away anger.
- ⁹When a wise man has a controversy with a foolish man,
The foolish man either rages or laughs, and no rest can occur.
- ¹⁰Men of bloodshed hate the blameless,
But the upright concern themselves for his life.
- ¹¹A fool always loses his temper,
But a wise man holds it back.
- ¹²If a ruler pays attention to falsehood,
All his ministers become wicked.
- ¹³The poor man and the oppressor have this in common:
The LORD gives light to the eyes of both.
- ¹⁴If a king judges the poor with truth,
His throne will last forever.
- ¹⁵The rod and reproof give wisdom,
But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.
- ¹⁶When the wicked increase, transgression increases;
But the righteous will see their fall.
- ¹⁷Correct your son, and he will give you comfort;
He will also delight your soul.
- ¹⁸Where no vision exists, the people behave in an unrestrained manner.

- But a person remains happy who keeps the law.
- ¹⁹One cannot instruct a slave by words alone;
For though he understands, he will not respond.
- ²⁰Do you see a man who hastily speaks?
We have more hope for a fool than for him.
- ²¹He who pampers his slave from childhood
Will in the end find him to act like a son.
- ²²An angry man stirs up strife,
And a hot-tempered man abounds in transgression.
- ²³A man's pride will bring him low,
But a humble spirit will obtain honor.
- ²⁴He who partners with a thief hates his own life;
He hears the oath but tells nothing.
- ²⁵The fear of man brings a snare,
But he who trusts in the LORD will find exaltation.
- ²⁶Many seek the ruler's favor,
But justice for man comes from the LORD.
- ²⁷An unjust man seems abominable to the righteous,
And he who acts uprightly in the way seems abominable to the wicked.

Proverbs 30

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The Words of Agur

- ¹The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the oracle. The man declares to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal:
- ²Surely I feel more stupid than any man,
And I do not have the understanding of a man.
- ³Neither have I learned wisdom,
Nor do I have the knowledge of the Holy One.
- ⁴Who has ascended into heaven and descended?
Who has gathered the wind in His fists?
Who has wrapped the waters in His garment?
Who has established all the ends of the earth?
Do you know His name or His son's name?
Surely you know!
- ⁵Every word of God has undergone testing;
He resembles a shield to those who take refuge in Him.
- ⁶Do not add to His words

Or He will reprove you, and you will prove yourself a liar.

⁷Two things I asked of You,
Do not refuse me before I die:

⁸Keep deception and lies far from me,
Give me neither poverty nor riches;
Feed me with the food that you have allotted as my portion,

⁹That I not feel full and deny You and say, "Who do I consider the LORD?"
Or that I not have want and steal,
And profane the name of my God.

¹⁰Do not slander a slave to his master,
Or he will curse you and you and find you guilty.

¹¹We see a kind of man who curses his father
And does not bless his mother.

¹²We see a kind who feel pure in their own eyes,
Yet have not received cleansing cleansed from their filthiness.

¹³We see a kind--oh how lofty he holds his eyes!
And he raises his eyelids in arrogance.

¹⁴We see a kind of man whose teeth resemble swords
And his jaw teeth like knives,
To devour the afflicted from the earth
And the needy from among men.

¹⁵The leech has two daughters,
"Give," "Give."
We see three things that will not reach satisfaction,
Four that will not say, "Enough":

¹⁶Sheol, and the barren womb,
Earth that never becomes satisfied with water,
And fire that never says, "Enough."

¹⁷The eye that mocks a father
And scorns a mother,
The ravens of the valley will pick it out,
And the young eagles will eat it.

¹⁸Three things seem too wonderful for me,
Four which I do not understand:

¹⁹The way of an eagle in the sky,
The way of a serpent on a rock,
The way of a ship in the middle of the sea,
And the way of a man with a maid.

²⁰This constitutes the way of an adulterous woman:
She eats and wipes her mouth,

And says, "I have done no wrong."
²¹Under three things the earth quakes,
And under four, it cannot bear up:
²²Under a slave when he becomes king,
And a fool when he satisfies himself with food,
²³Under an unloved woman when she gets a husband,
And a maidservant when she supplants her mistress.
²⁴Four things have small size on the earth,
But they show exceeding wisdom:
²⁵The ants do not seem a strong people,
But they prepare their food in the summer;
²⁶The shephanim do not seem like mighty people,
Yet they make their houses in the rocks;
²⁷The locusts have no king,
Yet all of them go out in ranks;
²⁸The lizard you may grasp with the hands,
Yet they live in kings' palaces.
²⁹We see three things which seem stately in their march,
Even four which walk stately:
³⁰The lion which exercises might among beasts
And does not retreat before any,
³¹The strutting rooster, the male goat also,
And a king when his army marches with him.
³²If you have acted foolishly in exalting yourself
Or if you have plotted evil, put your hand on your mouth.
³³For the churning of milk produces butter,
And pressing the nose brings forth blood;
So the churning of anger produces strife.

Proverbs 31

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The Words of Lemuel

¹The words of King Lemuel, the oracle which his mother taught him:
²What, O my son?
And what, O son of my womb?
And what, O son of my vows?
³Do not give your strength to women,

Or your ways to that which destroys kings.
⁴It does not seem proper for kings, O Lemuel,
Kings should not drink wine excessively,
Or for rulers to desire strong drink,
⁵For they will drink and forget what they have decreed,
And pervert the rights of all the afflicted.
⁶Give strong drink to him who perishes,
And wine to him whose life has become bitter.
⁷Let him drink and forget his poverty
And remember his trouble no more.
⁸Open your mouth for the mute,
For the rights of all the unfortunate.
⁹Open your mouth, judge righteously,
And defend the rights of the afflicted and needy.

Description of a Worthy Woman

¹⁰An excellent wife, who can find?
For her worth far exceeds jewels.
¹¹The heart of her husband trusts in her,
And he will have no lack of gain.
¹²She does him good and not evil
All the days of her life.
¹³She looks for wool and flax
And works with her hands in delight.
¹⁴She resembles merchant ships;
She brings her food from afar.
¹⁵She rises also in the night time
And gives food to her household
And portions to her maidens.
¹⁶She considers a field and buys it;
From her earnings she plants a vineyard.
¹⁷She girds herself with strength
And makes her arms strong.
¹⁸She senses that her gain seems good;
Her lamp does not go out at night.
¹⁹She stretches out her hands to the distaff,
And her hands grasp the spindle.
²⁰She extends her hand to the poor,
And she stretches out her hands to the needy.
²¹She does not fear the snow for her household,
For she clothes all her household with scarlet.
²²She makes coverings for herself;

Her clothing consists of fine linen and purple.
²³People know her husband in the gates,
When he sits among the elders of the land.
²⁴She makes linen garments and sells them,
And supplies belts to the tradesmen.
²⁵Strength and dignity have become her clothing,
And she smiles at the future.
²⁶She opens her mouth in wisdom,
And the teaching of kindness resides on her tongue.
²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household,
And does not eat the bread of idleness.
²⁸Her children rise up and bless her;
Her husband also, and he praises her, saying:
²⁹"Many daughters have done nobly,
But you excel them all."
³⁰We find charm deceitful and beauty as vanity,
But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall receive praise.
³¹Give her the product of her hands,
And let her works praise her in the gates.

Ecclesiastes 1-12

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Ecclesiastes 1

The Futility of All Endeavor

¹The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

²"Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher,
"Vanity of vanities! All constitutes vanity."

³What advantage does man have in all his work
Which he does under the sun?

⁴A generation goes and a generation comes,
But the earth remains forever.

⁵Also, the sun rises and the sun sets;
And hastening to its place it rises there again.

⁶Blowing toward the south,
Then turning toward the north,
The wind continues swirling along;
And on its circular courses the wind returns.

⁷All the rivers flow into the sea,
Yet the sea does not fill.
To the place where the rivers flow,
There they flow again.

⁸All things become weary;
Man cannot tell it.
The eye has no satisfaction with seeing,
Nor does the ear fill with hearing.

⁹That which has come before will occur again,
And that which one has done will happen again.
So nothing new occurs under the sun.

¹⁰Can anything happen of which one might say,
"See this, it hasn't happened before"?
Already it has existed for ages
Which existed before us.

¹¹There exists no remembrance of earlier things;
And also of the later things which will occur,
There will exist for them no remembrance
Among those who will come later still.

The Futility of Wisdom

¹²I, the Preacher, have served as king over Israel in Jerusalem.

¹³And I set my mind to seek and explore by wisdom concerning all that has happened under heaven. It proves a grievous task which God has given to the sons of men to suffer affliction.

¹⁴I have seen all the works which have occurred under the sun, and behold, all seems like vanity and striving after wind.

¹⁵What has grown crooked cannot become straightened and what lacks no one cannot count.

¹⁶I said to myself, "Behold, I have magnified and increased wisdom more than all who ruled over Jerusalem before me; and my mind has observed a wealth of wisdom and knowledge."

¹⁷And I set my mind to know wisdom and to know madness and folly; I realized that this also seems like striving after wind.

¹⁸Because in much wisdom one has much grief, and increasing knowledge results in increasing pain.

Ecclesiastes 2

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The Futility of Pleasure and Possessions

¹I said to myself, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure. So enjoy yourself." And behold, it too seemed futile.

²I said of laughter, "It seems mad," and of pleasure, "What does it accomplish?"

³I explored with my mind how to stimulate my body with wine while my mind guided me wisely, and how to take hold of folly, until I could see what good does it do for the sons of men to do under heaven the few years of their lives.

⁴I enlarged my works: I built houses for myself, I planted vineyards for myself;

⁵I made gardens and parks for myself and I planted in them all kinds of fruit trees;

⁶I made ponds of water for myself from which to irrigate a forest of growing trees.

⁷I bought male and female slaves and I had homeborn slaves. Also I possessed flocks and herds larger than all who preceded me in Jerusalem.

⁸Also, I collected for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I provided for myself male and female singers and the pleasures of men--many concubines.

⁹Then I became great and increased more than all who preceded me in Jerusalem. My wisdom also stood by me.

¹⁰All that my eyes desired I did not refuse them I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart felt pleasure because of all my labor and this I claimed as my reward for all my labor.

¹¹Thus I considered all my activities which my hands had done and the labor which I had exerted, and behold all seemed like vanity and striving after wind and there seemed no profit under the sun.

Wisdom Excels Folly

¹²So I turned to consider wisdom, madness and folly; for what will the man do who will come after the king except what has already occurred?

¹³And I saw that wisdom excels folly as light excels darkness.

¹⁴The wise man's eyes locate in his head, but the fool walks in darkness And yet I know that one fate befalls them both.

¹⁵Then I said to myself, " As will occur to the fool, it will also befall me Why then have I grown extremely wise?" So I said to myself, "This too seems like vanity."

¹⁶For nothing lasts of the wise man as with the fool, inasmuch as in the coming days all will forget them And how the wise man and the fool alike die!

¹⁷So I hated life, for the work which occurred under the sun seemed grievous to me; because everything seems futile and striving after wind.

The Futility of Labor

¹⁸Thus I hated all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun, for I must leave it to the man who will come after me.

¹⁹And who knows whether he will grow into a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the fruit of my labor for which I have labored by acting wisely under the sun This too seems like vanity.

²⁰Therefore I completely despaired of all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun.

²¹When a man has labored with wisdom, knowledge and skill, then he gives his legacy to one who has not labored with them. This too seems vanity and a great evil.

²²For what does a man get in all his labor and in his striving with which he labors under the sun?

²³Because all his days his task seems painful and grievous; even at night his mind does not rest. This too seems vanity.

²⁴A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and tell himself that his labor has value. This also I have seen that it comes from the hand of God.

²⁵For who can eat and who can have enjoyment without Him?

²⁶For to a person who does good in His sight He has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, while to the sinner He has given the task of gathering and collecting so that he may give to one who does good in God's sight. This too seems vanity and striving after wind.

Ecclesiastes 3

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A Time for Everything

¹ An appointed time exists for everything. And a time exists for every event under heaven--

² A time to give birth and a time to die;

A time to plant and a time to uproot what we have planted.

³ A time to kill and a time to heal;

A time to tear down and a time to build up.

⁴ A time to weep and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn and a time to dance.

⁵ A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones;

A time to embrace and a time to shun embracing.

⁶ A time to search and a time to give up as lost;

A time to keep and a time to throw away.

⁷ A time to tear apart and a time to sew together;

A time to keep silent and a time to speak.

⁸ A time to love and a time to hate;

A time for war and a time for peace.

⁹ What profit does a worker have from that in which he toils?

¹⁰ I have seen the task which God has given the sons of men with which to occupy themselves.

God Set Eternity in the Heart of Man

¹¹ He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.

¹² I know that they can find nothing better than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime;

¹³ moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees goodness in all his labor--it constitutes God's gift.

¹⁴ I know that everything God does will remain forever; one can add nothing to it and one can take nothing to take from it, for God has so worked that men should fear Him.

¹⁵ That which has existed already and that which will occur has already existed, for God seeks what has passed by.

¹⁶ Furthermore, I have seen under the sun that in the place of justice there wickedness takes place and in the place of righteousness wickedness exists.

¹⁷ I said to myself, " God will judge both the righteous man and the wicked man," for a time for every matter and for every deed He has seen.

¹⁸ I said to myself concerning the sons of men, "God has surely tested them in order for them to see that they resemble beasts."

¹⁹ For the fate of the sons of men and the fate of beasts has the same conclusion. As one dies so dies the other; indeed, they all have the same breath and a man has no advantage over the beast, for all seems vanity.

²⁰ All go to the same place. All came from the dust and all return to the dust.

²¹ Who knows that the breath of man ascends upward and the breath of the beast descends downward to the earth?

²² I have seen that nothing seems better than that man should have happiness in his activities, for that becomes lot For who will bring him to see what will occur after him?

Ecclesiastes 4

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The Evils of Oppression

¹ Then I looked again at all the acts of oppression which took place under the sun And behold I saw the tears of the oppressed and that they had no one to comfort them; and on the side of their oppressors power accumulated, but they had no one to comfort them.

² So I congratulated the dead who had died already dead more than the living who still live.

³ But we could consider one who has never existed better off than both of them , who has never seen the evil activity that takes place under the sun.

⁴I have seen that every labor and every skill which takes place results from rivalry between a man and his neighbor. This too appears like vanity and striving after wind.

⁵The fool folds his hands and consumes his own flesh.

⁶One hand full of rest seems better than two fists full of labor and striving after wind.

⁷Then I looked again at vanity under the sun.

⁸There lived a certain man without a dependent, having neither a son nor a brother, yet no end came to all his labor. Indeed, his eyes took no satisfaction with riches and he never asked, "And for whom do I labor and deprive myself of pleasure?" This too seems vain and grievous.

⁹Two prove better than one because they have a good return for their labor.

¹⁰For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when no one will lift him up.

¹¹Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone?

¹²And if one can overpower him who dwells alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands does not quickly tear apart.

¹³A poor yet wise lad proves better than an old and foolish king who no longer knows how to receive instruction.

¹⁴For he has come out of prison to become king, even though he began his life poor in his kingdom.

¹⁵I have seen all the living under the sun throng to the side of the second lad who replaces him.

¹⁶There seems no end to all the people, to all who existed before them, and even the ones who will come later will not have happiness with him, for this too seems vanity and striving after wind.

Ecclesiastes 5

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Your Attitude Toward God

¹ Guard your steps as you go to the house of God and draw near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools; for they do not know they do evil.

²Do not show haste in word or impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God For God dwells in heaven and you live on the earth; therefore let your words remain few.

³For the dream comes through much effort and the voice of a fool through many words.

⁴When you make a vow to God, do not delay in paying it; for He takes no delight in fools. Pay what you vow!

⁵It seems more desirable that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.

⁶Do not let your speech cause you to sin and do not say in the presence of the messenger of God that you made a mistake. Why should God have anger on account of your voice and destroy the work of your hands?

⁷For in many dreams and in many words one finds emptiness. Rather, fear God.

⁸If you see oppression of the poor and denial of justice and righteousness in the province, do not feel shocked at the sight; for one official watches over another official, and higher officials watches over them.

⁹After all, a king who cultivates the field becomes an advantage to the land.

The Folly of Riches

¹⁰He who loves money will not find satisfaction with money, nor he who loves abundance with its income. This too seems vain.

¹¹When good things increase, those who consume them increase. So what advantage do their owners have except to look on?

¹²The sleep of the working man seems pleasant, whether he eats little or much; but the full stomach of the rich man does not allow him to sleep.

¹³A grievous evil I have seen under the sun: riches hoarded by their owner hurts him.

¹⁴When those riches disappear through a bad investment and he had fathered a son, then nothing supported him.

¹⁵As he had come naked from his mother's womb, so will he return as he came He will take nothing from the fruit of his labor that he can carry in his hand.

¹⁶This also seems a grievous evil--exactly as a man enters life will a man end life. So what advantage does he have who toils for the wind?

¹⁷Throughout his life he also eats in darkness with great vexation, sickness and anger.

¹⁸Here I have seen good and fitting: to eat, to drink and enjoy oneself in all one's labor in which he toils under the sun during the few years of his life which God has given him; for this constitutes his reward.

¹⁹Furthermore, as for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, He has also empowered him to eat from them and to receive his reward and rejoice in his labor; this constitutes God's gift .

²⁰For he will not often consider the years of his life, because God keeps him occupied with the gladness of his heart.

Ecclesiastes 6

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The Futility of Life

¹ I have seen an evil under the sun and it prevails among men--

²a man to whom God has given riches and wealth and honor so that his soul lacks nothing of all that he desires; yet God has not empowered him to eat from them, for a foreigner enjoys them. This seems vain and a severe affliction.

³If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many years, however many he may have, but his soul takes no satisfaction with good things and he does not even have a proper burial, then I say, "Better the miscarriage than he,

⁴for it comes in futility and goes into obscurity; and its name will go into obscurity.

⁵"It never sees the sun and it never knows anything; it fares better off than he.

⁶"Even if the other man lives a thousand years twice and does not enjoy good things-- do not all go to one place?"

⁷ All a man's labor he does for his mouth and yet he does not satisfy his appetite .

⁸For what advantage does the wise man have over the fool? What advantage does the poor man have, knowing how to walk before the living?

⁹What the eyes see proves better than what the soul desires This too seems futile and a striving after wind.

¹⁰Whatever exists has already received a name, and we know what man does; for he cannot dispute with him who has more strength than he has.

¹¹For many words increase futility. What advantage do they have to a man?

¹²For who knows what seems good for a man during his lifetime, during the few years of his futile life? He will spend them like a shadow. For who can tell a man what will take place after him under the sun?

Ecclesiastes 7

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Wisdom and Folly Contrasted

¹A good name has more value than a good ointment,
And the day of one's death seems better than the day of one's birth.

²It seems better to go to a house of mourning
Than to go to a house of feasting,
Because that constitutes the end of every man,
And the living takes it to heart.

³Sorrow has more value than laughter,
For when a face shows sadness a heart may feel happy.

⁴The mind of the wise dwells in the house of mourning,
While the mind of fools dwells in the house of pleasure.

⁵It seems wiser to listen to the rebuke of a wise man
Than for one to listen to the song of fools.

⁶For as the crackling of thorn bushes under a pot,
So sounds the laughter of the fool;
And this too seems futile.

⁷For oppression makes a wise man mad,
And a bribe corrupts the heart.

⁸The end of a matter seems better than its beginning;
Patience of spirit has more value than haughtiness of spirit.

⁹Do not show eagerness in your heart to express anger,
For anger resides in the bosom of fools.

¹⁰Do not say, "Why did the former days seem better than these?"
For it does not emanate from wisdom that you ask about this.

¹¹Wisdom along with an inheritance proves good
And an advantage to those who see the sun.

¹²For wisdom protects just as money protects,
But the advantage of knowledge comes from the insight that wisdom preserves the lives of its possessors.

¹³Consider the work of God,
For who can straighten what He has bent?

¹⁴In the day of prosperity show happiness,
But in the day of adversity consider--

God has made the one as well as the other
So that man will not discover anything that will come after him.

¹⁵I have seen everything during my lifetime of futility; a righteous man perishes in his righteousness and a wicked man prolongs his life in his wickedness.

¹⁶Do not seem excessively righteous and do not seem overly wise. Why should you ruin yourself?

¹⁷Do not show excessive wickedness and do not act like a fool. Why should you die before your time?

¹⁸It seems good that you grasp one thing and also not let go of the other; for the one who fears God comes forth with both of them.

¹⁹Wisdom strengthens a wise man more than ten rulers who live in a city.

²⁰Indeed, a righteous man does not exist on earth who continually does good and who never sins.

²¹Also, do not take seriously all words which people speak, so that you will not hear your servant cursing you.

²²For you also have realized that you likewise have many times cursed others.

²³I tested all this with wisdom, and I said, "I will become wise," but it seemed far from me.

²⁴What has seemed remote and exceedingly mysterious Who can discover it?

²⁵I directed my mind to know, to investigate and to seek wisdom and an explanation, and to know the evil of folly and the foolishness of madness.

²⁶And I discovered more bitter than death the woman whose heart has snares and nets, whose hands seem like chains One who pleases God will escape from her, but she will capture the sinner.

²⁷"Behold, I have discovered this," says the Preacher, "adding one thing to another to find an explanation,

²⁸which I still seek but have not found. I have found one man among a thousand, but I have not found a woman among all these.

²⁹"Behold, I have found only this, that God made men upright, but they have sought out many devices."

Ecclesiastes 8

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Obey Rulers

¹Who can we compare to the wise man and who knows the interpretation of a matter? A man's wisdom illumines him and causes his stern face to beam.

²I say, "Keep the command of the king because of the oath before God.

³"Do not show rashness to leave him. Do not join in an evil matter, for he will do whatever he pleases."

⁴Since the word of the king has authority, who will say to him, "What do you do?"

⁵He who keeps a royal command experiences no trouble, for a wise heart knows the proper time and procedure.

⁶For we find a proper time and procedure for every delight, though a man's trouble rests heavily upon him.

⁷If no one knows what will happen, who can tell him when it will happen?

⁸No man has authority to restrain the wind with the wind, or authority over the day of death; and we can find no discharge in the time of war, and evil will not deliver those who practice it.

⁹All this I have seen and applied my mind to every deed that has taken place under the sun wherein a man has exercised authority over another man to his hurt.

¹⁰So then, I have seen the wicked buried, those who used to go in and out from the holy place, and people soon forget them in the city where they did thus. This too seems futile.

¹¹Because the judge does not execute a sentence against an evil deed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them incline themselves fully to do evil.

¹²Although a sinner does evil a hundred times and may lengthen his life, still I know that it will go well for those who fear God, who fear Him openly.

¹³But it will not go well for the evil man and he will not lengthen his days like a shadow, because he does not fear God.

¹⁴Futility takes place on the earth, namely, righteous men find futility happening according to the deeds of the wicked. On the other hand, evil men find futility happening according to the deeds of the righteous. I say that this too seems futile.

¹⁵So I commended pleasure, for there exists nothing better for a man to do under the sun except to eat and to drink and to attain merriment, and this will stand by him in his toils throughout the days of his life which God has given him under the sun.

¹⁶When I gave my heart to know wisdom and to see the task which has taken place on the earth (even though one should never sleep day or night),

¹⁷and I saw every work of God, I concluded that man cannot discover the work which has taken place under the sun. Even though man should seek laboriously, he will not discover; and though the wise man should say, "I know," he cannot discover.

Ecclesiastes 9

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Men Dwell in the Hand of God

¹For I have taken all this to my heart and explain that righteous men, wise men, and their deeds dwell in the hand of God. Man does not know whether love or hatred or anything awaits him.

²The same fate awaits all: One fate for the righteous and for the wicked; for the good, for the clean and for the unclean; for the man who offers a sacrifice and for the one who does not sacrifice. As the good man awaits, so does the sinner await; as the one who swears awaits, so the one who shows fear to swear awaits.

³This seems an evil in all that takes place under the sun, that there exists one fate for all men. Furthermore, the hearts of the sons of men turn toward evil and insanity resides in their hearts throughout their lives. Afterwards they go to the dead.

⁴For whoever lives has hope; surely a live dog has more value than a dead lion.

⁵For the living know they will die; but the dead do not know anything, nor have they any longer a reward, for people do not remember them.

⁶Indeed their love, their hate and their zeal have already perished, and they will no longer have a share in all that takes place under the sun.

⁷Go then, eat your bread in happiness and drink your wine with a cheerful heart; for God has already approved your works.

⁸Let your clothes remain white all the time, and let not your head lack oil.

⁹Enjoy life with the woman whom you love all the days of your fleeting life which He has given to you under the sun; for this constitutes your reward in life and in your toil in which you have labored under the sun.

Whatever Your Hand Finds to Do

¹⁰Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might; for no activity or planning or knowledge or wisdom exists in Sheol where you will go.

¹¹I again saw under the sun that the swift do not win the race and the warriors do not win the battle, and neither does bread accrue to the wise nor wealth to the discerning nor favor to men of ability; for time and chance overtake them all.

¹²Moreover, man does not know his time: like fish caught in a treacherous net and birds trapped in a snare, so the sons of men fall into a snare at an evil time when it suddenly falls on them.

¹³Also this I came to see as wisdom under the sun, and it impressed me.

¹⁴There existed a small city with few men in it and a great king came to it, surrounded it and constructed large siegeworks against it.

¹⁵But there lived in it a poor wise man and he delivered the city by his wisdom Yet no one remembered that poor man.

¹⁶So I said, "Wisdom seems better than strength." But people despise the wisdom of the poor man and no one heeds him.

¹⁷The words of the wise heard in quietness have more value than the shouting of a ruler among fools.

¹⁸Wisdom proves better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.

Ecclesiastes 10

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A Little Foolishness

¹Dead flies make a perfumer's oil stink, so a little foolishness seems weightier than wisdom and honor.

²A wise man's heart directs him toward the right, but the foolish man's heart directs him toward the left.

³Even when the fool walks along the road, he lacks sense and he demonstrates his foolishness to everyone.

⁴If the ruler's temper rises against you, do not abandon your position, because composure allays great offenses.

⁵ I have seen an evil under the sun, like an error which goes forth from the ruler--

⁶ folly exalts itself in many places while rich men sit in humble places.

⁷I have seen slaves riding on horses and princes walking like slaves on the land.

⁸ He who digs a pit may fall into it, and a serpent may bite him who breaks through a wall.

⁹He who quarries stones may receive hurt by them, and he who splits logs may receive danger by them.

¹⁰If the axe has dullness and he does not sharpen its edge, then he must exert more strength. Wisdom has the advantage of giving success.

¹¹If the serpent bites before someone charms it, no profit exists for the charmer.

¹² Words from the mouth of a wise man have graciousness, while the lips of a fool consume him;

¹³the beginning of his talking has folly and the end of it demonstrates wicked madness.

¹⁴Yet the fool multiplies words No man knows what will happen, and who can tell him what will come after him?

¹⁵The toil of a fool so wearies him that he does not even know how to go to a city.

¹⁶Woe to you, O land, who has a lad for a king and whose princes feast in the morning.

¹⁷God blesses you, O land, whose king comes from nobility and whose princes eat at the appropriate time--for strength and not for drunkenness.

¹⁸Through indolence the rafters sag, and through slackness the house leaks.

¹⁹Men prepare a meal for enjoyment, and wine makes life merry, and money answers everything.

²⁰Furthermore, in your bedchamber do not curse a king, and in your sleeping rooms do not curse a rich man, for a bird of the heavens will carry the sound and the winged creature will make the matter known.

Ecclesiastes 11

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Cast Your Bread on the Waters

¹ Cast your bread on the surface of the waters, for you will find it after many days.

² Divide your portion to seven, or even to eight, for you do not know what misfortune may occur on the earth.

³ If the clouds have become full, they pour out rain upon the earth; and whether a tree falls toward the south or toward the north, wherever the tree falls, there it lies.

⁴ He who watches the wind will not sow and he who looks at the clouds will not reap.

⁵ Just as you do not know the path of the wind and how bones form in the womb of the pregnant woman, so you do not know the activity of God who makes all things.

⁶ Sow your seed in the morning and do not become idle in the evening, for you do not know whether morning or evening sowing will succeed, or whether both of them alike will show good.

⁷ The light seems pleasant, and it seems good for the eyes to see the sun.

⁸ Indeed, if a man should live many years, let him rejoice in them all, and let him remember the days of darkness, for they will increase. Everything that will occur will come to futility.

⁹ Rejoice, young man, during your childhood, and let your heart have pleasantness during the days of young manhood. And follow the impulses of your heart and the desires of your eyes. Yet know that God will bring you to judgment for all these things.

¹⁰ So, remove grief and anger from your heart and put away pain from your body, because childhood and the prime of life don't last very long.

Ecclesiastes 12

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Remember God in Your Youth

¹ Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no delight in them";

² before the sun and the light, the moon and the stars become dark, and clouds return after the rain;

³ in the day that the watchmen of the house tremble, and mighty men stoop, the grinding ones stand idle because they dwindle in number, and those who look through windows grow dim;

⁴ and the doors on the street remain shut as the sound of the grinding mill seems low, and one will arise at the sound of the bird, and all the daughters of song will sing softly.

⁵ Furthermore, men have fear of a high place and of terrors on the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags himself along, and the caperberry becomes ineffective. For man goes to his eternal home while mourners go about in the street.

⁶ Remember Him before the silver cord breaks and the golden bowl crushes, the pitcher by the well shatters and the wheel at the cistern crushes;

⁷ then the dust will return to the earth as it existed formerly, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.

⁸ "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "all seems vanity!"

Purpose of the Preacher

⁹ In addition to becoming a wise man, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge; and he pondered, searched out and arranged many proverbs.

¹⁰ The Preacher sought to find delightful words and to write words of truth correctly.

¹¹ The words of wise men resemble goads, and masters of these collections resemble well-driven nails; they come from one Shepherd.

¹² But beyond this, my son, take warning: the writing of many books seems endless, and excessive devotion to books wearies the body.

¹³ The conclusion, when we have heard it consists of the following: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.

¹⁴For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which you have hidden, whether it has come from good or evil motives .

Song of Solomon 1-8

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The Young Shulammite Bride and Jerusalem's Daughters

¹The Song of Songs, which belongs to Solomon.

²" May he kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For I consider your love better than wine.

³"Your oils have a pleasing fragrance, Your name I regard as purified oil; Therefore the maidens love you.

⁴"Draw me after you and let us run together! The king has brought me into his chambers " " We will rejoice in you and feel glad; We will extol your love more than wine. Rightly do they love you."

⁵" I look black but lovely, O daughters of Jerusalem, Like the tents of Kedar, Like the curtains of Solomon.

⁶"Do not stare at me because I look swarthy, For the sun has burned me. My mother's sons felt angry with me; They made me caretaker of the vineyards, But I have not taken care of my own vineyard.

⁷"Tell me, O you whom my soul loves, Where do you pasture your flock, Where do you make it lie down at noon? For why should I behave like one who veils herself Beside the flocks of your companions?"

Solomon, the Lover, Speaks

⁸" If you yourself do not know, Most beautiful among women, Go forth on the trail of the flock And pasture your young goats By the tents of the shepherds.

⁹"To me, my darling, I compare you to My mare among the chariots of Pharaoh.

¹⁰"Your cheeks look lovely with ornaments, Your neck with strings of beads."

¹¹" We will make for you ornaments of gold With beads of silver."

¹²" While the king sat at his table, My perfume gave forth its fragrance.

¹³"I consider my beloved as a pouch of myrrh Which lies all night between my breasts.

¹⁴"My beloved resembles a cluster of henna blossoms In the vineyards of Engedi."

¹⁵" How beautiful you look, my darling, How beautiful you look! Your eyes resemble doves."

¹⁶" How handsome you look, my beloved, And so pleasant! Indeed, our couch seems luxuriant!

¹⁷"The beams of our houses consist of cedars, Our rafters, cypresses.

Song of Solomon 2

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The Bride's Admiration

¹" I call myself the rose of Sharon, The lily of the valleys."

²" Like a lily among the thorns, So lives my darling among the maidens."

³" Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest, So lives my beloved among the young men
In his shade I took great delight and sat down, And his fruit tasted sweet.

⁴"He has brought me to his banquet hall, And his banner over me consists of love.

⁵"Sustain me with raisin cakes, Refresh me with apples, Because I feel lovesick.

⁶"Let him place his left hand under my head And his right hand embrace me."

⁷" I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, By the gazelles or by the hinds of the field, That
you do not arouse or awaken my love Until she pleases."

⁸" Listen! My beloved! Behold, he comes, Climbing on the mountains,
Leaping on the hills!

⁹"My beloved resembles a gazelle or a young stag Behold, he stands behind our wall, He looks
through the windows, He peers through the lattice.

¹⁰"My beloved responded and said to me, ' Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, And come
along.

¹¹"For behold, the winter has passed, The rain has gone.

¹²"The flowers have already appeared in the land; The time has arrived for pruning the
vines, And the voice of the turtledove we hear in our land.

¹³"The fig tree has ripened its figs, And the vines in blossom have given forth their fragrance.
Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, And come along!"

¹⁴"O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, In the secret place of the steep pathway, Let me see
your form, Let me hear your voice; For your voice sounds sweet, And your form looks lovely."

¹⁵" Catch the foxes for us, The little foxes that ruin the vineyards, While our vineyards
blossom."

¹⁶" My beloved belongs to me, and I belong to him; He pastures his flock among the lilies.

¹⁷" Until the cool of the day when the shadows flee away, Turn, my beloved, and run like a
gazelle Or a young stag on the mountains of Bether."

Song of Solomon 3

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The Bride's Troubled Dream

¹" On my bed night after night I sought him Whom my soul loves; I sought him but did not find him.

²"I must arise now and go about the city; In the streets and in the squares I must seek him whom my soul loves.' I sought him but did not find him.

³" The watchmen who make the rounds in the city found me, And I said, 'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'

⁴" Scarcely had I left them When I found him whom my soul loves; I held on to him and would not let him go Until I had brought him to my mother's house, And into the room of her who conceived me."

⁵" I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, By the gazelles or by the hinds of the field, That you will not arouse or awaken my love Until she pleases."

Solomon's Wedding Day

⁶" What comes up from the wilderness Like columns of smoke, Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, With all scented powders of the merchant?

⁷"Behold, the traveling couch of Solomon comes; Sixty mighty men around it, Of the mighty men of Israel.

⁸"All of them wield the sword, Expert in war; Each man has his sword at his side, Guarding against the terrors of the night.

⁹"King Solomon has made for himself a sedan chair From the timber of Lebanon.

¹⁰"He made its posts of silver, Its back of gold And its seat of purple fabric, With its interior lovingly fitted out By the daughters of Jerusalem.

¹¹"Go forth, O daughters of Zion, And gaze on King Solomon with the crown With which his mother has crowned him On the day of his wedding, And on the day of his gladness of heart."

Song of Solomon 4

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Solomon's Love Expressed

¹" How beautiful you look, my darling, How beautiful you look! Your eyes look like doves behind your veil; Your hair resembles a flock of goats That have descended from Mount Gilead.

²"Your teeth resemble a flock of newly shorn ewes Which have come up from their washing, All of which bear twins, And not one among them has lost her young.

³"Your lips resemble a scarlet thread, And your mouth looks lovely Your temples resemble a slice of a pomegranate Behind your veil.

⁴"Your neck resembles the tower of David, Built with rows of stones On which hang a thousand shields, All the round shields of the mighty men.

⁵"Your two breasts resemble two fawns, Twins of a gazelle Which feed among the lilies.

⁶" Until the cool of the day When the shadows flee away, I will go my way to the mountain of myrrh And to the hill of frankincense.

⁷" You look altogether beautiful, my darling, And you have no blemish in you.

⁸"Come with me from Lebanon, my bride, May you come with me from Lebanon Journey down from the summit of Amana, From the summit of Senir and Hermon, From the dens of lions, From the mountains of leopards.

⁹"You have made my heart beat faster, my sister, my bride; You have made my heart beat faster with a single glance of your eyes, With a single strand of your necklace.

¹⁰" How beautiful I consider your love, my sister, my bride! How much better I consider your love than wine, And the fragrance of your oils Than all kinds of spices!

¹¹"Your lips, my bride, drip honey; Honey and milk reside under your tongue, And the fragrance of your garments resembles the fragrance of Lebanon.

¹²"A garden locked I regard my sister, my bride, A rock garden locked, a spring sealed up.

¹³"Your shoots resemble an orchard of pomegranates With choice fruits, henna with nard plants,

¹⁴"Nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon, With all the trees of frankincense, Myrrh and aloes, along with all the finest spices.

¹⁵"You resemble a garden spring, A well of fresh water, And streams flowing from Lebanon."

¹⁶" Awake, O north wind, And come, wind of the south; Make my garden breathe out fragrance, Let its spices waft abroad May my beloved come into his garden And eat its choice fruits!"

Song of Solomon 5

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The Torment of Separation

¹" I have come into my garden, my sister, my bride; I have gathered my myrrh along with my balsam I have eaten my honeycomb and my honey; I have drunk my wine and my milk Eat, friends; Drink and imbibe deeply, O lovers."

²" I fell asleep but my heart stayed awake. A voice! My beloved knocked: 'Open to me, my sister, my darling, My dove, my perfect one! For my head feels drenched with dew, My locks with the damp of the night.'

³"I have taken off my dress, How can I put it on again? I have washed my feet, How can I dirty them again?

⁴"My beloved extended his hand through the opening, And my feelings felt aroused for him.

⁵"I arose to open to my beloved; And my hands dripped with myrrh, And my fingers with liquid myrrh, On the handles of the bolt.

⁶"I opened to my beloved, But my beloved had turned away and had gone! My heart went out to him as he spoke I searched for him but I did not find him; I called him but he did not answer me.

⁷"The watchmen who make the rounds in the city found me, They struck me and wounded me; The guardsmen of the walls took away my shawl from me.

⁸"I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, If you find my beloved, As to what you will tell him: For I feel lovesick."

⁹" What kind of beloved do you consider your beloved, O most beautiful among women? What kind of beloved do you consider your beloved, That thus you adjure us?"

Admiration by the Bride

¹⁰" My beloved looks dazzling and ruddy, Outstanding among ten thousand.

¹¹"His head resembles gold, pure gold; His locks look like clusters of dates And black as a raven.

¹²"His eyes resemble doves Beside streams of water, Bathed in milk, And reposed in their setting.

¹³"His cheeks resemble a bed of balsam, Banks of sweet-scented herbs; His lips look like lilies Dripping with liquid myrrh.

¹⁴"His hands resemble rods of gold Set with beryl; His abdomen looks like carved ivory Inlaid with sapphires.

¹⁵"His legs resemble pillars of alabaster Set on pedestals of pure gold; His appearance resembles Lebanon Choice as the cedars.

¹⁶"His mouth seems full of sweetness And he seems wholly desirable. This person I consider my beloved and my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem."

Song of Solomon 6

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Mutual Delight in Each Other

¹" Where has your beloved gone, O most beautiful among women? Where has your beloved turned, That we may seek him with you?"

²" My beloved has gone down to his garden, To the beds of balsam, To pasture his flock in the gardens And gather lilies.

³" I belong to my beloved and my beloved belongs to me, He who pastures his flock among the lilies."

⁴" You have as much beauty as Tirzah, my darling, As lovely as Jerusalem, As awesome as an army with banners.

⁵"Turn your eyes away from me, For they have confused me; Your hair resembles a flock of goats That have descended from Gilead.

⁶" Your teeth resemble a flock of ewes Which have come up from their washing, All of which bear twins, And not one among them has lost her young.

⁷" Your temples resembles a slice of a pomegranate Behind your veil.

⁸"There exist sixty queens and eighty concubines, And maidens without number;

⁹But my dove, my perfect one, has uniqueness: We know her as her mother's only daughter; We know her as the pure child of the one who bore her The maidens saw her and called her blessed, The queens and the concubines also, and they praised her, saying,

¹⁰"Who grows like the dawn, As beautiful as the full moon, As pure as the sun, As awesome as an army with banners?"

¹¹"I went down to the orchard of nut trees To see the blossoms of the valley, To see whether the vine had budded Or the pomegranates had bloomed.

¹²"Before I became aware, my soul set me Over the chariots of my noble people."

¹³" Come back, come back, O Shulammitte; Come back, come back, that we may gaze at you!"
" Why should you gaze at the Shulammitte, As at the dance of the two companies?"

Song of Solomon 7

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Admiration by the Bridegroom

¹"How beautiful your feet look in sandals, O prince's daughter! The curves of your hips resemble jewels, The work of the hands of an artist.

²"Your navel appears like a round goblet Which never lacks mixed wine; Your belly resembles a heap of wheat Fenced about with lilies.

³"Your two breasts resemble two fawns, Twins of a gazelle.

⁴"Your neck resembles a tower of ivory, Your eyes like the pools in Heshbon By the gate of Bath-rabbim; Your nose resembles the tower of Lebanon, Which faces toward Damascus.

⁵"Your head crowns you like Carmel, And the flowing locks of your head resemble purple threads; The king feels captivated by your tresses.

⁶"How beautiful and how delightful you look, My love, with all your charms!

⁷"Your stature resembles a palm tree, And your breasts resembles its clusters.

⁸"I said, 'I will climb the palm tree, I will take hold of its fruit stalks.' Oh, may your breasts compare to clusters of the vine, And the fragrance of your breath like apples,

⁹"And your mouth like the best wine!" " It goes down smoothly for my beloved, Flowing gently through the lips of those who fall asleep.

The Union of Love

¹⁰" I belong to my beloved, And he desires me.

¹¹"Come, my beloved, let us go out into the country, Let us spend the night in the villages.

¹²"Let us rise early and go to the vineyards; Let us see whether the vine has budded And its blossoms have opened, And whether the pomegranates have bloomed. There I will give you my love.

¹³"The mandrakes have given forth fragrance; And over our doors grow all choice fruits, Both new and old, Which I have saved up for you, my beloved.

Song of Solomon 8

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The Lovers Speak

¹"Oh that you resembled a brother to me Who nursed at my mother's breasts. If I found you outdoors, I would kiss you; No one would despise me, either.

²"I would lead you and bring you Into the house of my mother, who used to instruct me; I would give you spiced wine to drink from the juice of my pomegranates.

³"Let him place his left hand under my head And his right hand embrace me."

⁴" I want you to swear, O daughters of Jerusalem, Do not arouse or awaken my love Until he pleases."

⁵" Who comes up from the wilderness Leaning on her beloved?" " Beneath the apple tree I awakened you; There your mother found herself in labor with you, There she found herself in labor and gave you birth.

⁶"Put me like a seal over your heart, Like a seal on your arm For love proves as strong as death, Jealousy proves as severe as Sheol; Its flashes consist of flashes of fire, The very flame of the LORD.

⁷"Many waters cannot quench love, Nor will rivers overflow it; If a man would give all the riches of his house for love, It would receive scorn."

⁸" We have a little sister, And she has no breasts; What shall we do for our sister On the day when someone speaks for her?

⁹"If she resembles a wall, We will build on her a battlement of silver; But if she resembles a door, We will barricade her with planks of cedar."

¹⁰" I resembled a wall, and my breasts resembled towers; Then I became in his eyes as one who finds peace.

¹¹"Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon; He entrusted the vineyard to caretakers Each one was to bring a thousand shekels of silver for its fruit.

¹²"My very own vineyard I place my disposal; The thousand shekels I reserve for you, Solomon, And two hundred I reserve for those who take care of its fruit."

¹³" O you who sit in the gardens, My companions listen for your voice--Let me hear it!"

¹⁴" Hurry, my beloved, And run like a gazelle or a young stag On the mountains of spices."

