Day 9. 9-January Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 9.

1 . To the Chief Musician. To the tune of Death of the Son. A Psalm of David...

For the Chief Musician. Set to "The Death of the Son." A Psalm by David. I will give thanks to YHWH with my whole heart. I will tell of all your marvelous works.

- 2 I will be glad and rejoice in you. I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
- 3 When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish in your presence.
- 4 For you have maintained my just cause. You sit on the throne judging righteously.
- 5 You have rebuked the nations. You have destroyed the wicked. You have blotted out their name forever and ever.
- 6 The enemy is overtaken by endless ruin. The very memory of the cities which you have overthrown has perished.
- 7 But YHWH reigns forever. He has prepared his throne for judgment.
- 8 He will judge the world in righteousness. He will administer judgment to the peoples in uprightness.
- 9 YHWH will also be a high tower for the oppressed; a high tower in times of trouble.
- 10 Those who know your name will put their trust in you, for you, YHWH, have not forsaken those who seek you.
- 11 Sing praises to YHWH, who dwells in Zion, and declare among the people what he has done.
- 12 For he who avenges blood remembers them. He doesn't forget the cry of the afflicted.
- 13 Have mercy on me, YHWH! See my affliction by those who hate me, and lift me up from the gates of death;
- 14 that I may show forth all your praise. In the gates of the daughter of Zion, I will rejoice in your salvation.
- 15 The nations have sunk down in the pit that they made. In the net which they hid, their own foot is taken.
- 16 YHWH has made himself known. He has executed judgment. The wicked is snared by the work of his own hands. Meditation. Selah.

17 . Meditation. Selah ...

The wicked shall be turned back to Sheol, even all the nations that forget ELOHIM!

- 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever.
- 19 Arise, YHWH! Don't let man prevail. Let the nations be judged in your sight.
- 20 Put them in fear, YHWH! Let the nations know that they are only men. Selah.

Proverbs 9.

1 . The Way of Wisdom. .

Wisdom has built her house. She has carved out her seven pillars.

- 2 She has prepared her meat. She has mixed her wine. She has also set her table.
- 3 She has sent out her maidens. She cries from the highest places of the city:
- 4 "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" As for him who is void of understanding, she says to him,
- 5 "Come, eat some of my bread, Drink some of the wine which I have mixed!
- 6 Leave your simple ways, and live. Walk in the way of understanding."
- 7 He who corrects a mocker invites insult. He who reproves a wicked man invites abuse.

- 8 Don't reprove a scoffer, lest he hate you. Reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
- 9 Instruct a wise man, and he will be still wiser. Teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
- 10 The fear of YHWH is the beginning of wisdom. The knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
- 11 For by me your days will be multiplied. The years of your life will be increased.
- 12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself. If you mock, you alone will bear it.

13 . The Way of Folly. .

The foolish woman is loud, Undisciplined, and knows nothing.

- 14 She sits at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,
- 15 To call to those who pass by, who go straight on their ways,
- 16 "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here." as for him who is void of understanding, she says to him,
- 17 "Stolen water is sweet. Food eaten in secret is pleasant."
- 18 But he doesn't know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

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Day 10. 10-January Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 10.

1 . A Song of Confidence in ELOHIM's Triumph over Evil. .

Why do you stand far off, YHWH? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? 2 In arrogance, the wicked hunt down the weak. They are caught in the schemes that they devise.

- 3 For the wicked boasts of his heart's cravings. He blesses the greedy, and condemns YHWH!
- 4 The wicked, in the pride of his face, has no room in his thoughts for ELOHIM!
- 5 His ways are prosperous at all times. He is haughty, and your Torah (teachings and instructions) are far from his sight. As for all his adversaries, he sneers at them.
- 6 He says in his heart, "I shall not be shaken. For generations I shall have no trouble."
- 7 His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression. Under his tongue is mischief and iniquity.
- 8 He lies in wait near the villages. From ambushes, he murders the innocent. His eyes are secretly set against the helpless.
- 9 He lurks in secret as a lion in his ambush. He lies in wait to catch the helpless. He catches the helpless, when he draws him in his net.
- 10 The helpless are crushed. They collapse. They fall under his strength.
- 11 He says in his heart, "El has forgotten. He hides his face. He will never see it."
- 12 Arise, YHWH! ELOHIM, lift up your hand! Don't forget the helpless.
- 13 Why does the wicked person condemn ELOHIM, and say in his heart, "ELOHIM won't call me into account?"
- 14 But you do see trouble and grief. You consider it to take it into your hand. You help the victim and the fatherless.
- 15 Break the arm of the wicked. As for the evil man, seek out his wickedness until you find none.
- 16 YHWH is King forever and ever! The nations will perish out of his land.
- 17 YHWH, you have heard the desire of the humble. You will prepare their heart. You will cause your ear to hear,
- 18 to judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that man who is of the earth may terrify no more.

Proverbs 10.

1 . Wise Sayings of Solomon. .

The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a glad father; but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.

- 2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness delivers from death.
- 3 YHWH will not allow the soul of the righteous to go hungry, but he thrusts away the desire of the wicked.
- 4 He becomes poor who works with a lazy hand, but the hand of the diligent brings wealth.
- 5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during the harvest is a son who causes shame.
- 6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
- 7 The memory of the righteous is blessed, but the name of the wicked will rot.
- 8 The wise in heart accept commandments, but a chattering fool will fall.

- 9 He who walks blamelessly walks surely, but he who perverts his ways will be found out.
- 10 One winking with the eye causes sorrow, but a chattering fool will fall.
- 11 The mouth of the righteous is a spring of life, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
- 12 Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all wrongs.
- 13 Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has discernment, but a rod is for the back of him who is void of understanding.
- 14 Wise men lay up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish is near ruin.
- 15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city. The destruction of the poor is their poverty.
- 16 The labor of the righteous leads to life. The increase of the wicked leads to sin.
- 17 He is in the way of life who heeds correction, but he who forsakes reproof leads others astray.
- 18 He who hides hatred has lying lips. He who utters a slander is a fool.
- 19 In the multitude of words there is no lack of disobedience, but he who restrains his lips does wisely.
- 20 The tongue of the righteous is like choice silver. The heart of the wicked is of little worth.
- 21 The lips of the righteous feed many, but the foolish die for lack of understanding.
- 22 YHWH's blessing brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it.
- 23 It is a fool's pleasure to do wickedness, but wisdom is a man of understanding's pleasure.
- 24 What the wicked fear, will overtake them, but the desire of the righteous will be granted.
- 25 When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more; but the righteous stand firm forever.
- 26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to those who send him.
- 27 The fear of YHWH prolongs days, but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.
- 28 The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hope of the wicked will perish.
- 29 The way of YHWH is a stronghold to the upright, but it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.
- 30 The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land.
- 31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off
- 32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked is perverse.

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Day 11. 11-January Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 11.

. To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David...

For the Chief Musician. By David. In YHWH, I take refuge. How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain!"

- 2 For, behold, the wicked bend their bows. They set their arrows on the strings, that they may shoot in darkness at the upright in heart.
- 3 If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?
- 4 YHWH is in his holy temple. YHWH is on his throne in heaven. His eyes observe. His eyes examine the children of men.
- 5 YHWH examines the righteous, but the wicked and him who loves violence his soul hates.
- 6 On the wicked he will rain blazing coals; fire, sulfur, and scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.
- 7 For YHWH is righteous. He loves righteousness. The upright shall see his face.

Proverbs 11.

- 1 A false balance is an abomination to YHWH, but accurate weights are his delight.
- 2 When pride comes, then comes shame, but with humility comes wisdom.
- 3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them, but the perverseness of the treacherous shall destroy them.
- 4 Riches don't profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.
- 5 The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way, but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.
- 6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them, but the unfaithful will be trapped by evil desires.
- 7 When a wicked man dies, hope perishes, and expectation of power comes to nothing.
- 8 A righteous person is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked takes his place.
- 9 With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor, but the righteous will be delivered through knowledge.
- 10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices. When the wicked perish, there is shouting.
- 11 By the blessing of the upright, the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
- 12 One who despises his neighbor is void of wisdom, but a man of understanding holds his peace.
- 13 One who brings gossip betrays a confidence, but one who is of a trustworthy spirit is one who keeps a secret.
- 14 Where there is no wise guidance, the nation falls, but in the multitude of counselors there is victory.
- 15 He who is collateral for a stranger will suffer for it, but he who refuses pledges of collateral is secure.
- 16 A gracious woman obtains honor, but violent men obtain riches.
- 17 The merciful man does good to his own soul, but he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.
- 18 Wicked people earn deceitful wages, but one who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.
- 19 He who is truly righteous gets life. He who pursues evil gets death.

- 20 Those who are perverse in heart are an abomination to YHWH, but those whose ways are blameless are his delight.
- 21 Most certainly, the evil man will not be unpunished, but the seed of the righteous will be delivered.
- 22 Like a gold ring in a pig's snout, is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion.
- 23 The desire of the righteous is only good. The expectation of the wicked is wrath.
- 24 There is one who scatters, and increases yet more. There is one who withholds more than is appropriate, but gains poverty.
- 25 The liberal soul shall be made fat. He who waters shall be watered also himself.
- 26 People curse someone who withholds grain, but blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.
- 27 He who diligently seeks good seeks favor, but he who searches after evil, it shall come to him.
- 28 He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous shall flourish as the green leaf.
- 29 He who troubles his own house shall inherit the wind. The foolish shall be servant to the wise of heart.
- 30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life. He who is wise wins souls.
- 31 Behold, the righteous shall be repaid in the earth; how much more the wicked and the sinner!

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Day 12. 12-January Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 12.

1 . To the Chief Musician. On an eight-stringed harp. A Psalm of David..

For the Chief Musician; upon an eight-stringed lyre. A Psalm of David. Help, YHWH; for the godly man ceases. For the faithful fail from among the children of men.

- 2 Everyone lies to his neighbor. They speak with flattering lips, and with a double heart.
- 3 May YHWH cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that boasts,
- 4 who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail. Our lips are our own. Who is master over us?"
- 5 "Because of the oppression of the weak and because of the groaning of the needy, I will now arise," says YHWH; "I will set him in safety from those who malign him."
- 6 The words of YHWH are flawless words, as silver refined in a clay furnace, purified seven times.
- 7 You will keep them, YHWH! You will preserve them from this generation forever.
- 8 The wicked walk on every side, when what is vile is exalted among the sons of men.

Proverbs 12.

- 1 Whoever loves correction loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.
- 2 A good man shall obtain favor from YHWH, but he will condemn a man of wicked devices.
- 3 A man shall not be established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.
- 4 A worthy woman is the crown of her husband, but a disgraceful wife is as rottenness in his bones.
- 5 The thoughts of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.
- 6 The words of the wicked are about lying in wait for blood, but the speech of the upright rescues them.
- 7 The wicked are overthrown, and are no more, but the house of the righteous shall stand.
- 8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom, but he who has a warped mind shall be despised.
- 9 Better is he who is lightly esteemed, and has a servant, than he who honors himself, and lacks bread.
- 10 A righteous man respects the life of his animal, but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.
- 11 He who tills his land shall have plenty of bread, but he who chases fantasies is void of understanding.
- 12 The wicked desires the plunder of evil men, but the root of the righteous flourishes.
- 13 An evil man is trapped by sinfulness of lips, but the righteous shall come out of trouble.
- 14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth. The work of a man's hands shall be rewarded to him.
- 15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who is wise listens to counsel.
- 16 A fool shows his annoyance the same day, but one who overlooks an insult is prudent.
- 17 He who is truthful testifies honestly, but a false witness lies.
- 18 There is one who speaks rashly like the piercing of a sword, but the tongue of the wise heals.

- 19 Truth's lips will be established forever, but a lying tongue is only momentary.
- 20 Deceit is in the heart of those who plot evil, but joy comes to the promoters of peace.
- 21 No mischief shall happen to the righteous, but the wicked shall be filled with evil.
- 22 Lying lips are an abomination to YHWH, but those who do the truth are his delight.
- 23 A prudent man keeps his knowledge, but the hearts of fools proclaim foolishness.
- 24 The hands of the diligent ones shall rule, but laziness ends in slave labor.
- 25 Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but a kind word makes it glad.
- 26 A righteous person is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.
- 27 The slothful man doesn't roast his game, but the possessions of diligent men are prized.
- 28 In the way of righteousness is life; in its path there is no death.

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Day 13. 13-January Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 13.

. To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David...

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. How long, YHWH? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

- 2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart every day? How long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Behold, and answer me, YHWH, my ELOHIM! Give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death:
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed against him;" Lest my adversaries rejoice when I fall
- 5 But I trust in your loving kindness. My heart rejoices in your salvation.
- 6 I will sing to YHWH, because he has been good to me.

Proverbs 13.

- 1 A wise son listens to his father's instruction, but a scoffer doesn't listen to rebuke.
- 2 By the fruit of his lips, a man enjoys good things; but the unfaithful crave violence.
- 3 He who guards his mouth guards his soul. One who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.
- 4 The soul of the sluggard desires, and has nothing, but the desire of the diligent shall be fully satisfied.
- 5 A righteous man hates lies, but a wicked man brings shame and disgrace.
- 6 Righteousness guards the way of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.
- 7 There are some who pretend to be rich, yet have nothing. There are some who pretend to be poor, yet have great wealth.
- 8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches, but the poor hear no threats.
- 9 The light of the righteous shines brightly, but the lamp of the wicked is snuffed out.
- 10 Pride only breeds quarrels, but with ones who take advice is wisdom.
- 11 Wealth gained dishonestly dwindles away, but he who gathers by hand makes it grow.
- 12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when longing is fulfilled, it is a tree of life.
- 13 Whoever despises instruction will pay for it, but he who respects a command will be rewarded.
- 14 The teaching of the wise is a spring of life, to turn from the snares of death.
- 15 Good understanding wins favor; but the way of the unfaithful is hard.
- 16 Every prudent man acts from knowledge, but a fool exposes folly.
- 17 A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a trustworthy envoy gains healing.
- 18 Poverty and shame come to him who refuses discipline, but he who heeds correction shall be honored.
- 19 Longing fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but fools detest turning from evil.
- 20 One who walks with wise men grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.
- 21 Misfortune pursues sinners, but prosperity rewards the righteous.
- 22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored for the righteous.
- 23 An abundance of food is in poor people's fields, but injustice sweeps it away.
- 24 One who spares the rod hates his son, but one who loves him is careful to discipline him.
- 25 The righteous one eats to the satisfying of his soul, but the belly of the wicked goes hungry.

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Day 14. 14-January Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 14.

1. "To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David...

For the Chief Musician. By David. The fool has said in his heart, "There is no ELOHIM!" They are corrupt. They have done abominable works. There is none who does good.

- 2 YHWH looked down from heaven on the children of men, to see if there were any who understood, who sought after ELOHIM!
- 3 They have all gone aside. They have together become corrupt. There is none who does good, no, not one.
- 4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and don't call on YHWH?
- 5 There they were in great fear, for ELOHIM is in the generation of the righteous.
- 6 You frustrate the plan of the poor, because YHWH is his refuge.
- 7 Oh that the salvation [yeshuat] of Israel would come out of Zion! When YHWH restores the fortunes of his people, then Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Proverbs 14.

- 1 Every wise woman builds her house, but the foolish one tears it down with her own hands.
- 2 He who walks in his uprightness fears YHWH, but he who is perverse in his ways despises him.
- 3 The fool's talk brings a rod to his back, but the lips of the wise protect them.
- 4 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean, but much increase is by the strength of the ox.
- 5 A truthful witness will not lie, but a false witness pours out lies.
- 6 A scoffer seeks wisdom, and doesn't find it, but knowledge comes easily to a discerning person.
- 7 Stay away from a foolish man, for you won't find knowledge on his lips.
- 8 The wisdom of the prudent is to think about his way, but the folly of fools is deceit.
- 9 Fools mock at making atonement for sins, but among the upright there is good will.
- 10 The heart knows its own bitterness and joy; he will not share these with a stranger.
- 11 The house of the wicked will be overthrown, but the tent of the upright will flourish.
- 12 There is a way which seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.
- 13 Even in laughter the heart may be sorrowful, and mirth may end in heaviness.
- 14 The unfaithful will be repaid for his own ways; likewise a good man will be rewarded for his ways.
- 15 A simple man believes everything, but the prudent man carefully considers his ways.
- 16 A wise man fears, and shuns evil, but the fool is hotheaded and reckless.
- 17 He who is quick to become angry will commit folly, and a crafty man is hated.
- 18 The simple inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
- 19 The evil bow down before the good, and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
- 20 The poor person is shunned even by his own neighbor, but the rich person has many friends.
- 21 He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who has pity on the poor.
- 22 Don't they go astray who plot evil? But love and faithfulness belong to those who plan good.
- 23 In all hard work there is profit, but the talk of the lips leads only to poverty.
- 24 The crown of the wise is their riches, but the folly of fools crowns them with folly.

- 25 A truthful witness saves souls, but a false witness is deceitful.
- 26 In the fear of YHWH is a secure fortress, and he will be a refuge for his children.
- 27 The fear of YHWH is a fountain of life, turning people from the snares of death.
- 28 In the multitude of people is the king's glory, but in the lack of people is the destruction of the prince.
- 29 He who is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a quick temper displays folly.
- 30 The life of the body is a heart at peace, but envy rots the bones.
- 31 He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for his Maker, but he who is kind to the needy honors him.
- 32 The wicked is brought down in his calamity, but in death, the righteous has a refuge.
- 33 Wisdom rests in the heart of one who has understanding, and is even made known in the inward part of fools.
- 34 Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.
- 35 The king's favor is toward a servant who deals wisely, but his wrath is toward one who causes shame.
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Day 15. 15-January Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 15.

1 . A Psalm of David...

A Psalm by David. YHWH, who shall dwell in your sanctuary? Who shall live on your holy hill?

- 2 He who walks blamelessly does what is right, and speaks truth in his heart;
- 3 He who doesn't slander with his tongue, nor does evil to his friend, nor casts slurs against his fellow man;
- 4 In whose eyes a vile man is despised, but who honors those who fear YHWH; he who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and doesn't change;
- 5 he who doesn't lend out his money for usury, nor take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be shaken.

Proverbs 15.

- 1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
- 2 The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of fools gush out folly.
- 3 YHWH's eyes are everywhere, keeping watch on the evil and the good.
- 4 A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but deceit in it crushes the spirit.
- 5 A fool despises his father's correction, but he who heeds reproof shows prudence.
- 6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure, but the income of the wicked brings trouble.
- 7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so with the heart of fools.
- 8 The sacrifice made by the wicked is an abomination to YHWH, but the prayer of the upright is his delight.
- 9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to YHWH, but he loves him who follows after righteousness.
- 10 There is stern discipline for one who forsakes the way: whoever hates reproof shall die.
- 11 Sheol and Abaddon are before YHWH how much more then the hearts of the children of men!
- 12 A scoffer doesn't love to be reproved; he will not go to the wise.
- 13 A glad heart makes a cheerful face; but an aching heart breaks the spirit.
- 14 The heart of one who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly.
- 15 All the days of the afflicted are wretched, but one who has a cheerful heart enjoys a continual feast.
- 16 Better is little, with the fear of YHWH, than great treasure with trouble.
- 17 Better is a dinner of herbs, where love is, than a fattened calf with hatred.
- 18 A wrathful man stirs up contention, but one who is slow to anger appeases strife.
- 19 The way of the sluggard is like a thorn patch, but the path of the upright is a highway.
- 20 A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish man despises his mother.
- 21 Folly is joy to one who is void of wisdom, but a man of understanding keeps his way straight.
- 22 Where there is no counsel, plans fail; but in a multitude of counselors they are established.
- 23 Joy comes to a man with the reply of his mouth. How good is a word at the right time!
- 24 The path of life leads upward for the wise, to keep him from going downward to

Sheol.

- 25 YHWH will uproot the house of the proud, but he will keep the widow's borders intact.
- 26 YHWH detests the thoughts of the wicked, but the thoughts of the pure are pleasing.
- 27 He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house, but he who hates bribes will live.
- 28 The heart of the righteous weighs answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes out evil.
- 29 YHWH is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.
- 30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart. Good news gives health to the bones.
- 31 The ear that listens to reproof lives, and will be at home among the wise.
- 32 He who refuses correction despises his own soul, but he who listens to reproof gets understanding.
- 33 The fear of YHWH teaches wisdom. Before honor is humility.

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