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## . To the Chief Musician. A Contemplation of the sons of Korah...

For the Chief Musician. A contemplation by the sons of Korah. As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants after you, ELOHIM!

- 2 My soul thirsts for ELOHIM, for the living ELOHIM! When shall I come and appear before ELOHIM?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while they continually ask me, "Where is your ELOHIM?"
- 4 These things I remember, and pour out my soul within me, how I used to go with the crowd, and led them to the house of ELOHIM, with the voice of joy and praise, a multitude keeping a holy day.
- 5 Why are you in despair, my soul? Why are you disturbed within me? Hope in ELOHIM! For I shall still praise him for the saving help of his presence.
- 6 My ELOHIM, my soul is in despair within me. Therefore I remember you from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon, from the hill Mizar.
- 7 Deep calls to deep at the noise of your waterfalls. All your waves and your billows have swept over me.
- 8 YHWH will command his loving kindness in the daytime. In the night his song shall be with me: a prayer to the EL of my life.
- 9 I will ask ELOHIM, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"
- 10 As with a sword in my bones, my adversaries reproach me, while they continually ask me, "Where is your ELOHIM?"
- 11 Why are you in despair, my soul? Why are you disturbed within me? Hope in ELOHIM! For I shall still praise him, the saving help of my countenance, and my ELOHIM!

#### Proverbs 1.

#### 1 . The Beginning of Knowledge. . Proverbs!

The proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, king of Israel:

- 2 to know wisdom and instruction; to discern the words of understanding;
- 3 to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity;
- 4 to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young man:
- 5 that the wise man may hear, and increase in learning; that the man of understanding may attain to sound counsel:
- 6 to understand a proverb, and parables, the words and riddles of the wise.
- 7 The fear of YHWH is the beginning of knowledge; but the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.

#### 8 . Shun Evil Counsel. .

My son, listen to your father's instruction, and don't forsake your mother's teaching:

- 9 for they will be a garland to grace your head, and chains around your neck.
- 10 My son, if sinners entice you, don't consent.
- 11 If they say, "Come with us, Let's lay in wait for blood; let's lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;
- 12 let's swallow them up alive like Sheol, and whole, like those who go down into the pit.

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- 13 We'll find all valuable wealth. We'll fill our houses with spoil.
- 14 You shall cast your lot among us. We'll all have one purse."
- 15 My son, don't walk in the way with them. Keep your foot from their path,
- 16 for their feet run to evil. They hurry to shed blood.
- 17 For in vain is the net spread in the sight of any bird:
- 18 but these lay wait for their own blood. They lurk secretly for their own lives.
- 19 So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain. It takes away the life of its owners.

#### . The Call of Wisdom. .

Wisdom calls aloud in the street. She utters her voice in the public squares.

- 21 She calls at the head of noisy places. At the entrance of the city gates, she utters her words:
- 22 "How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? How long will mockers delight themselves in mockery, and fools hate knowledge?
- 23 Turn at my reproof. Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you. I will make known my words to you.
- 24 Because I have called, and you have refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no one has paid attention;
- 25 but you have ignored all my counsel, and wanted none of my reproof;
- 26 I also will laugh at your disaster. I will mock when calamity overtakes you;
- 27 when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when your disaster comes on like a whirlwind; when distress and anguish come on you.
- 28 Then will they call on me, but I will not answer. They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me;
- 29 because they hated knowledge, and didn't choose the fear of YHWH!
- 30 They wanted none of my counsel. They despised all my reproof.
- 31 Therefore they will eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own schemes.
- 32 For the backsliding of the simple will kill them. The careless ease of fools will destroy them.
- 33 But whoever listens to me will dwell securely, and will be at ease, without fear of harm."

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