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Psalms 59.

1 . To the Chief Musician. Set to Do Not Destroy. A Michtam of David when Saul sent men, and they watched the house in order to kill him...

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A poem by David, when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him. Deliver me from my enemies, my ELOHIM! Set me on high from those who rise up against me.

- 2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity. Save me from the bloodthirsty men.
- 3 For, behold, they lie in wait for my soul. The mighty gather themselves together against me, not for my disobedience, nor for my sin, YHWH!
- 4 I have done no wrong, yet they are ready to attack me. Rise up, behold, and help me!
- 5 You, YHWH ELOHIM of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel, rouse yourself to punish the nations. Show no mercy to the wicked traitors. Selah.
- 6 They return at evening, howling like dogs, and prowl around the city.
- 7 Behold, they spew with their mouth. Swords are in their lips, "For," they say, "who hears us?"
- 8 But you, YHWH, laugh at them. You scoff at all the nations.
- 9 Oh, my Strength, I watch for you, for ELOHIM is my high tower.
- 10 My ELOHIM will go before me with his loving kindness. ELOHIM will let me look at my enemies in triumph.
- 11 Don't kill them, or my people may forget. Scatter them by your power, and bring them down, ADONAI our shield.
- 12 For the sin of their mouth, and the words of their lips, let them be caught in their pride, for the curses and lies which they utter.
- 13 Consume them in wrath. Consume them, and they will be no more. Let them know that ELOHIM rules in Jacob, to the ends of the earth. Selah.
- 14 At evening let them return. Let them howl like a dog, and go around the city.
- 15 They shall wander up and down for food, and wait all night if they aren't satisfied.
- 16 But I will sing of your strength. Yes, I will sing aloud of your loving kindness in the morning. For you have been my high tower, a refuge in the day of my distress.
- 17 To you, my strength, I will sing praises. For ELOHIM is my high tower, the ELOHIM of my mercy.

Proverbs 18.

- 1 An unfriendly man pursues selfishness, and defies all sound judgment.
- 2 A fool has no delight in understanding, but only in revealing his own opinion.
- 3 When wickedness comes, contempt also comes, and with shame comes disgrace.
- 4 The words of a man's mouth are like deep waters. The fountain of wisdom is like a flowing brook.
- 5 To be partial to the faces of the wicked is not good, nor to deprive the innocent of justice.
- 6 A fool's lips come into strife, and his mouth invites beatings.
- 7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are a snare to his soul.
- 8 The words of a gossip are like dainty morsels: they go down into a person's innermost parts.
- 9 One who is slack in his work is brother to him who is a master of destruction.
- 10 The name of YHWH is a strong tower: the righteous run to him, and are safe.
- 11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, like an unscalable wall in his own

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- 12 Before destruction the heart of man is proud, but before honor is humility.
- 13 He who gives answer before he hears, that is folly and shame to him.
- 14 A man's spirit will sustain him in sickness, but a crushed spirit, who can bear?
- 15 The heart of the discerning gets knowledge. The ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
- 16 A man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men.
- 17 He who pleads his cause first seems right; until another comes and questions him.
- 18 The lot settles disputes, and keeps strong ones apart.
- 19 A brother offended is more difficult than a fortified city; and disputes are like the bars of a castle.
- 20 A man's stomach is filled with the fruit of his mouth. With the harvest of his lips he is satisfied.
- 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue; those who love it will eat its fruit.
- 22 Whoever finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor of YHWH!
- 23 The poor plead for mercy, but the rich answer harshly.
- 24 A man of many companions may be ruined, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

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