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Psalms 64.

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

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. Hear my voice, ELOHIM, in my complaint. Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

- 2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, from the noisy crowd of the ones doing evil;
- 3 who sharpen their tongue like a sword, and aim their arrows, deadly words,
- 4 to shoot innocent men from ambushes. They shoot at him suddenly and fearlessly.
- 5 They encourage themselves in evil plans. They talk about laying snares secretly. They say, "Who will see them?"
- 6 They plot injustice, saying, "We have made a perfect plan!" Surely man's mind and heart are cunning.
- 7 But ELOHIM will shoot at them. They will be suddenly struck down with an arrow.
- 8 Their own tongues shall ruin them. All who see them will shake their heads.
- 9 All mankind shall be afraid. They shall declare the work of ELOHIM, and shall wisely ponder what he has done.
- 10 The righteous shall be glad in YHWH, and shall take refuge in him. All the upright in heart shall praise him!

Proverbs 23.

- 1 When you sit to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before you;
- 2 put a knife to your throat, if you are a man given to appetite.
- 3 Don't be desirous of his dainties, since they are deceitful food.
- 4 Don't weary yourself to be rich. In your wisdom, show restraint.
- 5 Why do you set your eyes on that which is not? For it certainly sprouts wings like an eagle and flies in the sky.
- 6 Don't eat the food of him who has a stingy eye, and don't crave his delicacies:
- 7 for as he thinks about the cost, so he is. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, but his heart is not with you.
- 8 The morsel which you have eaten you shall vomit up, and lose your good words.
- 9 Don't speak in the ears of a fool, for he will despise the wisdom of your words.
- 10 Don't move the ancient boundary stone. Don't encroach on the fields of the fatherless:
- 11 for their Defender is strong. He will plead their case against you.
- 12 Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge.
- 13 Don't withhold correction from a child. If you punish him with the rod, he will not die.
- 14 Punish him with the rod, and save his soul from Sheol.
- 15 My son, if your heart is wise, then my heart will be glad, even mine:
- 16 yes, my heart will rejoice, when your lips speak what is right.
- 17 Don't let your heart envy sinners; but rather fear YHWH all the day long.
- 18 Indeed surely there is a future hope, and your hope will not be cut off.
- 19 Listen, my son, and be wise, and keep your heart on the right path!
- 20 Don't be among ones drinking too much wine, or those who gorge themselves on meat:
- 21 for the drunkard and the glutton shall become poor; and drowsiness clothes them in rags.

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- 22 Listen to your father who gave you life, and don't despise your mother when she is old.
- 23 Buy the truth, and don't sell it. Get wisdom, discipline, and understanding.
- 24 The father of the righteous has great joy. Whoever fathers a wise child delights in him.
- 25 Let your father and your mother be glad! Let her who bore you rejoice!
- 26 My son, give me your heart; and let your eyes keep in my ways.
- 27 For a prostitute is a deep pit; and a wayward wife is a narrow well.
- 28 Yes, she lies in wait like a robber, and increases the unfaithful among men.
- 29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaints? Who has needless bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes?
- 30 Those who stay long at the wine; those who go to seek out mixed wine.
- 31 Don't look at the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly.
- 32 In the end, it bites like a snake, and poisons like a viper.
- 33 Your eyes will see strange things, and your mind will imagine confusing things.
- 34 Yes, you will be as he who lies down in the midst of the sea, or as he who lies on top of the rigging:
- 35 "They hit me, and I was not hurt! They beat me, and I don't feel it! When will I wake up? I can do it again. I can find another."

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