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Psalms 72.

1 . A Psalm of Solomon. .

By Solomon. ELOHIM, give the king your justice; your righteousness to the royal son.

2 He will judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

3 The mountains shall bring prosperity to the people. The hills bring the fruit of righteousness.

4 He will judge the poor of the people. He will save the children of the needy, and will break the oppressor in pieces.

5 They shall fear you while the sun endures; and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

6 He will come down like rain on the mown grass, as showers that water the earth.

7 In his days, the righteous shall flourish, and abundance of peace, until the moon is no more.

8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

9 Those who dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him. His enemies shall lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the islands will bring tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before him. All nations shall serve him.

12 For he will deliver the needy when he cries; the poor, who has no helper.

13 He will have pity on the poor and needy. He will save the souls of the needy.

14 He will redeem their soul from oppression and violence. Their blood will be precious in his sight.

15 They shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba. Men shall pray for him continually. They shall bless him all day long.

16 Abundance of grain shall be throughout the land. Its fruit sways like Lebanon. Let it flourish, thriving like the grass of the field.

17 His name endures forever. His name continues as long as the sun. Men shall be blessed by him. All nations will call him blessed.

18 Praise be to YHWH ELOHIM, the ELOHIM of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

19 Blessed be his glorious name forever! Let the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and amen.

20 This ends the prayers by David, the son of Jesse.

Proverbs 31.

1 . The Words of King Lemuel's Mother. .

The words of king Lemuel; the oracle which his mother taught him.

2 "Oh, my son! Oh, son of my womb! Oh, son of my vows!

3 Don't give your strength to women, nor your ways to that which destroys kings.

4 It is not for kings, Lemuel; it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes to say, 'Where is strong drink?'

5 lest they drink, and forget the decree, and pervert the justice due to anyone who is afflicted.

6 Give strong drink to him who is ready to perish; and wine to the bitter in soul:

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- 7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.
- 8 Open your mouth for the mute, in the cause of all who are left desolate.
- 9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, and serve justice to the poor and needy.”

10 **. The Virtuous Wife. .**

Who can find a worthy woman? For her price is far above rubies.

- 11 The heart of her husband trusts in her. He shall have no lack of gain.
- 12 She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
- 13 She seeks wool and flax, and works eagerly with her hands.
- 14 She is like the merchant ships. She brings her bread from afar.
- 15 She rises also while it is yet night, gives food to her household, and portions for her servant girls.
- 16 She considers a field, and buys it. With the fruit of her hands, she plants a vineyard.
- 17 She arms her waist with strength, and makes her arms strong.
- 18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp doesn't go out by night.
- 19 She lays her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.
- 20 She opens her arms to the poor; yes, she extends her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
- 22 She makes for herself carpets of tapestry. Her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- 23 Her husband is respected in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.
- 24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and delivers sashes to the merchant.
- 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing. She laughs at the time to come.
- 26 She opens her mouth with wisdom. Faithful instruction is on her tongue.
- 27 She looks well to the ways of her household, and doesn't eat the bread of idleness.
- 28 Her children rise up and call her blessed. Her husband also praises her:
- 29 “Many women do noble things, but you excel them all.”
- 30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman who fears YHWH, she shall be praised.
- 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands! Let her works praise her in the gates!

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