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Ecclesiastes 1:1-11.

1 . The Vanity of Life. . Ecclesiastes!.. .

The words of Kohelet, the son of David, king in Jerusalem:

- 2 “Vanity of vanities,” says Kohelet; “Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.”
- 3 What does man gain from all his labor in which he labors under the sun?
- 4 One generation goes, and another generation comes; but the earth remains forever.
- 5 The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, and hurries to its place where it rises.
- 6 The wind goes toward the south, and turns around to the north. It turns around continually as it goes, and the wind returns again to its courses.
- 7 All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full. To the place where the rivers flow, there they flow again.
- 8 All things are full of weariness beyond uttering. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.
- 9 That which has been is that which shall be; and that which has been done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.
- 10 Is there a thing of which it may be said, “Behold, this is new?” It has been long ago, in the ages which were before us.
- 11 There is no memory of the former; neither shall there be any memory of the latter that are to come, among those that shall come after.

Psalms 73.

1 . A Psalm of Asaph.. .

- A Psalm by Asaph. Surely ELOHIM is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.
- 2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone. My steps had nearly slipped.
 - 3 For I was envious of the arrogant, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
 - 4 For there are no struggles in their death, but their strength is firm.
 - 5 They are free from burdens of men, neither are they plagued like other men.
 - 6 Therefore pride is like a chain around their neck. Violence covers them like a garment.
 - 7 Their eyes bulge with fat. Their minds pass the limits of conceit.
 - 8 They scoff and speak with malice. In arrogance, they threaten oppression.
 - 9 They have set their mouth in the heavens. Their tongue walks through the earth.
 - 10 Therefore their people return to them, and they drink up waters of abundance.
 - 11 They say, “How does EL know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?”
 - 12 Behold, these are the wicked. Being always at ease, they increase in riches.
 - 13 Surely in vain I have cleansed my heart, and washed my hands in innocence,
 - 14 For all day long have I been plagued, and punished every morning.
 - 15 If I had said, “I will speak thus;” behold, I would have betrayed the generation of your children.
 - 16 When I tried to understand this, it was too painful for me;
 - 17 Until I entered EL’s sanctuary, and considered their latter end.
 - 18 Surely you set them in slippery places. You throw them down to destruction.
 - 19 How they are suddenly destroyed! They are completely swept away with terrors.
 - 20 As a dream when one wakes up, so, ADONAI, when you awake, you will despise their fantasies.
 - 21 For my soul was grieved. I was embittered in my heart.
 - 22 I was so senseless and ignorant. I was a brute beast before you.

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- 23 Nevertheless, I am continually with you. You have held my right hand.
24 You will guide me with your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.
25 Whom do I have in heaven? There is no one on earth whom I desire besides you.
26 My flesh and my heart fails, but ELOHIM is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
27 For, behold, those who are far from you shall perish. You have destroyed all those who are unfaithful to you.
28 But it is good for me to come close to ELOHIM! I have made ADONAI YHWH my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

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.
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.

20 . 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;

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- 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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