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16 . Injustice Seems to Prevail..

Moreover I saw under the sun, in the place of justice, that wickedness was there; and in the place of righteousness, that wickedness was there.

17 I said in my heart, "ELOHIM will judge the righteous and the wicked; for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work."

18 I said in my heart, "As for the sons of men, ELOHIM tests them, so that they may see that they themselves are like animals.

19 For that which happens to the sons of men happens to animals. Even one thing happens to them. As the one dies, so the other dies. Yes, they have all one breath; and man has no advantage over the animals: for all is vanity.

20 All go to one place. All are from the dust, and all turn to dust again.

21 Who knows the spirit of man, whether it goes upward, and the spirit of the animal, whether it goes downward to the earth?"

22 Therefore I saw that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his works; for that is his portion: for who can bring him to see what will be after him?

1 Then I returned and saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold, the tears of those who were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter.

2 Therefore I praised the dead who have been long dead more than the living who are yet alive.

3 Yes, better than them both is him who has not yet been, who has not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

4 . The Vanity of Selfish Toil..

Then I saw all the labor and achievement that is the envy of a man's neighbor. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

5 The fool folds his hands together and ruins himself.

6 Better is a handful, with quietness, than two handfuls with labor and chasing after wind.

7 Then I returned and saw vanity under the sun.

8 There is one who is alone, and he has neither son nor brother. There is no end to all of his labor, neither are his eyes satisfied with wealth. "For whom then, do I labor, and deprive my soul of enjoyment?" This also is vanity. Yes, it is a miserable business.

9 . The Value of a Friend..

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor.

10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him who is alone when he falls, and doesn't have another to lift him up.

11 Again, if two lie together, then they have warmth; but how can one keep warm alone?

12 If a man prevails against one who is alone, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

13 . Popularity Passes Away..

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Better is a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king who doesn't know how to receive admonition any more.

14 For out of prison he came forth to be king; yes, even in his kingdom he was born poor.

15 I saw all the living who walk under the sun, that they were with the youth, the other, who succeeded him.

16 There was no end of all the people, even of all them over whom he was yet those who come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

Psalms 76.

1 . To the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A Psalm of Asaph. A Song.. .

For the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A Psalm by Asaph. A song. In Judah, ELOHIM is known. His name is great in Israel.

2 His tabernacle is also in Salem; His dwelling place in Zion.

3 There he broke the flaming arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the weapons of war. Selah.

4 Glorious are you, and excellent, more than mountains of game.

5 Valiant men lie plundered, they have slept their last sleep. None of the men of war can lift their hands.

6 At your rebuke, ELOHIM of Jacob, both chariot and horse are cast into a deep sleep.

7 You, even you, are to be feared. Who can stand in your sight when you are angry?

8 You pronounced judgment from heaven. The earth feared, and was silent,

9 when ELOHIM arose to judgment, to save all the afflicted ones of the earth. Selah.

10 Surely the wrath of man praises you. The survivors of your wrath are restrained.

11 Make vows to YHWH your ELOHIM, and fulfill them! Let all of his neighbors bring presents to him who is to be feared.

12 He will cut off the spirit of princes. He is feared by the kings of the earth.

Proverbs 4.

1 . Security in Wisdom. .

Listen, sons, to a father's instruction. Pay attention and know understanding;

2 for I give you sound learning. Don't forsake my Torah (teaching and instruction).

3 For I was a son to my father, tender and an only child in the sight of my mother.

4 He taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart retain my words. Keep my commandments, and live.

5 Get wisdom. Get understanding. Don't forget, neither swerve from the words of my mouth.

6 Don't forsake her, and she will preserve you. Love her, and she will keep you.

7 Wisdom is supreme. Get wisdom. Yes, though it costs all your possessions, get understanding.

8 Esteem her, and she will exalt you. She will bring you to honor, when you embrace her.

9 She will give to your head a garland of grace. She will deliver a crown of splendor to you."

10 Listen, my son, and receive my sayings. The years of your life will be many.

11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom. I have led you in straight paths.

12 When you go, your steps will not be hampered. When you run, you will not stumble.

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- 13 Take firm hold of instruction. Don't let her go. Keep her, for she is your life.
- 14 Don't enter into the path of the wicked. Don't walk in the way of evil men.
- 15 Avoid it, and don't pass by it. Turn from it, and pass on.
- 16 For they don't sleep, unless they do evil. Their sleep is taken away, unless they make someone fall.
- 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.
- 18 But the path of the righteous is like the dawning light, that shines more and more until the perfect day.
- 19 The way of the wicked is like darkness. They don't know what they stumble over.
- 20 My son, attend to my words. Turn your ear to my sayings.
- 21 Let them not depart from your eyes. Keep them in the midst of your heart.
- 22 For they are life to those who find them, and health to their whole body.
- 23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it is the wellspring of life.
- 24 Put away from yourself a perverse mouth. Put corrupt lips far from you.
- 25 Let your eyes look straight ahead. Fix your gaze directly before you.
- 26 Make the path of your feet level. Let all of your ways be established.
- 27 Don't turn to the right hand nor to the left. Remove your foot from evil.

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