

## 18 Mar Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings)

Ecclesiastes 5, Psalms 77, Proverbs 5.

### Day 78. 18-March Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### Ecclesiastes 5.

##### **1 . Fear ELOHIM, Keep Your Vows. .**

Guard your steps when you go to ELOHIM's house; for to draw near to listen is better than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they don't know that they do evil.

2 Don't be rash with your mouth, and don't let your heart be hasty to utter anything before ELOHIM; for ELOHIM is in heaven, and you on earth. Therefore let your words be few.

3 For as a dream comes with a multitude of cares, so a fool's speech with a multitude of words.

4 When you vow a vow to ELOHIM, don't defer to pay it; for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay that which you vow.

5 It is better that you should not vow, than that you should vow and not pay.

6 Don't allow your mouth to lead you into sin. Don't protest before the messenger that this was a mistake. Why should ELOHIM be angry at your voice, and destroy the work of your hands?

7 For in the multitude of dreams there are vanities, as well as in many words: but you must fear ELOHIM!

##### **8 . The Vanity of Gain and Honor. .**

If you see the oppression of the poor, and the violent taking away of justice and righteousness in a district, don't marvel at the matter: for one official is eyed by a higher one; and there are officials over them.

9 Moreover the profit of the earth is for all. The king profits from the field.

10 He who loves silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he who loves abundance, with increase: this also is vanity.

11 When goods increase, those who eat them are increased; and what advantage is there to its owner, except to feast on them with his eyes?

12 The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not allow him to sleep.

13 There is a grievous evil which I have seen under the sun: wealth kept by its owner to his harm.

14 Those riches perish by misfortune, and if he has fathered a son, there is nothing in his hand.

15 As he came forth from his mother's womb, naked shall he go again as he came, and shall take nothing for his labor, which he may carry away in his hand.

16 This also is a grievous evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go. And what profit does he have who labors for the wind?

17 All his days he also eats in darkness, he is frustrated, and has sickness and wrath.

18 Behold, that which I have seen to be good and proper is for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy good in all his labor, in which he labors under the sun, all the days of his life which ELOHIM has given him; for this is his portion.

19 Every man also to whom ELOHIM has given riches and wealth, and has given him power to eat of it, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labor this is the gift of ELOHIM!

20 For he shall not often reflect on the days of his life; because ELOHIM occupies him with the joy of his heart.

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### Psalms 77.

#### 1 . To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph..

For the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm by Asaph. My cry goes to ELOHIM! Indeed, I cry to ELOHIM for help, and for him to listen to me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought ADONAI. My hand was stretched out in the night, and didn't get tired. My soul refused to be comforted.

3 I remember ELOHIM, and I groan. I complain, and my spirit is overwhelmed. Selah.

4 You hold my eyelids open. I am so troubled that I can't speak.

5 I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

6 I remember my song in the night. I consider in my own heart; my spirit diligently inquires:

7 "Will ADONAI reject us forever? Will he be favorable no more?

8 Has his loving kindness vanished forever? Does his promise fail for generations?

9 Has EL forgotten to be gracious? Has he, in anger, withheld his compassion?" Selah.

10 Then I thought, "I will appeal to this: the years of the right hand of the Most High."

11 I will remember YAH's deeds; for I will remember your wonders of old.

12 I will also meditate on all your work, and consider your doings.

13 Your way, ELOHIM, is in the sanctuary. Who is a great EL like ELOHIM?

14 You are the EL who does wonders. You have made your strength known among the peoples.

15 You have redeemed your people with your arm, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

16 The waters saw you, ELOHIM! The waters saw you, and they writhed. The depths also convulsed.

17 The clouds poured out water. The skies resounded with thunder. Your arrows also flashed around.

18 The voice of your thunder was in the whirlwind. The lightnings lit up the world. The earth trembled and shook.

19 Your way was through the sea; your paths through the great waters. Your footsteps were not known.

20 You led your people like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

### Proverbs 5.

#### 1 . The Peril of Adultery. .

My son, pay attention to my wisdom. Turn your ear to my understanding:

2 that you may maintain discretion, that your lips may preserve knowledge.

3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey. Her mouth is smoother than oil,

4 But in the end she is as bitter as wormwood, and as sharp as a two-edged sword.

5 Her feet go down to death. Her steps lead straight to Sheol.

6 She gives no thought to the way of life. Her ways are crooked, and she doesn't know it.

7 Now therefore, my sons, listen to me. Don't depart from the words of my mouth.

8 Remove your way far from her. Don't come near the door of her house,

9 lest you give your honor to others, and your years to the cruel one;

10 lest strangers feast on your wealth, and your labors enrich another man's house.

11 You will groan at your latter end, when your flesh and your body are consumed,

12 and say, "How I have hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;

13 neither have I obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor turned my ear to those who

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instructed me!

14 I have come to the brink of utter ruin, in the midst of the gathered assembly.”

15 Drink water out of your own cistern, running water out of your own well.

16 Should your springs overflow in the streets, streams of water in the public squares?

17 Let them be for yourself alone, not for strangers with you.

18 Let your spring be blessed. Rejoice in the wife of your youth.

19 A loving doe and a graceful deer let her breasts satisfy you at all times. Be captivated always with her love.

20 For why should you, my son, be captivated with an adulteress? Why embrace the bosom of another?

21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of YHWH! He examines all his paths.

22 The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare him. The cords of his sin hold him firmly.

23 He will die for lack of instruction. In the greatness of his folly, he will go astray.

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