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Day 79. 19-March Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Ecclesiastes 6.

- 1 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is heavy on men:
- 2 a man to whom ELOHIM gives riches, wealth, and honor, so that he lacks nothing for his soul of all that he desires, yet ELOHIM gives him no power to eat of it, but an alien eats it. This is vanity, and it is an evil disease.
- 3 If a man fathers a hundred children, and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his soul is not filled with good, and moreover he has no burial; I say, that a stillborn child is better than he:
- 4 for it comes in vanity, and departs in darkness, and its name is covered with darkness.
- 5 Moreover it has not seen the sun nor known it. This has rest rather than the other.
- 6 Yes, though he live a thousand years twice told, and yet fails to enjoy good, don't all go to one place?
- 7 All the labor of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled.
- 8 For what advantage has the wise more than the fool? What has the poor man, that knows how to walk before the living?
- 9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire. This also is vanity and a chasing after wind.
- 10 Whatever has been, its name was given long ago; and it is known what man is; neither can he contend with him who is mightier than he.
- 11 For there are many words that create vanity. What does that profit man?
- 12 For who knows what is good for man in life, all the days of his vain life which he spends like a shadow? For who can tell a man what will be after him under the sun

Psalms 78.

1 . A Contemplation of Asaph.. .

- A contemplation by Asaph. Hear my teaching, my people. Turn your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable. I will utter dark sayings of old,
 - 3 Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.
 - 4 We will not hide them from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of YHWH, his strength, and his wondrous works that he has done.
 - 5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a teaching in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children;
 - 6 that the generation to come might know, even the children who should be born; who should arise and tell their children,
 - 7 that they might set their hope in ELOHIM, and not forget the works of EL, but keep his commandments,
 - 8 and might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that didn't make their hearts loyal, whose spirit was not steadfast with EL!
 - 9 The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.
 - 10 They didn't keep ELOHIM's covenant, and refused to walk by his Torah.
 - 11 They forgot his doings, his wondrous works that he had shown them.
 - 12 He did marvelous things in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
 - 13 He split the sea, and caused them to pass through. He made the waters stand as a

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heap.

14 In the daytime he also led them with a cloud, and all night with a light of fire.

15 He split rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as out of the depths.

16 He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 Yet they still went on to sin against him, to rebel against the Most High in the desert.

18 They tempted EL in their heart by asking food according to their desire.

19 Yes, they spoke against ELOHIM! They said, "Can EL prepare a table in the wilderness?"

20 Behold, he struck the rock, so that waters gushed out, and streams overflowed. Can he give bread also? Will he provide flesh for his people?"

21 Therefore YHWH heard, and was angry. A fire was kindled against Jacob, anger also went up against Israel,

22 because they didn't believe in ELOHIM, and didn't trust in his salvation [yeshuat].

23 Yet he commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna on them to eat, and gave them food from the sky.

25 Man ate the bread of angels. He sent them food to the full.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the sky. By his power he guided the south wind.

27 He rained also flesh on them as the dust; winged birds as the sand of the seas.

28 He let them fall in the midst of their camp, around their habitations.

29 So they ate, and were well filled. He gave them their own desire.

30 They didn't turn from their cravings. Their food was yet in their mouths,

31 when the anger of ELOHIM went up against them, killed some of their fattest, and struck down the young men of Israel.

32 For all this they still sinned, and didn't believe in his wondrous works.

33 Therefore he consumed their days in vanity, and their years in terror.

34 When he killed them, then they inquired after him. They returned and sought EL earnestly.

35 They remembered that ELOHIM was their rock, the Most High ELOHIM, their redeemer.

36 But they flattered him with their mouth, and lied to him with their tongue.

37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they faithful in his covenant.

38 But he, being merciful, forgave iniquity, and didn't destroy them. Yes, many times he turned his anger away, and didn't stir up all his wrath.

39 He remembered that they were but flesh, a wind that passes away, and doesn't come again.

40 How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness, and grieved him in the desert!

41 They turned again and tempted EL, and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

42 They didn't remember his hand, nor the day when he redeemed them from the adversary;

43 how he set his signs in Egypt, his wonders in the field of Zoan,

44 he turned their rivers into blood, and their streams, so that they could not drink.

45 He sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gave also their increase to the caterpillar, and their labor to the locust.

47 He destroyed their vines with hail, their sycamore fig trees with frost.

48 He gave over their livestock also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.

49 He threw on them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, indignation, and trouble, and a band of angels of evil.

50 He made a path for his anger. He didn't spare their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence,

51 and struck all the firstborn in Egypt, the chief of their strength in the tents of Ham.

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52 But he led forth his own people like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 He led them safely, so that they weren't afraid, but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 He brought them to the border of his sanctuary, to this mountain, which his right hand had taken.

55 He also drove out the nations before them, allotted them for an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tempted and rebelled against the Most High ELOHIM, and didn't keep his testimonies;

57 but turned back, and dealt treacherously like their fathers. They were turned aside like a deceitful bow.

58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their engraved images.

59 When ELOHIM heard this, he was angry, and greatly abhorred Israel;

60 So that he forsook the tent of Shiloh, the tent which he placed among men;

61 and delivered his strength into captivity, his glory into the adversary's hand.

62 He also gave his people over to the sword, and was angry with his inheritance.

63 Fire devoured their young men. Their virgins had no wedding song.

64 Their priests fell by the sword, and their widows couldn't weep.

65 Then ADONAI awakened as one out of sleep, like a mighty man who shouts by reason of wine.

66 He struck his adversaries backward. He put them to a perpetual reproach.

67 Moreover he rejected the tent of Joseph, and didn't choose the tribe of Ephraim,

68 But chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which he loved.

69 He built his sanctuary like the heights, like the earth which he has established forever.

70 He also chose David his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds;

71 from following the ewes that have their young, he brought him to be the shepherd of Jacob, his people, and Israel, his inheritance.

72 So he was their shepherd according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

Proverbs 6.

1 . Dangerous Promises. .

My son, if you have become collateral for your neighbor, if you have struck your hands in pledge for a stranger;

2 You are trapped by the words of your mouth. You are ensnared with the words of your mouth.

3 Do this now, my son, and deliver yourself, since you have come into the hand of your neighbor. Go, humble yourself. Press your plea with your neighbor.

4 Give no sleep to your eyes, nor slumber to your eyelids.

5 Free yourself, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the snare of the fowler.

6 . The Folly of Indolence. .

Go to the ant, you sluggard. Consider her ways, and be wise;

7 which having no chief, overseer, or ruler,

8 provides her bread in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest.

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- 9 How long will you sleep, sluggard? When will you arise out of your sleep?
10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:
11 so your poverty will come as a robber, and your scarcity as an armed man.

12 **. The Wicked Man. .**

- A worthless person, a man of iniquity, is he who walks with a perverse mouth;
13 who winks with his eyes, who signals with his feet, who motions with his fingers;
14 in whose heart is perverseness, who devises evil continually, who always sows discord.
15 Therefore his calamity will come suddenly. He will be broken suddenly, and that without remedy.
16 There are six things which YHWH hates; yes, seven which are an abomination to him:
17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood;
18 a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are swift in running to mischief,
19 a false witness who utters lies, and he who sows discord among brothers.

20 **. Beware of Adultery. .**

- My son, keep your father's commandment, and don't forsake your mother's teaching.
21 Bind them continually on your heart. Tie them around your neck.
22 When you walk, it will lead you. When you sleep, it will watch over you. When you awake, it will talk with you.
23 For the commandment is a lamp, and the Torah is light. Reproofs of instruction are the way of life,
24 to keep you from the immoral woman, from the flattery of the wayward wife's tongue.
25 Don't lust after her beauty in your heart, neither let her captivate you with her eyelids.
26 For a prostitute reduces you to a piece of bread. The adulteress hunts for your precious life.
27 Can a man scoop fire into his lap, and his clothes not be burned?
28 Or can one walk on hot coals, and his feet not be scorched?
29 So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife. Whoever touches her will not be unpunished.
30 Men don't despise a thief, if he steals to satisfy himself when he is hungry:
31 but if he is found, he shall restore seven times. He shall give all the wealth of his house.
32 He who commits adultery with a woman is void of understanding. He who does it destroys his own soul.
33 He will get wounds and dishonor. His reproach will not be wiped away.
34 For jealousy arouses the fury of the husband. He won't spare in the day of vengeance.
35 He won't regard any ransom, neither will he rest content, though you give many gifts.

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