

## 20 Mar Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings)

Ecclesiastes 7, Psalms 79, Proverbs 7.

### Day 80. 20-March Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### Ecclesiastes 7.

##### **1 . The Value of Practical Wisdom. .**

A good name is better than fine perfume; and the day of death better than the day of one's birth.

2 It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting; for that is the end of all men, and the living should take this to heart.

3 Sorrow is better than laughter; for by the sadness of the face the heart is made good.

4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.

6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool. This also is vanity.

7 Surely extortion makes the wise man foolish; and a bribe destroys the understanding.

8 Better is the end of a thing than its beginning. The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

9 Don't be hasty in your spirit to be angry, for anger rests in the bosom of fools.

10 Don't say, "Why were the former days better than these?" For you do not ask wisely about this.

11 Wisdom is as good as an inheritance. Yes, it is more excellent for those who see the sun.

12 For wisdom is a defense, even as money is a defense; but the excellency of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it.

13 Consider the work of ELOHIM, for who can make that straight, which he has made crooked?

14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider; yes, ELOHIM has made the one side by side with the other, to the end that man should not find out anything after him.

15 All this have I seen in my days of vanity: there is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who lives long in his evildoing.

16 Don't be overly righteous, neither make yourself overly wise. Why should you destroy yourself?

17 Don't be too wicked, neither be foolish. Why should you die before your time?

18 It is good that you should take hold of this. Yes, also from that don't withdraw your hand; for he who fears ELOHIM will come forth from them all.

19 Wisdom is a strength to the wise man more than ten rulers who are in a city.

20 Surely there is not a righteous man on earth, who does good and doesn't sin.

21 Also don't take heed to all words that are spoken, lest you hear your servant curse you;

22 for often your own heart knows that you yourself have likewise cursed others.

23 All this have I proved in wisdom. I said, "I will be wise;" but it was far from me.

24 That which is, is far off and exceedingly deep. Who can find it out?

25 I turned around, and my heart sought to know and to search out, and to seek wisdom and the scheme of things, and to know that wickedness is stupidity, and that foolishness is madness.

26 I find more bitter than death the woman whose heart is snares and traps, whose hands are chains. Whoever pleases ELOHIM shall escape from her; but the sinner will be ensnared by her.

27 "Behold, I have found this," says Kohelet, "one to another, to find out the scheme;

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28 which my soul still seeks; but I have not found. One man among a thousand have I found; but I have not found a woman among all those.

29 Behold, this only have I found: that ELOHIM made man upright; but they search for many schemes.”

### Psalms 79.

#### 1 . A Psalm of Asaph. .

A Psalm by Asaph. ELOHIM, the nations have come into your inheritance. They have defiled your holy temple. They have laid Jerusalem in heaps.

2 They have given the dead bodies of your servants to be food for the birds of the sky, the flesh of your holy ones to the animals of the earth.

3 Their blood they have shed like water around Jerusalem. There was no one to bury them.

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, a scoffing and derision to those who are around us.

5 How long, YHWH? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour out your wrath on the nations that don't know you; on the kingdoms that don't call on your name;

7 For they have devoured Jacob, and destroyed his homeland.

8 Don't hold the iniquities of our forefathers against us. Let your tender mercies speedily meet us, for we are in desperate need.

9 Help us, ELOHIM of our salvation, for the glory of your name. Deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

10 Why should the nations say, "Where is their ELOHIM?" Let it be known among the nations, before our eyes, that vengeance for your servants' blood is being poured out.

11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before you. According to the greatness of your power, preserve those who are sentenced to death.

12 Pay back to our neighbors seven times into their bosom their reproach with which they have reproached you, ADONAI.

13 So we, your people and sheep of your pasture, will give you thanks forever. We will praise you forever, to all generations.

### Proverbs 7.

1 My son, keep my words. Lay up my commandments within you.

2 Keep my commandments and live! Guard my teaching as the apple of your eye.

3 Bind them on your fingers. Write them on the tablet of your heart.

4 Tell wisdom, "You are my sister." Call understanding your relative,

5 that they may keep you from the strange woman, from the foreigner who flatters with her words.

#### 6 . The Crafty Harlot. .

For at the window of my house, I looked out through my lattice.

7 I saw among the simple ones. I discerned among the youths a young man void of understanding,

8 passing through the street near her corner, he went the way to her house,

9 in the twilight, in the evening of the day, in the middle of the night and in the darkness.

10 Behold, there a woman met him with the attire of a prostitute, and with crafty intent.

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- 11 She is loud and defiant. Her feet don't stay in her house.  
12 Now she is in the streets, now in the squares, and lurking at every corner.  
13 So she caught him, and kissed him. With an impudent face she said to him:  
14 "Sacrifices of peace offerings are with me. This day I have paid my vows.  
15 Therefore I came out to meet you, to diligently seek your face, and I have found you.  
16 I have spread my couch with carpets of tapestry, with striped cloths of the yarn of Egypt.  
17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.  
18 Come, let's take our fill of loving until the morning. Let's solace ourselves with loving.  
19 For my husband isn't at home. He has gone on a long journey.  
20 He has taken a bag of money with him. He will come home at the full moon."  
21 With persuasive words, she led him astray. With the flattering of her lips, she seduced him.  
22 He followed her immediately, as an ox goes to the slaughter, as a fool stepping into a noose.  
23 Until an arrow strikes through his liver, as a bird hurries to the snare, and doesn't know that it will cost his life.  
24 Now therefore, sons, listen to me. Pay attention to the words of my mouth.  
25 Don't let your heart turn to her ways. Don't go astray in her paths,  
26 for she has thrown down many wounded. Yes, all her slain are a mighty army.  
27 Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the rooms of death.

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