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# Day 83. 23-March Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

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### 13 . Wisdom Superior to Folly. .

I have also seen wisdom under the sun in this way, and it seemed great to me.

- 14 There was a little city, and few men within it; and a great king came against it, besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it.
- 15 Now a poor wise man was found in it, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man.
- 16 Then I said, "Wisdom is better than strength." Nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.
- 17 The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the cry of him who rules among fools.
- 18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war; but one sinner destroys much good.
- 1 Dead flies cause the oil of the perfumer to send forth an evil odor; so does a little folly outweigh wisdom and honor.
- 2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand, but a fool's heart at his left.
- 3 Yes also, when the fool walks by the way, his understanding fails him, and he says to everyone that he is a fool.
- 4 If the spirit of the ruler rises up against you, don't leave your place; for gentleness lays great offenses to rest.
- 5 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, the sort of error which proceeds from the ruler.
- 6 Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in a low place.
- 7 I have seen servants on horses, and princes walking like servants on the earth.
- 8 He who digs a pit may fall into it; and whoever breaks through a wall may be bitten by a snake.
- 9 Whoever carves out stones may be injured by them. Whoever splits wood may be endangered thereby.
- 10 If the axe is blunt, and one doesn't sharpen the edge, then he must use more strength; but skill brings success.
- 11 If the snake bites before it is charmed, then is there no profit for the charmer's tongue.
- 12 The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but a fool is swallowed by his own lips.
- 13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness; and the end of his talk is mischievous madness.
- 14 A fool also multiplies words. Man doesn't know what will be; and that which will be after him, who can tell him?
- 15 The labor of fools wearies every one of them; for he doesn't know how to go to the city.
- 16 Woe to you, land, when your king is a child, and your princes eat in the morning!
- 17 Happy are you, land, when your king is the son of nobles, and your princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!
- 18 By slothfulness the roof sinks in; and through idleness of the hands the house leaks.
- 19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine makes the life glad; and money is the answer for all things.
- 20 Don't curse the king, no, not in your thoughts; and don't curse the rich in your bedroom: for a bird of the sky may carry your voice, and that which has wings may tell the matter.

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#### Psalms 82.

## 1 . A Psalm of Asaph...

A Psalm by Asaph. ELOHIM presides in the great assembly. He judges among the gods.

- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, and show partiality to the wicked?" Selah.
- 3 "Defend the weak, the poor, and the fatherless. Maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.
- 4 Rescue the weak and needy. Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked."
- 5 They don't know, neither do they understand. They walk back and forth in darkness. All the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 I said, "You are gods, all of you are sons of the Most High.
- 7 Nevertheless you shall die like men, and fall like one of the rulers."
- 8 Arise, ELOHIM, judge the earth, for you inherit all of the nations.

#### Proverbs 10.

### 1. Wise Sayings of Solomon..

The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a glad father; but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.

- 2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness delivers from death.
- 3 YHWH will not allow the soul of the righteous to go hungry, but he thrusts away the desire of the wicked.
- 4 He becomes poor who works with a lazy hand, but the hand of the diligent brings wealth.
- 5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during the harvest is a son who causes shame.
- 6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
- 7 The memory of the righteous is blessed, but the name of the wicked will rot.
- 8 The wise in heart accept commandments, but a chattering fool will fall.
- 9 He who walks blamelessly walks surely, but he who perverts his ways will be found out.
- 10 One winking with the eye causes sorrow, but a chattering fool will fall.
- 11 The mouth of the righteous is a spring of life, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
- 12 Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all wrongs.
- 13 Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has discernment, but a rod is for the back of him who is void of understanding.
- 14 Wise men lay up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish is near ruin.
- 15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city. The destruction of the poor is their poverty.
- 16 The labor of the righteous leads to life. The increase of the wicked leads to sin.
- 17 He is in the way of life who heeds correction, but he who forsakes reproof leads others astray.
- 18 He who hides hatred has lying lips. He who utters a slander is a fool.
- 19 In the multitude of words there is no lack of disobedience, but he who restrains his lips does wisely.
- 20 The tongue of the righteous is like choice silver. The heart of the wicked is of little worth.
- 21 The lips of the righteous feed many, but the foolish die for lack of understanding.
- 22 YHWH's blessing brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it.

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- 23 It is a fool's pleasure to do wickedness, but wisdom is a man of understanding's pleasure.
- 24 What the wicked fear, will overtake them, but the desire of the righteous will be granted.
- 25 When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more; but the righteous stand firm forever.
- 26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to those who send him.
- 27 The fear of YHWH prolongs days, but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.
- 28 The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hope of the wicked will perish.
- 29 The way of YHWH is a stronghold to the upright, but it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.
- 30 The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land.
- 31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.
- 32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked is perverse.

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