

12 April Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

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Job 12.

1 . Job Answers His Critics. .

Then Job answered,

2 “No doubt, but you are the people, and wisdom shall die with you.

3 But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you. Yes, who doesn’t know such things as these?

4 I am like one who is a joke to his neighbor, I, who called on ELOHIM, and he answered. The just, the blameless man is a joke.

5 In the thought of him who is at ease there is contempt for misfortune. It is ready for them whose foot slips.

6 The tents of robbers prosper. Those who provoke EL are secure, who carry their ELOHIM in their hands.

7 “But ask the animals, now, and they shall teach you; the birds of the sky, and they shall tell you.

8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach you. The fish of the sea shall declare to you.

9 Who doesn’t know that in all these, the hand of YHWH has done this,

10 in whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?

11 Doesn’t the ear try words, even as the palate tastes its food?

12 With aged men is wisdom, in length of days understanding.

13 “With ELOHIM is wisdom and might. He has counsel and understanding.

14 Behold, he breaks down, and it can’t be built again. He imprisons a man, and there can be no release.

15 Behold, he withholds the waters, and they dry up. Again, he sends them out, and they overturn the earth.

16 With him is strength and wisdom. The deceived and the deceiver are his.

17 He leads counselors away stripped. He makes judges fools.

18 He loosens the bond of kings. He binds their waist with a belt.

19 He leads priests away stripped, and overthrows the mighty.

20 He removes the speech of those who are trusted, and takes away the understanding of the elders.

21 He pours contempt on princes, and loosens the belt of the strong.

22 He uncovers deep things out of darkness, and brings out to light the shadow of death.

23 He increases the nations, and he destroys them. He enlarges the nations, and he leads them captive.

24 He takes away understanding from the chiefs of the people of the earth, and causes them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.

25 They grope in the dark without light. He makes them stagger like a drunken man.

Psalms 102.

1 . A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed and pours out his complaint before YHWH.. .

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed and pours out his complaint before YHWH! Hear my prayer, YHWH! Let my cry come to you.

2 Don’t hide your face from me in the day of my distress. Turn your ear to me. Answer me quickly in the day when I call.

3 For my days consume away like smoke. My bones are burned as a torch.

4 My heart is blighted like grass, and withered, for I forget to eat my bread.

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- 5 By reason of the voice of my groaning, my bones stick to my skin.
6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness. I have become as an owl of the waste places.
7 I watch, and have become like a sparrow that is alone on the housetop.
8 My enemies reproach me all day. Those who are mad at me use my name as a curse.
9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mixed my drink with tears,
10 Because of your indignation and your wrath, for you have taken me up, and thrown me away.
11 My days are like a long shadow. I have withered like grass.
12 But you, YHWH, will remain forever; your renown endures to all generations.
13 You will arise and have mercy on Zion; for it is time to have pity on her. Yes, the set time has come.
14 For your servants take pleasure in her stones, and have pity on her dust.
15 So the nations will fear the name of YHWH; all the kings of the earth your glory.
16 For YHWH has built up Zion. He has appeared in his glory.
17 He has responded to the prayer of the destitute, and has not despised their prayer.
18 This will be written for the generation to come. A people which will be created will praise YAH!
19 For he has looked down from the height of his sanctuary. From heaven, YHWH saw the earth;
20 to hear the groans of the prisoner; to free those who are condemned to death;
21 that men may declare the name of YHWH in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;
22 when the peoples are gathered together, the kingdoms, to serve YHWH!
23 He weakened my strength along the course. He shortened my days.
24 I said, "My ELOHIM, don't take me away in the midst of my days. Your years are throughout all generations.
25 Of old, you laid the foundation of the earth. The heavens are the work of your hands.
26 They will perish, but you will endure. Yes, all of them will wear out like a garment. You will change them like a cloak, and they will be changed.
27 But you are the same. Your years will have no end.
28 The children of your servants will continue. Their seed will be established before you."

Proverbs 30.

1. The Wisdom of Agur.

The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the oracle: the man says to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal:

- 2 "Surely I am the most ignorant man, and don't have a man's understanding.
3 I have not learned wisdom, neither do I have the knowledge of the Holy One.
4 Who has ascended up into heaven, and descended? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has bound the waters in his garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name, if you know?
5 "Every word of ELOHIM is flawless. He is a shield to those who take refuge in him.
6 Don't you add to his words, lest he reprove you, and you be found a liar.
7 "Two things I have asked of you; don't deny me before I die:
8 Remove far from me falsehood and lies. Give me neither poverty nor riches. Feed me with the food that is needful for me;
9 lest I be full, deny you, and say, 'Who is YHWH?' or lest I be poor, and steal, and so dishonor the name of my ELOHIM!
10 "Don't slander a servant to his master, lest he curse you, and you be held guilty.
11 There is a generation that curses their father, and doesn't bless their mother.

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- 12 There is a generation that is pure in their own eyes, yet are not washed from their filthiness.
- 13 There is a generation, oh how lofty are their eyes! Their eyelids are lifted up.
- 14 There is a generation whose teeth are like swords, and their jaws like knives, to devour the poor from the earth, and the needy from among men.
- 15 “The leach has two daughters: ‘Give, give.’ “There are three things that are never satisfied; four that don’t say, ‘Enough:’
- 16 Sheol, the barren womb; the earth that is not satisfied with water; and the fire that doesn’t say, ‘Enough.’
- 17 “The eye that mocks at his father, and scorns obedience to his mother: the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, the young eagles shall eat it.
- 18 “There are three things which are too amazing for me, four which I don’t understand:
- 19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent on a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maiden.
- 20 “So is the way of an adulterous woman: she eats and wipes her mouth, and says, ‘I have done nothing wrong.’
- 21 “For three things the earth tremble, and under four, it can’t bear up:
- 22 For a servant when he is king; a fool when he is filled with food;
- 23 for an unloved woman when she is married; and a handmaid who is heir to her mistress.
- 24 “There are four things which are little on the earth, but they are exceedingly wise:
- 25 the ants are not a strong people, yet they provide their food in the summer.
- 26 The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks.
- 27 The locusts have no king, yet they advance in ranks.
- 28 You can catch a lizard with your hands, yet it is in kings’ palaces.
- 29 “There are three things which are stately in their march, four which are stately in going:
- 30 The lion, which is mightiest among animals, and doesn’t turn away for any;
- 31 the greyhound, the male goat also; and the king against whom there is no rising up.
- 32 “If you have done foolishly in lifting up yourself, or if you have thought evil, put your hand over your mouth.
- 33 For as the churning of milk brings forth butter, and the wringing of the nose brings forth blood; so the forcing of wrath brings forth strife.”

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