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Job 13.

- 1 “Behold, my eye has seen all this. My ear has heard and understood it.
- 2 What you know, I know also. I am not inferior to you.
- 3 “Surely I would speak to the Almighty. I desire to reason with EL!
- 4 But you are forgers of lies. You are all physicians of no value.
- 5 Oh that you would be completely silent! Then you would be wise.
- 6 Hear now my reasoning. Listen to the pleadings of my lips.
- 7 Will you speak unrighteously for EL, and talk deceitfully for him?
- 8 Will you show partiality to him? Will you contend for EL?
- 9 Is it good that he should search you out? Or as one deceives a man, will you deceive him?
- 10 He will surely reprove you if you secretly show partiality.
- 11 Shall not his majesty make you afraid, And his dread fall on you?
- 12 Your memorable sayings are proverbs of ashes, Your defenses are defenses of clay.
- 13 “Be silent, leave me alone, that I may speak. Let come on me what will.
- 14 Why should I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in my hand?
- 15 Behold, he will kill me. I have no hope. Nevertheless, I will maintain my ways before him.
- 16 This also shall be my salvation, that a godless man shall not come before him.
- 17 Hear diligently my speech. Let my declaration be in your ears.
- 18 See now, I have set my cause in order. I know that I am righteous.
- 19 Who is he who will contend with me? For then would I hold my peace and give up the spirit.

20 . Job's Despondent Prayer. .

- “Only don’t do two things to me; then I will not hide myself from your face:
- 21 withdraw your hand far from me; and don’t let your terror make me afraid.
 - 22 Then call, and I will answer; or let me speak, and you answer me.
 - 23 How many are my iniquities and sins? Make me know my disobedience and my sin.
 - 24 Why hide you your face, and hold me for your enemy?
 - 25 Will you harass a driven leaf? Will you pursue the dry stubble?
 - 26 For you write bitter things against me, and make me inherit the iniquities of my youth:
 - 27 You also put my feet in the stocks, and mark all my paths. You set a bound to the soles of my feet,
 - 28 though I am decaying like a rotten thing, like a garment that is moth-eaten.

Psalms 103.

1 . A Psalm of David. . .

- By David. Praise YHWH, my soul! All that is within me, praise his holy name!
- 2 Praise YHWH, my soul, and don’t forget all his benefits;
 - 3 who forgives all your sins; who heals all your diseases;
 - 4 who redeems your life from destruction; who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies;
 - 5 who satisfies your desire with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

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- 6 YHWH executes righteous acts, and justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the children of Israel.
- 8 YHWH is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse; neither will he stay angry forever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us for our iniquities.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his loving kindness toward those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
- 13 Like a father has compassion on his children, so YHWH has compassion on those who fear him.
- 14 For he knows how we are made. He remembers that we are dust.
- 15 As for man, his days are like grass. As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.
- 16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone. Its place remembers it no more.
- 17 But YHWH's loving kindness is from everlasting to everlasting with those who fear him, his righteousness to children's children;
- 18 to those who keep his covenant, to those who remember to obey his precepts.
- 19 YHWH has established his throne in the heavens. His kingdom rules over all.
- 20 Praise YHWH, you angels of his, who are mighty in strength, who fulfill his word, obeying the voice of his word.
- 21 Praise YHWH, all you armies of his, you servants of his, who do his pleasure.
- 22 Praise YHWH, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion. Praise YHWH, my soul!

Proverbs 31.

1 . The Words of King Lemuel's Mother. .

- The words of king Lemuel; the oracle which his mother taught him.
- 2 "Oh, my son! Oh, son of my womb! Oh, son of my vows!
 - 3 Don't give your strength to women, nor your ways to that which destroys kings.
 - 4 It is not for kings, Lemuel; it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes to say, 'Where is strong drink?'
 - 5 lest they drink, and forget the decree, and pervert the justice due to anyone who is afflicted.
 - 6 Give strong drink to him who is ready to perish; and wine to the bitter in soul:
 - 7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.
 - 8 Open your mouth for the mute, in the cause of all who are left desolate.
 - 9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, and serve justice to the poor and needy."

10 . The Virtuous Wife. .

- Who can find a worthy woman? For her price is far above rubies.
- 11 The heart of her husband trusts in her. He shall have no lack of gain.
 - 12 She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
 - 13 She seeks wool and flax, and works eagerly with her hands.
 - 14 She is like the merchant ships. She brings her bread from afar.
 - 15 She rises also while it is yet night, gives food to her household, and portions for her servant girls.
 - 16 She considers a field, and buys it. With the fruit of her hands, she plants a vineyard.
 - 17 She arms her waist with strength, and makes her arms strong.
 - 18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp doesn't go out by night.
 - 19 She lays her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.

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- 20 She opens her arms to the poor; yes, she extends her hands to the needy.
21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
22 She makes for herself carpets of tapestry. Her clothing is fine linen and purple.
23 Her husband is respected in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.
24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and delivers sashes to the merchant.
25 Strength and dignity are her clothing. She laughs at the time to come.
26 She opens her mouth with wisdom. Faithful instruction is on her tongue.
27 She looks well to the ways of her household, and doesn't eat the bread of idleness.
28 Her children rise up and call her blessed. Her husband also praises her:
29 "Many women do noble things, but you excel them all."
30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman who fears YHWH, she shall be praised.
31 Give her of the fruit of her hands! Let her works praise her in the gates!

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