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Job 14.

- 1 "Man, who is born of a woman, is of few days, and full of trouble.
- 2 He comes forth like a flower, and is cut down. He also flees like a shadow, and doesn't continue.
- 3 Do you open your eyes on such a one, and bring me into judgment with you?
- 4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one.
- 5 Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months is with you, and you have appointed his bounds that he can't pass;
- 6 Look away from him, that he may rest, until he shall accomplish, as a hireling, his day.
- 7 "For there is hope for a tree, If it is cut down, that it will sprout again, that the tender branch of it will not cease.
- 8 Though its root grows old in the earth, and its stock dies in the ground,
- 9 yet through the scent of water it will bud, and put forth boughs like a plant.
- 10 But man dies, and is laid low. Yes, man gives up the spirit, and where is he?
- 11 As the waters fail from the sea, and the river wastes and dries up,
- 12 so man lies down and doesn't rise. Until the heavens are no more, they shall not awake, nor be roused out of their sleep.
- 13 "Oh that you would hide me in Sheol, that you would keep me secret, until your wrath is past, that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me!
- 14 If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my warfare would I wait, until my release should come.
- 15 You would call, and I would answer you. You would have a desire to the work of your hands.
- 16 But now you number my steps. Don't you watch over my sin?
- 17 My disobedience is sealed up in a bag. You fasten up my iniquity.
- 18 "But the mountain falling comes to nothing. The rock is removed out of its place;
- 19 The waters wear the stones. The torrents of it wash away the dust of the earth. So you destroy the hope of man.
- 20 You forever prevail against him, and he departs. You change his face, and send him away.
- 21 His sons come to honor, and he doesn't know it. They are brought low, but he doesn't perceive it of them.
- 22 But his flesh on him has pain, and his soul within him mourns."

Psalms 104.

1. Praise to the Sovereign YHWH for His Creation and Providence. .

Bless YHWH, my soul. YHWH, my ELOHIM, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty.

- 2 He covers himself with light as with a garment. He stretches out the heavens like a curtain
- 3 He lays the beams of his rooms in the waters. He makes the clouds his chariot. He walks on the wings of the wind.
- 4 He makes his messengers winds; his servants flames of fire.
- 5 He laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be moved forever.
- 6 You covered it with the deep as with a cloak. The waters stood above the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled. At the voice of your thunder they hurried away.
- 8 The mountains rose, the valleys sank down, to the place which you had assigned to

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them.

- 9 You have set a boundary that they may not pass over; that they don't turn again to cover the earth.
- 10 He sends forth springs into the valleys. They run among the mountains.
- 11 They give drink to every animal of the field. The wild donkeys quench their thirst.
- 12 The birds of the sky nest by them. They sing among the branches.
- 13 He waters the mountains from his rooms. The earth is filled with the fruit of your works.
- 14 He causes the grass to grow for the livestock, and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food out of the earth:
- 15 wine that makes glad the heart of man, oil to make his face to shine, and bread that strengthens man's heart.
- 16 YHWH's trees are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon, which he has planted;
- 17 where the birds make their nests. The stork makes its home in the fir trees.
- 18 The high mountains are for the wild goats. The rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.
- 19 He appointed the moon for seasons. The sun knows when to set.
- 20 You make darkness, and it is night, in which all the animals of the forest prowl.
- 21 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their food from EL!
- 22 The sun rises, and they steal away, and lay down in their dens.
- 23 Man goes forth to his work, to his labor until the evening.
- 24 YHWH, how many are your works! In wisdom have you made them all. The earth is full of your riches.
- 25 There is the sea, great and wide, in which are innumerable living things, both small and large animals.
- 26 There the ships go, and leviathan, whom you formed to play there.
- 27 These all wait for you, that you may give them their food in due season.
- 28 You give to them; they gather. You open your hand; they are satisfied with good.
- 29 You hide your face: they are troubled; you take away their breath: they die, and return to the dust.
- 30 You send forth your Spirit: they are created. You renew the face of the ground.
- 31 Let the glory of YHWH endure forever. Let YHWH rejoice in his works.
- 32 He looks at the earth, and it trembles. He touches the mountains, and they smoke.
- 33 I will sing to YHWH as long as I live. I will sing praise to my ELOHIM while I have any being.
- 34 Let your meditation be sweet to him. I will rejoice in YHWH!
- 35 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth. Let the wicked be no more. Bless YHWH, my soul. Praise YAH!

Proverbs 1.

1. The Beginning of Knowledge. . Proverbs!

The proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, king of Israel:

- 2 to know wisdom and instruction; to discern the words of understanding;
- 3 to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity;
- 4 to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young man:
- 5 that the wise man may hear, and increase in learning; that the man of understanding may attain to sound counsel:
- 6 to understand a proverb, and parables, the words and riddles of the wise.
- 7 The fear of YHWH is the beginning of knowledge; but the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.

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8. Shun Evil Counsel..

My son, listen to your father's instruction, and don't forsake your mother's teaching:

- 9 for they will be a garland to grace your head, and chains around your neck.
- 10 My son, if sinners entice you, don't consent.
- 11 If they say, "Come with us, Let's lay in wait for blood; let's lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;
- 12 let's swallow them up alive like Sheol, and whole, like those who go down into the pit.
- 13 We'll find all valuable wealth. We'll fill our houses with spoil.
- 14 You shall cast your lot among us. We'll all have one purse."
- 15 My son, don't walk in the way with them. Keep your foot from their path,
- 16 for their feet run to evil. They hurry to shed blood.
- 17 For in vain is the net spread in the sight of any bird:
- 18 but these lay wait for their own blood. They lurk secretly for their own lives.
- 19 So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain. It takes away the life of its owners.

20. The Call of Wisdom...

Wisdom calls aloud in the street. She utters her voice in the public squares.

- 21 She calls at the head of noisy places. At the entrance of the city gates, she utters her words:
- 22 "How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? How long will mockers delight themselves in mockery, and fools hate knowledge?
- 23 Turn at my reproof. Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you. I will make known my words to you.
- 24 Because I have called, and you have refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no one has paid attention;
- 25 but you have ignored all my counsel, and wanted none of my reproof;
- 26 I also will laugh at your disaster. I will mock when calamity overtakes you;
- 27 when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when your disaster comes on like a whirlwind; when distress and anguish come on you.
- 28 Then will they call on me, but I will not answer. They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me;
- 29 because they hated knowledge, and didn't choose the fear of YHWH!
- 30 They wanted none of my counsel. They despised all my reproof.
- 31 Therefore they will eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own schemes.
- 32 For the backsliding of the simple will kill them. The careless ease of fools will destroy them.
- 33 But whoever listens to me will dwell securely, and will be at ease, without fear of harm."

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