

17 April Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

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Job 17.

1 . Job Prays for Relief. .

“My spirit is consumed. My days are extinct, And the grave is ready for me.

2 Surely there are mockers with me. My eye dwells on their provocation.

3 “Now give a pledge, be collateral for me with yourself. Who is there who will strike hands with me?”

4 For you have hidden their heart from understanding, Therefore you shall not exalt them.

5 He who denounces his friends for a prey, Even the eyes of his children shall fail.

6 “But he has made me a byword of the people. They spit in my face.

7 My eye also is dim by reason of sorrow. All my members are as a shadow.

8 Upright men shall be astonished at this. The innocent shall stir up himself against the godless.

9 Yet shall the righteous hold on his way. He who has clean hands shall grow stronger and stronger.

10 But as for you all, come on now again; I shall not find a wise man among you.

11 My days are past, my plans are broken off, as are the thoughts of my heart.

12 They change the night into day, saying ‘The light is near’ in the presence of darkness.

13 If I look for Sheol as my house, if I have spread my couch in the darkness,

14 If I have said to corruption, ‘You are my father;’ to the worm, ‘My mother,’ and ‘my sister;’

15 where then is my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it?

16 Shall it go down with me to the gates of Sheol, or descend together into the dust?”

Psalms 107.

1 . Thanksgiving to YHWH for His Great Works of Deliverance. .

Give thanks to YHWH, for he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever.

2 Let the redeemed by YHWH say so, whom he has redeemed from the hand of the adversary,

3 And gathered out of the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a desert way. They found no city to live in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

6 Then they cried to YHWH in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses,

7 he led them also by a straight way, that they might go to a city to live in.

8 Let them praise YHWH for his loving kindness, for his wonderful works to the children of men!

9 For he satisfies the longing soul. He fills the hungry soul with good.

10 Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron,

11 because they rebelled against the words of EL, and condemned the counsel of the Most High.

12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labor. They fell down, and there was none to help.

13 Then they cried to YHWH in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.

14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke their bonds in sunder.

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15 Let them praise YHWH for his loving kindness, for his wonderful works to the children of men!
16 For he has broken the gates of brass, and cut through bars of iron.
17 Fools are afflicted because of their disobedience, and because of their iniquities.
18 Their soul abhors all kinds of food. They draw near to the gates of death.
19 Then they cry to YHWH in their trouble, he saves them out of their distresses.
20 He sends his word, and heals them, and delivers them from their graves.
21 Let them praise YHWH for his loving kindness, for his wonderful works to the children of men!
22 Let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with singing.
23 Those who go down to the sea in ships, who do business in great waters;
24 These see YHWH's works, and his wonders in the deep.
25 For he commands, and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up its waves.
26 They mount up to the sky; they go down again to the depths. Their soul melts away because of trouble.
27 They reel back and forth, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.
28 Then they cry to YHWH in their trouble, and he brings them out of their distress.
29 He makes the storm a calm, so that its waves are still.
30 Then they are glad because it is calm, so he brings them to their desired haven.
31 Let them praise YHWH for his loving kindness, for his wonderful works for the children of men!
32 Let them exalt him also in the assembly of the people, and praise him in the seat of the elders.
33 He turns rivers into a desert, water springs into a thirsty ground,
34 and a fruitful land into a salt waste, for the wickedness of those who dwell in it.
35 He turns a desert into a pool of water, and a dry land into water springs.
36 There he makes the hungry live, that they may prepare a city to live in,
37 sow fields, plant vineyards, and reap the fruits of increase.
38 He blesses them also, so that they are multiplied greatly. He doesn't allow their livestock to decrease.
39 Again, they are diminished and bowed down through oppression, trouble, and sorrow.
40 He pours contempt on princes, and causes them to wander in a trackless waste.
41 Yet he lifts the needy out of their affliction, and increases their families like a flock.
42 The upright will see it, and be glad. All the wicked will shut their mouths.
43 Whoever is wise will pay attention to these things. They will consider the loving kindnesses of YHWH!

Proverbs 4.

1 . Security in Wisdom. .

Listen, sons, to a father's instruction. Pay attention and know understanding;
2 for I give you sound learning. Don't forsake my Torah (teaching and instruction).
3 For I was a son to my father, tender and an only child in the sight of my mother.
4 He taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart retain my words. Keep my commandments, and live.
5 Get wisdom. Get understanding. Don't forget, neither swerve from the words of my mouth.
6 Don't forsake her, and she will preserve you. Love her, and she will keep you.
7 Wisdom is supreme. Get wisdom. Yes, though it costs all your possessions, get understanding.

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8 Esteem her, and she will exalt you. She will bring you to honor, when you embrace her.
9 She will give to your head a garland of grace. She will deliver a crown of splendor to you.”

10 Listen, my son, and receive my sayings. The years of your life will be many.

11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom. I have led you in straight paths.

12 When you go, your steps will not be hampered. When you run, you will not stumble.

13 Take firm hold of instruction. Don't let her go. Keep her, for she is your life.

14 Don't enter into the path of the wicked. Don't walk in the way of evil men.

15 Avoid it, and don't pass by it. Turn from it, and pass on.

16 For they don't sleep, unless they do evil. Their sleep is taken away, unless they make someone fall.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18 But the path of the righteous is like the dawning light, that shines more and more until the perfect day.

19 The way of the wicked is like darkness. They don't know what they stumble over.

20 My son, attend to my words. Turn your ear to my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from your eyes. Keep them in the midst of your heart.

22 For they are life to those who find them, and health to their whole body.

23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it is the wellspring of life.

24 Put away from yourself a perverse mouth. Put corrupt lips far from you.

25 Let your eyes look straight ahead. Fix your gaze directly before you.

26 Make the path of your feet level. Let all of your ways be established.

27 Don't turn to the right hand nor to the left. Remove your foot from evil.

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