

## 25 May Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

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#### 1 Samuel 8.

##### 1 Israel Demands a King.

It happened, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.

2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abijah: they were judges in Beersheba.

3 His sons didn't walk in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted justice.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel to Ramah;

5 and they said to him, "Behold, you are old, and your sons don't walk in your ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations."

6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." Samuel prayed to YHWH!

7 YHWH said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they tell you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me, that I should not be king over them.

8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, in that they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also to you.

9 Now therefore listen to their voice: however you shall protest solemnly to them, and shall show them the way of the king who shall reign over them."

10 Samuel told all the words of YHWH to the people who asked of him a king.

11 He said, "This will be the way of the king who shall reign over you: he will take your sons, and appoint them to him, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and they shall run before his chariots;

12 and he will appoint them to him for captains of thousands, and captains of fifties; and he will assign some to plow his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and the instruments of his chariots.

13 He will take your daughters to be perfumers, and to be cooks, and to be bakers.

14 He will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your olive groves, even their best, and give them to his servants.

15 He will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.

16 He will take your male servants, and your female servants, and your best young men, and your donkeys, and put them to his work.

17 He will take the tenth of your flocks: and you shall be his servants.

18 You shall cry out in that day because of your king whom you shall have chosen you; and YHWH will not answer you in that day."

19 But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; and they said, "No; but we will have a king over us,

20 that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles."

21 Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of YHWH!

22 YHWH said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice, and make them a king." Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Every man go to his city."

#### Psalms 54.

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### **1 ——. To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. A Contemplation of David when the Ziphites went and said to Saul, Is David not hiding with us?.**

For the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A contemplation by David, when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, "Isn't David hiding himself among us?" Save me, ELOHIM, by your name. Vindicate me in your might.

2 Hear my prayer, ELOHIM! Listen to the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers have risen up against me. Violent men have sought after my soul. They haven't set ELOHIM before them. Selah.

4 Behold, ELOHIM is my helper. ADONAI is the one who sustains my soul.

5 He will repay the evil to my enemies. Destroy them in your truth.

6 With a free will offering, I will sacrifice to you. I will give thanks to your name, YHWH, for it is good.

7 For he has delivered me out of all trouble. My eye has seen triumph over my enemies.

### **Proverbs 11.**

1 A false balance is an abomination to YHWH, but accurate weights are his delight.

2 When pride comes, then comes shame, but with humility comes wisdom.

3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them, but the perverseness of the treacherous shall destroy them.

4 Riches don't profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

5 The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way, but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them, but the unfaithful will be trapped by evil desires.

7 When a wicked man dies, hope perishes, and expectation of power comes to nothing.

8 A righteous person is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked takes his place.

9 With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor, but the righteous will be delivered through knowledge.

10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices. When the wicked perish, there is shouting.

11 By the blessing of the upright, the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

12 One who despises his neighbor is void of wisdom, but a man of understanding holds his peace.

13 One who brings gossip betrays a confidence, but one who is of a trustworthy spirit is one who keeps a secret.

14 Where there is no wise guidance, the nation falls, but in the multitude of counselors there is victory.

15 He who is collateral for a stranger will suffer for it, but he who refuses pledges of collateral is secure.

16 A gracious woman obtains honor, but violent men obtain riches.

17 The merciful man does good to his own soul, but he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.

18 Wicked people earn deceitful wages, but one who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.

19 He who is truly righteous gets life. He who pursues evil gets death.

20 Those who are perverse in heart are an abomination to YHWH, but those whose ways are blameless are his delight.

21 Most certainly, the evil man will not be unpunished, but the seed of the righteous will

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be delivered.

22 Like a gold ring in a pig's snout, is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion.

23 The desire of the righteous is only good. The expectation of the wicked is wrath.

24 There is one who scatters, and increases yet more. There is one who withholds more than is appropriate, but gains poverty.

25 The liberal soul shall be made fat. He who waters shall be watered also himself.

26 People curse someone who withholds grain, but blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.

27 He who diligently seeks good seeks favor, but he who searches after evil, it shall come to him.

28 He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous shall flourish as the green leaf.

29 He who troubles his own house shall inherit the wind. The foolish shall be servant to the wise of heart.

30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life. He who is wise wins souls.

31 Behold, the righteous shall be repaid in the earth; how much more the wicked and the sinner!

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