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# 158. 6-June Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### 1 Samuel 21.

### 1 . David and the Holy Bread. .

Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest. Ahimelech came to meet David trembling, and said to him, "Why are you alone, and no man with you?"

- 2 David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has commanded me a business, and has said to me, 'Let no man know anything of the business about which I send you, and what I have commanded you; and I have appointed the young men to such and such a place.'
- 3 Now therefore what is under your hand? Give me five loaves of bread in my hand, or whatever there is present."
- 4 The priest answered David, and said, "There is no common bread under my hand, but there is holy bread; if only the young men have kept themselves from women."
- 5 David answered the priest, and said to him, "Truly, women have been kept from us about these three days. When I came out, the vessels of the young men were holy, though it was but a common journey. How much more then today shall their vessels be holy?"
- 6 So the priest gave him holy bread; for there was no bread there but the show bread, that was taken from before YHWH, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.
- 7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before YHWH; and his name was Doeg the Edomite, the best of the herdsmen who belonged to Saul.
- 8 David said to Ahimelech, "Isn't there here under your hand spear or sword? For I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste."
- 9 The priest said, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you will take that, take it; for there is no other except that here." David said, "There is none like that. Give it to me."

#### 10 . David Flees to Gath. .

David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.

11 The servants of Achish said to him, "Isn't this David the king of the land? Didn't they sing one to another about him in dances, saying, 'Saul has slain his thousands, David his ten thousands?"

- 12 David laid up these words in his heart, and was very afraid of Achish the king of Gath.
- 13 He changed his behavior before them, and pretended to be mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down on his beard.
- 14 Then Achish said to his servants, "Look, you see the man is mad. Why then have you brought him to me?
- 15 Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to play the madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?"

#### 1 Samuel 22.

### 1 . David's Four Hundred Men. .

David therefore departed there, and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him.

- 2 Everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented, gathered themselves to him; and he became captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.
- 3 David went there to Mizpeh of Moab, and he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my

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father and my mother come out with you, until I know what ELOHIM will do for me." 4 He brought them before the king of Moab; and they lived with him all the while that David was in the stronghold.

5 The prophet Gad said to David, "Don't stay in the stronghold. Depart, and go into the land of Judah." Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hereth.

### 6 . Saul Murders the Priests. .

Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men who were with him. Now Saul was sitting in Gibeah, under the tamarisk tree in Ramah, with his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him.

- 7 Saul said to his servants who stood about him, "Hear now, you Benjamites! Will the son of Jesse give everyone of you fields and vineyards, will he make you all captains of thousands and captains of hundreds,
- 8 that all of you have conspired against me, and there is none who discloses to me when my son makes a treaty with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you who is sorry for me, or discloses to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?"
- 9 Then Doeg the Edomite, who stood by the servants of Saul, answered and said, "I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.
- 10 He inquired of YHWH for him, gave him food, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine."
- 11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests who were in Nob: and they came all of them to the king.
- 12 Saul said, "Hear now, you son of Ahitub." He answered, "Here I am, my master."
- 13 Saul said to him, "Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, in that you have given him bread, and a sword, and have inquired of ELOHIM for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?"
- 14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, "Who among all your servants is so faithful as David, who is the king's son-in-law, and is taken into your council, and is honorable in your house?
- 15 Have I today begun to inquire of ELOHIM for him? Be it far from me! Don't let the king impute anything to his servant, nor to all the house of my father; for your servant knows nothing of all this, less or more."
- 16 The king said, "You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you, and all your father's house."
- 17 The king said to the guard who stood about him, "Turn, and kill the priests of YHWH; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew that he fled, and didn't disclose it to me." But the servants of the king wouldn't put forth their hand to fall on the priests of YHWH!
- 18 The king said to Doeg, "Turn and attack the priests!" Doeg the Edomite turned, and he attacked the priests, and he killed on that day eighty-five people who wore a linen ephod.
- 19 He struck Nob, the city of the priests, with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and nursing babies, and cattle and donkeys and sheep, with the edge of the sword.
- 20 One of the sons of Ahimelech, the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David.
- 21 Abiathar told David that Saul had slain YHWH's priests.
- 22 David said to Abiathar, "I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I am responsible for the death of all the persons of your father's house.
- 23 Stay with me, don't be afraid; for he who seeks my life seeks your life. For with me you shall be in safeguard."

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#### Psalms 66.

### 1 . To the Chief Musician. A Song. A Psalm...

For the Chief Musician. A song. A Psalm. Make a joyful shout to ELOHIM, all the earth!

- 2 Sing to the glory of his name! Offer glory and praise!
- 3 Tell ELOHIM, "How awesome are your deeds! Through the greatness of your power, your enemies submit themselves to you.
- 4 All the earth will worship you, and will sing to you; they will sing to your name." Selah.
- 5 Come, and see ELOHIM's deeds awesome work on behalf of the children of men.
- 6 He turned the sea into dry land. They went through the river on foot. There, we rejoiced in him.
- 7 He rules by his might forever. His eyes watch the nations. Don't let the rebellious rise up against him. Selah.
- 8 Praise our ELOHIM, you peoples! Make the sound of his praise heard,
- 9 who preserves our life among the living, and doesn't allow our feet to be moved.
- 10 For you, ELOHIM, have tested us. You have refined us, as silver is refined.
- 11 You brought us into prison. You laid a burden on our backs.
- 12 You allowed men to ride over our heads. We went through fire and through water, but you brought us to the place of abundance.
- 13 I will come into your temple with burnt offerings. I will pay my vows to you,
- 14 which my lips promised, and my mouth spoke, when I was in distress.
- 15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fat animals, with the offering of rams, I will offer bulls with goats. Selah.
- 16 Come, and hear, all you who fear ELOHIM! I will declare what he has done for my soul.
- 17 I cried to him with my mouth. He was extolled with my tongue.
- 18 If I cherished sin in my heart, ADONAI wouldn't have listened.
- 19 But most certainly, ELOHIM has listened. He has heard the voice of my prayer.
- **20** Blessed be ELOHIM, who has not turned away my prayer, nor his loving kindness from me.

### Proverbs 23.

- 1 When you sit to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before you:
- 2 put a knife to your throat, if you are a man given to appetite.
- 3 Don't be desirous of his dainties, since they are deceitful food.
- 4 Don't weary yourself to be rich. In your wisdom, show restraint.
- 5 Why do you set your eyes on that which is not? For it certainly sprouts wings like an eagle and flies in the sky.
- 6 Don't eat the food of him who has a stingy eye, and don't crave his delicacies:
- 7 for as he thinks about the cost, so he is. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, but his heart is not with you.
- 8 The morsel which you have eaten you shall vomit up, and lose your good words.
- 9 Don't speak in the ears of a fool, for he will despise the wisdom of your words.
- 10 Don't move the ancient boundary stone. Don't encroach on the fields of the fatherless:
- 11 for their Defender is strong. He will plead their case against you.
- 12 Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge.

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- 13 Don't withhold correction from a child. If you punish him with the rod, he will not die.
- 14 Punish him with the rod, and save his soul from Sheol.
- 15 My son, if your heart is wise, then my heart will be glad, even mine:
- 16 yes, my heart will rejoice, when your lips speak what is right.
- 17 Don't let your heart envy sinners; but rather fear YHWH all the day long.
- 18 Indeed surely there is a future hope, and your hope will not be cut off.
- 19 Listen, my son, and be wise, and keep your heart on the right path!
- 20 Don't be among ones drinking too much wine, or those who gorge themselves on meat:
- 21 for the drunkard and the glutton shall become poor; and drowsiness clothes them in rags.
- 22 Listen to your father who gave you life, and don't despise your mother when she is old.
- 23 Buy the truth, and don't sell it. Get wisdom, discipline, and understanding.
- 24 The father of the righteous has great joy. Whoever fathers a wise child delights in him.
- 25 Let your father and your mother be glad! Let her who bore you rejoice!
- 26 My son, give me your heart; and let your eyes keep in my ways.
- 27 For a prostitute is a deep pit; and a wayward wife is a narrow well.
- 28 Yes, she lies in wait like a robber, and increases the unfaithful among men.
- 29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaints? Who has needless bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes?
- 30 Those who stay long at the wine; those who go to seek out mixed wine.
- 31 Don't look at the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly.
- 32 In the end, it bites like a snake, and poisons like a viper.
- 33 Your eyes will see strange things, and your mind will imagine confusing things.
- 34 Yes, you will be as he who lies down in the midst of the sea, or as he who lies on top of the rigging:
- 35 "They hit me, and I was not hurt! They beat me, and I don't feel it! When will I wake up? I can do it again. I can find another."

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