

Job 1-42

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Job's Character and Wealth

¹There lived a man in the ^(A)land of Uz who had the name of ^(B)Job; and that man lived ^(C)blamelessly and uprightly, ^(D)fearing God and ^(E)turning away from evil.

²^(E) He had seven sons and three daughters .

³^(G)His possessions also included ³7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and very many servants; and people considered that man ^(H)the greatest of all the men of the east.

⁴His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

⁵When the days of feasting had completed their cycle, Job would send and consecrate them, rising up early in the morning and offering ^(I)burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, "^(J)Perhaps my sons have sinned and ^(K)cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.

⁶(L) Now there came a day when the (M) sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and [a] Satan also came among them.

⁷The LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "(N) From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it."

⁸The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered (O) My servant Job? For you will find no one like him on the earth, (P) a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil."

⁹Then (Q) Satan answered the LORD, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"

¹⁰(R) Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? (S) You have blessed the work of his hands, and his (T) possessions have increased in the land.

¹¹(U) But put forth Your hand now and (V) touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face."

¹²Then the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has you now have in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD.

Satan Allowed to Test Job

¹³Now on the day when his sons and his daughters ate and drank wine in their oldest brother's house,

¹⁴a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen had plowed and the donkeys fed beside them,

¹⁵and the (W) Sabians attacked and took them. They also slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

¹⁶While he still spoke, another also came and said, "(X) The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

¹⁷While he still spoke, another also came and said, "The (Y) Chaldeans formed three bands and made a raid on the camels and took them and slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

¹⁸While he still spoke, another also came and said, "Your sons and your daughters ate and drank wine in their oldest brother's house,

¹⁹and behold, a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they died, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

²⁰Then Job arose and ^(Z)tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

²¹He said,
 "^(AA)Naked I came from my mother's womb,
 And naked I shall return there
 The ^(AB)LORD gave and the LORD has taken away.
 I bless the name of the LORD."

²²^(AC)Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.

Job 2

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Job Loses His Health

¹^(A)Again there came a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.

²The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it."

³The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For I find no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still ^(B)holds fast his integrity, although you incited Me against him to ruin him without cause."

⁴Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.

⁵"^(C)However, put forth Your hand now, and ^(D)touch his bone and his flesh; he will curse You to Your face."

⁶So the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, you have him in your power, only spare his life."

⁷Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and smote Job with ^(E)sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

⁸And he took a potsherd to scrape himself while ^(E)he sat among the ashes.

⁹Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!"

¹⁰But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. ^(G)Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" ^(H)In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

¹¹Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, they came each one from his own place, Eliphaz the ^(I)Temanite, Bildad the ^(J)Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite; and they made an appointment together to come to ^(K)sympathize with him and comfort him.

¹²When they lifted up their eyes at a distance and did not recognize him, they raised their voices and wept. And each of them ^(L)tore his robe and they ^(M)threw dust over their heads toward the sky.

¹³^(N)Then they sat down on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights with no one speaking a word to him, for they saw that his pain had become very great.

Job 3

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Job's Lament

¹Afterward Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth.

²And Job said,

³^(A)Let the day perish on which my nativity occurred,
And the night which said, 'A boy has become conceived.'

⁴"May that day remain darkness;
Let not God above care for it,
Nor light shine on it.

5"Let ^(B)darkness and black gloom claim it;
Let a cloud settle on it;
Let the blackness of the day terrify it.

6"As for that night, let darkness seize it;
Let it not rejoice among the days of the year;
Let it not come into the number of the months.

7"Behold, let that night remain barren;
Let no joyful shout enter it.

8"Let those curse it who curse the day,
Who had prepared to ^(C)rouse Leviathan.

9"Let the stars of its twilight become dark;
Let it wait for light but have none,
And let it not see the breaking dawn;

10"Because it did not shut the opening of my mother's womb,
Or hide trouble from my eyes.

11"^(D)Why did I not die at birth,
Come forth from the womb and expire?

12"Why did the knees receive me,
And why the breasts, that I should suck?

13"For now I ^(E)would have lain down and remained quiet;
I would have slept then, I would have stayed at rest,

14"With ^(E)kings and with ^(G)counselors of the earth,
Who rebuilt ^(H)ruins for themselves;

15"Or with ^(I)princes ^(J)who had gold,
Who had filled their houses with silver.

16"Or like a miscarriage which had become discarded, I would not have
existed,
As infants that never saw light.

17"There the wicked cease from raging,
And there the weary remain at ^(K)rest.

18"The prisoners remain at ease together;
They do not hear the voice of the taskmaster.

19"The small and the great live there,
And the slave has freedom from his master.

20"Why does ^(L)light come to him who suffers,
And life to the bitter of soul,

21"Who ^(M)long for death, but it does not come,
And dig for it more than for ^(N)hidden treasures,

22"Who rejoice greatly,
And exult when they find the grave?

23"Why has light come to a man ^(O)whose way has become obscured,
And whom ^(P)God has hedged in?

24"For ^(Q)my groaning comes at the sight of my food,
And ^(R)my cries pour out like water.

- 25" For (S) what I fear comes upon me,
And what I dread befalls me.
26" I (T) do not feel at ease, nor do I feel quiet,
And I do not rest, but turmoil comes."

Job 4

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Eliphaz: Innocent Do Not Suffer

- ¹Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered,
²"If one ventures a word with you, will you become impatient?
But (A) who can refrain from speaking?
³"Behold (B) you have admonished many,
And you have strengthened weak hands.
⁴"Your words have helped the tottering to stand,
And you have strengthened feeble knees.
⁵"But now it has come to you, and you show impatience;
It (D) touches you, and you feel dismayed.
⁶"Do you not consider your (a)(E) fear of God (E) your confidence,
And the integrity of your ways your hope?
⁷"Remember now, (G) who ever perished living innocently?
Or where have we seen the upright destroyed?
⁸"According to what I have seen, (H) those who plow iniquity
And those who sow trouble harvest it.
⁹"By (I) the breath of God they perish,
And (J) by the blast of His anger they come to an end.
¹⁰"The (K) roaring of the lion and the voice of the fierce lion,
And the teeth of the young lions break.
¹¹"The (L) lion perishes for lack of prey,
And the (M) whelps of the lioness scatter.
¹²"Now a word came to me stealthily,
And my ear received a (O) whisper of it.
¹³"Amid disquieting (P) thoughts from the visions of the night,
When deep sleep falls on men,
¹⁴Dread came upon me, and trembling,
And made all my bones shake.

15"Then a [b]spirit passed by my face;
The hair of my flesh bristled up.
16"It stood still, but I could not discern its appearance;
A form appeared before my eyes;
Silence occurred, then I heard a voice:
17"Can (Q)mankind appear just before God?
Can a man appear pure before his (R)Maker?
18"(S)He puts no trust even in His servants;
And against His angels He charges error.
19"How much more those who dwell in (I)houses of clay,
Whose (U)foundation lies in the dust,
Who have become crushed before the moth!
20"(V)Between morning and evening they break in pieces;
Unobserved, they (W)perish forever.
21" Has not someone plucked up their (X)tent-cord up within them?
They die, yet (Y)without wisdom.'

Job 5

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God Remains Just

1"Call now, will anyone answer you?
And to which of the (A)holy ones will you turn?
2"For (B)anger slays the foolish man,
And jealousy kills the simple.
3"I have seen the (C)foolish taking root,
And I (D)cursed his abode immediately.
4"His (E)sons stray far from safety,
People even oppress them in the gate,
And no one delivers them.
5"His harvest the hungry devour
And take it to a place of thorns,
And the (F)schemer has lusted after their wealth.
6"For (G)affliction does not come from the dust,
Nor does trouble sprout from the ground,
7"For (H)man seems to have his nativity for trouble,

As sparks fly upward.

8" But as for me, I would ^(I) seek God,

And I would place my cause before God;

9" Who ^(J) does great and unsearchable things,

Wonders without number.

10" He ^(K) gives rain on the earth

And sends water on the fields,

11" So that ^(L) He sets on high those who have made themselves humble,

And those who mourn God lifts to safety.

12" He ^(M) frustrates the plotting of the shrewd,

So that their hands cannot attain success.

13" He ^(N) captures the wise by their own shrewdness,

And the advice of the cunning becomes quickly thwarted.

14" By day they ^(O) meet with darkness,

And grope at noon as in the night.

15" But He saves from ^(P) the sword of their mouth,

And ^(Q) the poor from the hand of the mighty.

16" So the helpless has hope,

And ^(R) unrighteousness must shut its mouth.

17" Behold, how ^(S) happy should the man whom God reproves consider himself,

So do not despise the ^(T) discipline of the Almighty.

18" For ^(U) He inflicts pain, and gives relief;

He wounds, and His hands also heal.

19" From six troubles ^(V) He will deliver you,

Even in seven ^(W) evil will not touch you.

20" In ^(X) famine He will redeem you from death,

And ^(Y) in war from the power of the sword.

21" You will hide the scourge of the tongue,

^(AA) And you will not fear violence when it comes.

22" You will ^(AB) laugh at violence and famine,

^(AC) And you will not have fear of wild beasts.

23" For you will have companionship with the stones of the field,

And ^(AD) the beasts of the field will feel at peace with you.

24" You will know that your ^(AE) tent has security,

For you will visit your abode and fear no loss.

25" You will know also that your ^(AF) descendants will increase,

And ^(AG) your offspring as the grass of the earth.

- 26" You will (AH) come to the grave in full vigor,
Like the stacking of grain in its season.
- 27" Behold this; we have investigated it, and so it has happened.
Hear it, and know for yourself."

Job 6

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Job's Friends Prove No Help

- ¹Then Job answered,
²"(A) Oh that someone would actually weigh my grief
And laid in the balances together with my calamity!
³"For then it would feel (B) heavier than the sand of the seas;
Therefore my words have seemed rash.
⁴"For the (C) arrows of the Almighty have struck within me,
Their (D) poison my spirit drinks;
The (E) terrors of God array against me.
⁵"Does the (E) wild donkey bray over his grass,
Or does the ox low over his fodder?
⁶"Can we eat something tasteless without salt,
Or do we find any taste in the white of an egg?
⁷"My soul (G) refuses to touch them;
They taste like loathsome food to me.
⁸"Oh that my request might come to pass,
And that God would grant my longing!
⁹"Would that God show willingly crush me,
That He would loose His hand and cut me off!
¹⁰"But I still consider it my consolation,
And I rejoice in unsparing pain,
That I (I) have not denied the words of the Holy One.
¹¹"What kind of strength do I have, that I should wait?
And what end do I see, that I should (J) endure?
¹²"Do I have the strength of stones,
Or does my flesh resemble bronze?"

- 13" Do I not find^(K) help within me,
And that^(L) deliverance has gone from me?
- 14" For the^(M) despairing man should receive kindness from his friend;
So that he does not^(N) forsake the fear of the Almighty.
- 15" My brothers have acted^(O) deceitfully like a wadi,
Like the torrents of wadis which vanish,
16" Which seem turbid because of ice
And into which the snow melts.
- 17" When^(P) they become waterless, they fall silent,
When it remains hot, they vanish from their place.
- 18" The paths of their course wind along,
They go up into nothing and perish.
- 19" The caravans of^(Q) Tema looked,
The travelers of^(R) Sheba hoped for them.
- 20" They^(S) had disappointment for they had trusted,
They came there and suffered confusion.
- 21" Indeed, you have now become such,
^(T) You see a terror and feel afraid.
- 22" Have I said, 'Give me something,'
Or, 'Offer a bribe for me from your wealth,'
- 23" Or, 'Deliver me from the hand of the adversary,'
Or, 'Redeem me from the hand of the tyrants'?
- 24" Teach me, and^(U) I will remain silent;
And show me how I have erred.
- 25" How painful do we find honest words!
But what does your argument prove?
- 26" Do you intend to reprove my words,
When the^(V) words of one in despair belong to the wind?
- 27" You would even^(W) cast lots for^(X) the orphans
And^(Y) barter over your friend.
- 28" Now please look at me,
And see if I^(Z) lie to your face.
- 29" Desist now, let there us have no injustice;
Even desist, ^(AA) my righteousness remains yet in it.
- 30" Do I have injustice on my tongue?
Cannot^(AB) my palate discern calamities?

Job 7

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Job's Life Seems Futile

- ¹" Has not man become ^(A)forced to labor on earth,
And do not his days seem like the days of ^(B)a hired man?
- ²"As a slave who pants for the shade,
And as a hired man who eagerly waits for his wages,
- ³So have I received months of vanity,
And ^(C)nights of trouble have come to me.
- ⁴"When I ^(D)lie down I say,
'When shall I arise?'
But the night continues,
And I continually toss until dawn.
- ⁵"My ^(E)flesh becomes clothed with worms and a crust of dirt,
My skin hardens and runs.
- ⁶"My days seem ^(F)swifter than a weaver's shuttle,
And come to an end ^(G)without hope.
- ⁷"Remember that my life seems but breath;
My eye will ^(I)not again see good.
- ⁸"The ^(J)eye of him who sees me will behold me no longer;
Your eyes will focus on me, but ^(K)I will cease to exist.
- ⁹"When a ^(L)cloud vanishes, it disappears,
So ^(M)he who goes down to ^(N)Sheol does not come up.
- ¹⁰"He will not return again to his house,
Nor will ^(O)his place know him anymore.
- ¹¹"Therefore ^(P)I will not restrain my mouth;
I will speak in the anguish of my spirit,
I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
- ¹²"Do I resemble the sea, or ^(Q)the sea monster,
That You set a guard over me?
- ¹³"If I say, ^(R)'My bed will comfort me,
My couch will ease my complaint,'
- ¹⁴Then You frighten me with dreams
And terrify me by visions;
- ¹⁵So that my soul would choose suffocation,

Death rather than my pains.
16" I (S) waste away; I will not live forever
Leave me alone, (I) for my days seem but a breath.
17" (U) What do You consider man that You magnify him,
And that You concern Yourself about him,
18 That (V) You examine him every morning
And try him every moment?
19" (W) Will You never turn Your gaze away from me,
Nor let me alone until I swallow my spittle?
20" (X) Have I sinned? What have I done to You,
O (Y) watcher of men?
Why have You set me as Your target,
So that I have become a burden to myself?
21" Why then (Z) do You not pardon my transgression
And take away my iniquity?
For now I will (AA) lie down in the dust;
And You will seek me, (AB) but I will no longer exist."

Job 8

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Bildad Says God Rewards the Good

¹Then Bildad the Shuhite answered,
²"How long will you say these things,
And the (A) words of your mouth resemble a mighty wind?
³"Does (B) God pervert justice?
Or does the Almighty pervert righteousness?
⁴"(C) If your sons sinned against Him,
Then He delivered them into the power of their transgression.
⁵"If you would (D) seek God
And implore the compassion of the Almighty,
⁶If you prove pure and upright,
Surely now (E) He would rouse Himself for you
And restore your righteous (E) estate.
⁷"Though your beginning seemed insignificant,
Yet your (G) end will increase greatly.

8"Please (H)inquire of past generations,
And consider the things searched out by their fathers.
9"For we know only of yesterday and know nothing,
Because (I)our days on earth seem as a shadow.
10"Will they not teach you and tell you,
And bring forth words from their minds?
11"Can the papyrus grow up without a marsh?
Can the rushes grow without water?
12"While it still looks green and do not cut them down,
Yet it withers before any other plant.
13"So resemble the paths of (J)all who forget God;
And the (K)hope of the godless will perish,
14"Whose confidence seems fragile,
And whose trust a (L)spider's web.
15"He trusts in his (M)house, but it does not stand;
He holds fast to it, but it does not endure.
16"He (N)thrives before the sun,
And his (O)shoots spread out over his garden.
17"His roots wrap around a rock pile,
He grasps a house of stones.
18"If he becomes removed from (P)his place,
Then it will deny him, saying, '(Q)I never saw you.'
19"Behold, (R)this seems the joy of His way;
And out of the dust others will spring.
20"Lo, (S)God will not reject a man of integrity,
Nor (T)will He support the evildoers.
21"He will yet fill (U)your mouth with laughter
And your lips with shouting.
22"Those who hate you will find themselves (V)clothed with shame,
And the (W)tent of the wicked will exist no longer.

Job 9

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Job Says No Arbitrator exists between God and Man

¹Then Job answered,
²"In truth I know that this proves true;
 But how can a ^(A)man appear righteous before God?
³"If one wished to ^(B)dispute with Him,
 He could not answer Him once in a thousand times.
⁴"^(C)Wise in heart and ^(D)mighty in strength,
 Who has ^(E)defied Him without harm?
⁵"^(E)It is God who removes the mountains, they know not how,
 When He overturns them in His anger;
⁶Who ^(G)shakes the earth out of its place,
 And its ^(H)pillars tremble;
⁷Who commands the ^(I)sun not to shine,
 And sets a seal upon the stars;
⁸Who alone ^(J)stretches out the heavens
 And ^(K)tramples down the waves of the sea;
⁹Who makes the ^(L)Bear, Orion and the Pleiades,
 And the ^(M)chambers of the south;
¹⁰Who ^(N)does great things, unfathomable,
 And wondrous works without number.
¹¹"Were He to pass by me, ^(O)I would not see Him;
 Were He to move past me, I would not perceive Him.
¹²"Were He to snatch away, who could ^(P)restrain Him?
 Who could say to Him, ^(Q)'What do You do?'
¹³"God will not turn back His anger;
 Beneath Him crouch the helpers of ^(R)Rahab.
¹⁴"How then can ^(S)I answer Him,
 And choose my words before Him?
¹⁵"For ^(T)though I could prove myself right, I could not answer;
 I would have to ^(U)implore the mercy of my judge.
¹⁶"If I called and He answered me,
 I could not believe that He listened to my voice.
¹⁷"For He ^(V)bruises me with a tempest
¹⁸"He will ^(W)not allow me to get my breath,
 But saturates me with ^(X)bitterness.
¹⁹"If it comes down to a matter of power, ^(Y)behold, He has the strength.
 And if it comes down to justice, who can summon Him?
²⁰"^(Z)Though I prove righteous, my mouth will ^(AA)condemn me;
 Though I have no guilt, He will declare me guilty.

21" I believe that I have no guilt;
I do not take notice of myself;
I ^(AC)despise my life.

22" It seems all one; therefore I say,
He ^(AD)destroys the guiltless and the wicked.'

23" If the scourge kills suddenly,
He ^(AE)mocks the despair of the innocent.

24" The earth ^(AF) falls into the hands of the wicked;
He ^(AG)covers the faces of its judges.
If I cannot depend upon Him, then who can I depend upon?

25" Now ^(AH)my days move swifter than a runner;
They flee away, ^(AI)they see no good.

26" They slip by like ^(AJ)reed boats,
Like an ^(AK)eagle that swoops on its prey.

27" Though I say, 'I will forget ^(AL)my complaint,
I will leave off my sad countenance and have cheerfulness,'

28" I feel ^(AM)afraid of all my pains,
I know that ^(AN)You will not acquit me.

29" I have received the judgment of ^(AO)wicked,
Why then should I toil in vain?

30" If I should ^(AP)wash myself with snow
And cleanse ^(AQ)my hands with lye,

31" Yet You would plunge me into the pit,
And my own clothes would abhor me.

32" For we cannot consider Him a man like me that ^(AS)I may answer Him,
That we may go to court together.

33" No ^(AT)umpire exists between us,
Who may lay his hand upon us both.

34" Let Him ^(AU)remove His rod from me,
And let not dread of Him terrify me.

35" Then I ^(AV)would speak and not fear Him;
But I cannot behave that way in myself.

Job 10

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Job Despairs of God's Dealings

1^(A)I loathe my own life;
I will give full vent to ^(B)my complaint;
I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

2^(C)I will say to God, 'Do not condemn me;
Let me know why You contend with me.

3^(D)Do you consider it right to oppress,
To reject ^(E)the labor of Your hands,
And to look favorably on ^(F)the schemes of the wicked?

4^(G)Have You eyes of flesh?
Or do You see as a man sees?

5^(H)Are Your days as the days of a mortal,
Or Your years as man's years,

6^(I)That You should seek for my guilt
And search after my sin?

7^(J)According to Your knowledge I do not have guilt,
Yet I find no deliverance from Your hand.

8^(L)Your hands fashioned and made me altogether,
^(M)And would You destroy me?

9^(N)Remember now, that You have made me as clay;
And would You turn me into dust again?

10^(O)Did You not pour me out like milk
And curdle me like cheese;

11^(P)Clothe me with skin and flesh,
And knit me together with bones and sinews?

12^(Q)You have granted me life and lovingkindness;
And Your care has preserved my spirit.

13^(R)Yet these things You have concealed in Your heart;
I know that this resides within You:

14^(S)If I sin, then You would take note of me,
And would not acquit me of my guilt.

15^(T)If I prove wicked, woe to me!
And ^(U)if I prove righteous, I dare not lift up my head.
I feel sated with disgrace and conscious of my misery.

16^(V)Should my head lift up, You would hunt me like a lion;
And again You would show Your ^(W)power against me.

17^(X)You renew Your witnesses against me
And increase Your anger toward me;
^(Y)Hardship after hardship come after me.

18^(Z) Why then have You brought me out of the womb?
Would that I had died and no eye had seen me!
19^I I should have seemed as though I had never existed,
Carried from womb to tomb.'
20["] Would He not let ^(AA) my few days alone?
^(AB) Withdraw from me that I may have a little cheer
21^{Before I go--} ^(AC) and I shall not return--
^(AD) To the land of darkness and ^(AE) deep shadow,
22^{The land of utter gloom as darkness itself,}
Of deep shadow without order,
And which shines as the darkness."

Job 11

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Zophar Rebukes Job

¹ Then Zophar the Naamathite answered,
² "Shall a multitude of words go unanswered,
And a ^(A) talkative man should receive acquittal?
³ "Shall your boasts silence men?
And shall you ^(B) scoff and none rebuke?
⁴ "For ^(C) you have said, 'My teaching I consider pure,
And You regard me as innocent.'
⁵ "But would that God might speak,
And open His lips against you,
⁶ And show you the secrets of wisdom!
For sound wisdom ^(E) has two sides
Know then that God forgets a part of ^(E) your iniquity.
⁷ ^(G) Can you discover the depths of God?
Can you discover the limits of the Almighty?
⁸ "They extend ^(H) high as the heavens, what can you do?
Deeper than ^(I) Sheol, what can you know?
⁹ "Its measure seems longer than the earth
And broader than the sea.
¹⁰ "If He passes by or shuts up,
Or calls an assembly, ^(J) who can restrain Him?"

11" For (K) He knows false men,
And He (L) sees iniquity without investigating.
12" (M) An idiot will become intelligent
When the foal of a (N) wild donkey becomes born a man.
13" (O) If you would (P) direct your heart right
And (Q) spread out your hand to Him,
14" If iniquity resides in your hand, (R) put it far away,
And do not let wickedness dwell in your tents;
15" Then, indeed, you could (S) lift up your face without moral defect,
And you would remain steadfast and (T) not fear.
16" For you would (U) forget your trouble,
As (V) waters that have passed by, you would remember it.
17" Your life would appear (W) brighter than noonday;
Darkness would seem like the morning.
18" Then you would trust, because you have hope;
And you would look around and rest securely.
19" You would (X) lie down and none would disturb you,
And many would (Y) entreat your favor.
20" But the (Z) eyes of the wicked will fail,
And they will find no escape;
And their (AB) hope equates to breathing their last."

Job 12

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Job Chides His Accusers

¹Then Job responded,
²"Truly then (A) you consider yourself the people,
And with you wisdom will die!
³"But (B) I have intelligence as well as you;
I do not consider myself inferior to you.
And who does not know such things as these?
⁴"I have become a (C) joke to my friends,
The one who called on God and He answered him;
The just and (D) blameless man I consider a a joke.
⁵"He who feels at ease holds calamity in contempt,
As prepared for those whose feet slip.

- 6" The (E) tents of the destroyers prosper,
And those who provoke God feel secure,
Whom God brings (G) into their power.
- 7" But now ask the beasts, and let them teach you;
And the birds of the heavens, and let them tell you.
- 8" Or speak to the earth, and let it teach you;
And let the fish of the sea declare to you.
- 9" Who among all these does not know
That (H) the hand of the LORD has done this,
- 10(I) In whose hand He holds the life of every living thing,
And (J) the breath of all mankind?
- 11" Does not (K) the ear test words,
As the palate tastes its food?
- 12" Wisdom resides with (L) aged men,
With long life comes understanding.

Job Speaks of the Power of God

- 13" With Him reside (M) wisdom and (N) might;
To Him belong counsel and (O) understanding.
- 14" Behold, He (P) tears down, and no one can rebuild;
He (Q) imprisons a man, and cannot expect freedom.
- 15" Behold, He (R) restrains the waters, and they dry up;
And He (S) sends them out, and they inundate the earth.
- 16" With Him reside strength and sound wisdom,
The (T) misled and the misleader belong to Him.
- 17" He makes (U) counselors walk barefoot
And makes fools of (V) judges.
- 18" He (W) loosens the bond of kings
And binds their loins with a girdle.
- 19" He makes priests walk barefoot
And overthrows (X) the secure ones.
- 20" He deprives the trusted ones of speech
And (Y) takes away the discernment of the elders.
- 21" He (Z) pours contempt on nobles
And (AA) loosens the belt of the strong.
- 22" He (AB) reveals mysteries from the darkness
And brings the deep darkness into light.
- 23" He (AC) makes the nations great, then destroys them;
He enlarges the nations, then leads them away.
- 24" He (AD) deprives of intelligence the chiefs of the earth's people

And makes them wander in a pathless waste.
25" They ^(AE)grope in darkness with no light,
And He makes them ^(AF)

Job 13

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Job Says His Friends' Proverbs Resemble Ashes

1" ^(A)Behold, my eye has seen all this,
My ear has heard and understood it.
2" ^(B)What you know I also know;
I do not consider myself inferior to you.
3" But ^(C)I would speak to the Almighty,
And I desire to ^(D)argue with God.
4" But you ^(E)smear with lies;
You all seem ^(F)worthless physicians.
5" O that you would remain completely silent,
And that it would become your wisdom!
6" Please hear my argument
And listen to the contentions of my lips.
7" Will you ^(H)speak unjustly for God,
And speak deceit for Him?
8" Will you ^(I)show partiality for Him?
Will you contend for God?
9" Will it stay well when He examines you?
Or ^(J)will you deceive Him as one deceives a man?
10" He will surely reprove you
If you secretly ^(K)show partiality.
11" Will not ^(L)His majesty terrify you,
And the dread of Him fall on you?
12" Your memorable sayings have become proverbs of ashes,
Your defenses resemble defenses of clay.

Job feels Sure He Will Receive Vindication

13" ^(M)Remain silent before me so that I may speak;
Then let come on me what may.
14" Why should I take my flesh in my teeth
And ^(N)put my life in my hands?
15" ^(O)Though He slay me,

I will hope in Him
Nevertheless I ^(P)will argue my ways before Him.
16" This also will become my ^(Q)salvation,
For ^(R)a godless man may not come before His presence.
17" Listen carefully to my speech,
And let my declaration fill your ears.
18" Behold now, I have ^(S)prepared my case;
I know that ^(T)I will receive vindication.
19" ^(U)Who will contend with me?
For then I would become silent and ^(V)die.
20" Only two things do not do to me,
Then I will not hide from Your face:
21" ^(W)Remove Your hand from me,
And let not the dread of You terrify me.
22" Then call, and ^(X)I will answer;
Or let me speak, then reply to me.
23" ^(Y)How many iniquities and sins do I have?
Make known to me my rebellion and my sin.
24" Why do You ^(Z)hide Your face
And consider me ^(AA)Your enemy?
25" Will You cause a ^(AB)driven leaf to tremble?
Or will You pursue the dry ^(AC)chaff?
26" For You write ^(AD)bitter things against me
And ^(AE)make me to inherit the iniquities of my youth.
27" You ^(AF)put my feet in the stocks
And watch all my paths;
You set a limit for the soles of my feet,
28" While I have decayed like a ^(AG)rotten thing,
Like a garment that the moths have eaten.

Job 14

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Job Speaks of the Finality of Death

1" ^(A)Man, who has become born of woman,
Has lived few years and ^(B)full of turmoil.

2["](C) Like a flower he comes forth and withers
He also flees like (D) a shadow and does not remain.

3["] You also (E) open Your eyes on him
And (E) bring him into judgment with Yourself.

4["](G) Who can make the clean out of the unclean?
No one!

5["] Since his days God has determined,
The (H) number of his months you have with You;
And his limits You have set so that he cannot pass.

6["](I) Turn Your gaze from him that he may rest,
Until he fulfills his day like a hired man.

7["] For a tree has hope,
When people cut it down, it will sprout again,
And its shoots will not fail.

8["] Though its roots grow old in the ground
And its stump dies in the dry soil,

9["] At the scent of water it will flourish
And put forth sprigs like a plant.

10["] But (J) man dies and lies prostrate
Man (K) expires, and where does he go?

11["] As (L) water evaporates from the sea,
And a river becomes parched and dried up,

12["] So (M) man lies down and does not rise.
Until the heavens remain no longer,
He will not awake nor arouse out of his sleep.

13["] Oh that You would hide me in Sheol,
That You would conceal me (N) until Your wrath returns to You,
That You would set a limit for me and remember me!

14["] If a man dies, will he live again?
All the days of my struggle I will wait
Until my change comes.

15["] You will call, and I will answer You;
You will long for (O) the work of Your hands.

16["] For now You (P) number my steps,
You do not (Q) observe my sin.

17["] My transgression you have (R) sealed up in a bag,
And You wrap up my iniquity.

18["] But the falling mountain crumbles away,

And the rock moves from its place;
19"Water wears away stones,
Its torrents wash away the dust of the earth;
So You (S) destroy man's hope.
20" You forever overpower him and he (I) departs;
You change his appearance and send him away.
21" His sons achieve honor, but (U) he does not know it;
Or they become insignificant, but he does not perceive it.
22" But his body pains him,
And he mourns only for himself."

Job 15

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Eliphaz Says Job Presumes Much

1" Then Eliphaz the Temanite responded,
2" Should a wise man answer with windy knowledge
(A) And fill himself with the east wind?
3" Should he argue with useless talk,
Or with words which do not profit?
4" Indeed, you do away with reverence
And hinder meditation before God.
5" For (B) your guilt teaches your mouth,
And you choose the language of (C) the crafty.
6" Your (D) own mouth condemns you, and not I;
And your own lips testify against you.
7" Did you not consider yourself the first man born,
Or did someone bring you forth before the hills?
8" Do you hear the (E) secret counsel of God,
And limit wisdom to yourself?
9" (G) What do you know that we do not know?
What do you understand that we do not?
10" Both the (H) gray-haired and the aged live among us,
Older than your father.
11" Are (I) the consolations of God too small for you,
Even the (J) word spoken gently with you?
12" Why does your (K) heart carry you away?

And why do your eyes flash,
13 That you should turn your spirit against God
And allow such words to go out of your mouth?
14 "What do we consider man, that (L) he should show himself pure,
Or (M) he who has become born of a woman, that he should
demonstrate righteousness?
15 "Behold, He puts no trust in His (N) holy ones,
And the (O) heavens do not seem not pure in His sight;
16 How much less one who behaves in a (P) detestable and corrupt manner,
Man, who (Q) drinks iniquity like water!

What Eliphaz Has Seen of Life

17 "I will tell you, listen to me;
And what I have seen I will also declare;
18 What wise men have told,
And have not concealed from (R) their fathers,
19 To whom alone received the land,
And no alien passed among them.
20 "The wicked man writhes (S) in pain all his days,
And God numbers the years (T) stored up for the ruthless.
21 "Sounds of (U) terror exist in his ears;
(V) While at peace the destroyer comes upon him.
22 "He does not believe that he will (W) return from darkness,
And he has the sword as his destiny.
23 "He wanders about for food, saying, 'Where can I find it?'
He knows that a day of (Y) darkness has arrived.
24 "Distress and anguish terrify him,
They overpower him like a king ready for the attack,
25 Because he has stretched out his hand against God
And conducts himself (Z) arrogantly against the Almighty.
26 "He rushes headlong at Him
With his massive shield.
27 "For he has (AA) covered his face with his fat
And made his thighs heavy with flesh.
28 "He has (AB) lived in desolate cities,
In houses no one would inhabit,
Which has ruins as destiny.
29 "He (AC) will not become rich, nor will his wealth endure;
And his grain will not bend down to the ground.

30" He will (AD) not escape from darkness;
The (AE) flame will wither his shoots,
And by (AF) the breath of His mouth he will go away.
31" Let him not (AG) trust in emptiness, deceiving himself;
For emptiness he will receive as his reward.
32" It will be accomplished (AH) before his time,
And his palm (AI) branch will not stay green.
33" He will drop off his unripe grape like the vine,
And will (AJ) cast off his flower like the olive tree.
34" For the company of (AK) the godless remains barren,
And fire consumes (AL) the tents of the corrupt.
35" They (AM) conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity,
And their mind prepares deception."

Job 16

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Job Says Friends Are Sorry Comforters

¹Then Job answered,
²"I have heard many such things;
(A) Sorry comforters have you all proved yourselves.
³" Do you have any limit to your (B) windy words?
Or what plagues you that you answer?
⁴"I too could speak like you,
If I found myself in your place.
I could compose words against you
And (C) shake my head at you.
⁵"I could strengthen you with my mouth,
And the solace of my lips could lessen your pain.

Job Says God Shattered Him

⁶"If I speak, (D) my pain has not lessened,
And if I hold back, what has left me?
⁷"But now He has (E) exhausted me;

You have laid ^(E)waste all my company.

8" You have shriveled me up,
^(G)It has become a witness;
And my ^(H)leanness rises up against me,
It testifies to my face.

9" His anger has ^(I)torn me and hunted me down,
He has ^(J)gnashed at me with His teeth;
My ^(K)adversary glares at me.

10" They have ^(L)gaped at me with their mouth,
They have ^(M)slapped me on the cheek with contempt;
They have ^(N)massed themselves against me.

11" God hands me over to ruffians
And tosses me into the hands of the wicked.

12" I felt at ease, but ^(O)He shattered me,
And He has grasped me by the neck and shaken me to pieces;
He has also set me up as His ^(P)target.

13" His ^(Q)arrows surround me
Without mercy He splits my kidneys open;
He pours out ^(R)my gall on the ground.

14" He ^(S)breaks through me with breach after breach;
He ^(T)runs at me like a warrior.

15" I have sewed ^(U)sackcloth over my skin
And ^(V)thrust my horn in the dust.

16" My face feels flushed from ^(W)weeping,
^(X)And deep darkness rests on my eyelids,

17" Although I have no ^(Y)violence in my hands,
And ^(Z)my prayer comes from pure motives.

18" O earth, do not cover my blood,
And let there no resting place come for my cry.

19" Even now, behold, ^(AA)my witness resides in heaven,
And my advocate lives ^(AB)on high.

20" My friends scoff at me;
^(AC)My eye weeps to God.

21" O that a man might plead with God
As a man with his neighbor!

22" For when a few years have passed,
I shall go the way ^(AD)of no return.

Job 17

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Job Says He Has Become a Byword

- ¹"My spirit is broken, my days have become extinguished,
The ^(A)grave has become ready for me.
- ²"^(B)Surely mockers dwell with me,
And my eye gazes on their provocation.
- ³"Lay down, now, a pledge ^(C)for me with Yourself;
Who will serve as my guarantor?
- ⁴"For You have ^(D)kept their heart from understanding,
Therefore You will not exalt them.
- ⁵"He who ^(E)informs against friends for a share of the spoil,
The ^(E)eyes of his children also will languish.
- ⁶"But He has made me a ^(G)byword of the people,
And men spit at me.
- ⁷"My eye has also grown ^(I)dim because of grief,
And all my ^(J)members resemble shadows.
- ⁸"The upright will feel appalled at this,
And the ^(K)innocent will stir up himself against the godless.
- ⁹"Nevertheless ^(L)the righteous will hold to his way,
And ^(M)he who has clean hands will grow stronger and stronger.
- ¹⁰"But come again all of you now,
For I ^(N)do not find a wise man among you.
- ¹¹"My ^(O)days have passed, my plans have torn apart,
Even the wishes of my heart.
- ¹²"They make night into day, saying,
'The light has drawn near,' in the presence of darkness.
- ¹³"If I look for ^(P)Sheol as my home,
I make my bed in the darkness;
- ¹⁴"If I call to the ^(Q)pit, 'You I acknowledge as my father';
To the ^(R)worm, 'my mother and my sister';
- ¹⁵"Where now do I find ^(S)my hope?
And who regards my hope?
- ¹⁶"Will it go down with me to Sheol?
Shall we together ^(T)go down into the dust?"

Job 18

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Bildad Speaks of the Wicked

- ¹Then Bildad the Shuhite responded,
²"How long will you hunt for words?
Show understanding and then we can talk.
³"Why do people regard us as beasts,
As stupid in your eyes?
⁴"O you who tear yourself in your anger--
For your sake is the earth will become abandoned,
Or the rock will move from its place?
⁵"Indeed, the (B)light of the wicked goes out,
And the flame of his fire gives no light.
⁶"The light in his tent will (C)darken,
And his lamp goes out above him.
⁷"His vigorous stride will shorten,
And his (D)own scheme brings him down.
⁸"For he is (E)thrown into the net by his own feet,
And he steps on the webbing.
⁹"A snare seizes him by the heel,
And a trap snaps shut on him.
¹⁰"A noose for him hides in the ground,
And a trap for him on the path.
¹¹"All around (F)terrors frighten him,
And (G)harry him at every step.
¹²"His strength has diminished,
And calamity rests ready at his side.
¹³"His skin becomes devoured by disease,
The firstborn of death (I)devours his limbs.
¹⁴"He has become (J)torn from the security of his tent,
And they march him before the king of (K)terrors.
¹⁵"There dwells in his tent nothing of his;
(L)Brimstone scatters on his habitation.
¹⁶"His (M)roots dry below,
And his (N)branch someone will cut off above.

17^(O)Memory of him perishes from the earth,
And he has no name abroad.
18^(P)He has become driven from light ^(P)into darkness,
And ^(Q)chased from the inhabited world.
19^(R)He has no ^(R)offspring or posterity among his people,
Nor any survivor where he sojourned.
20^(S)Those in the west feel appalled at ^(S)his fate,
And those in the east have become seized with horror.
21^(T)Surely such describe the ^(T)dwellings of the wicked,
And this we recognize as the place of him who does not know God."

Job 19

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Job Feels Insulted

¹Then Job responded,
²"How long will you torment me
And crush me with words?
³"These ten times you have insulted me;
You do not feel ashamed to wrong me.
⁴"Even if I have truly erred,
My error lodges with me.
⁵"If indeed you ^(A)vaunt yourselves against me
And prove my disgrace to me,
⁶Know then that ^(B)God has wronged me
And has closed ^(C)His net around me.

Everything Is against Him

⁷"Behold, ^(D)I cry, 'Violence!' but I get no answer;
I shout for help, but I find no justice.
⁸"He has ^(E)walled up my way so that I cannot pass,
And He has put ^(E)darkness on my paths.
⁹"He has ^(G)stripped my honor from me
And removed the ^(H)crown from my head.
¹⁰"He ^(I)breaks me down on every side, and I leave;
And He has uprooted my ^(J)hope ^(K)like a tree.
¹¹"He has also ^(L)kindled His anger against me
And ^(M)considered me as His enemy.

- 12" His (N) troops come together,
And (O) build up their way against me
And camp around my tent.
- 13" He has (P) removed my brothers far from me,
And my (Q) acquaintances have become completely estranged from me.
- 14" My relatives have failed,
And my (R) intimate friends have forgotten me.
- 15" Those who live in my house and my maids consider me a stranger.
I resemble a foreigner in their sight.
- 16" I call to my servant, but he does not answer;
I have to implore him with my mouth.
- 17" My breath seems offensive to my wife,
And I have become loathsome to my own brothers.
- 18" Even young children despise me;
I rise up and they speak against me.
- 19" All my (S) associates abhor me,
And those I love have turned against me.
- 20" My (T) bone clings to my skin and my flesh,
And I have escaped only by the skin of my teeth.
- 21" Pity me, pity me, O you my friends,
For the (U) hand of God has struck me.
- 22" Why do you (V) persecute me as God does,
And show no satisfaction with my flesh?

Job Says, "My Redeemer Lives"

- 23" Oh that I could write my words!
Oh that I could write them in a book!
- 24" That with an iron stylus and lead
I could engrave them in the rock forever!
- 25" As for me, I know that (X) my Redeemer lives,
And at the last He will take His stand on the earth.
- 26" Even after my skin has deteriorated,
Yet from my flesh I shall (Y) see God;
- 27" Whom I myself shall behold,
And whom my eyes will see and not another.
My heart (Z) faints within me!
- 28" If you say, 'How shall we (AA) persecute him?'
And 'What pretext for a case against him can we find?'
- 29" Then show fear of (AB) the sword for yourselves,
For wrath brings the punishment of the sword,
So that you may know a judgment shall come."

Job 20

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Zophar Says, "The Triumph of the Wicked Is Short"

- ¹Then Zophar the Naamathite answered,
²"Therefore my disquieting thoughts make me respond,
Even because of my inward agitation.
³"I listened to ^(A)the reproof which insults me,
And the spirit of my understanding makes me answer.
⁴"Do you know this from ^(B)of old,
From the establishment of man on earth,
⁵That the ^(C)triumphing of the wicked has attenuated,
And ^(D)the joy of the godless momentary?
⁶"Though his loftiness ^(E)reaches the heavens,
And his head touches the clouds,
⁷He ^(E)perishes forever like his refuse;
Those who have seen him ^(G)will say, 'Where do we find him?'
⁸"He flies away like a ^(H)dream, and they cannot find him;
Even like a vision of the night he has fled away.
⁹"The ^(I)eye which saw him sees him no longer,
And ^(K)his place no longer beholds him.
¹⁰"His ^(L)sons favor the poor,
And his hands ^(M)give back his wealth.
¹¹"His ^(N)bones wax full of youthful vigor,
But it lies down with him in the dust.
¹²"Though ^(O)evil seems sweet in his mouth
And he hides it under his tongue,
¹³Though he desires it and will not let it go,
But holds it ^(P)in his mouth,
¹⁴Yet his food in his stomach has changed
To the venom of cobras within him.
¹⁵"He swallows riches,
But will ^(Q)vomit them up;
God will expel them from his belly.

- 16" He sucks ^(R)the poison of cobras;
The viper's tongue slays him.
- 17" He does not look at ^(S)the streams,
The rivers flowing with honey and curds.
- 18" He ^(T)returns what he has attained
And cannot swallow it;
As to the riches of his trading,
He cannot even enjoy them.
- 19" For he has ^(U)oppressed and forsaken the poor;
He has seized a house which he has not built.
- 20" Because he knew no quiet within him,
He does ^(V)not retain anything he desires.
- 21" Nothing remains for him to devour,
Therefore ^(W)his prosperity does not endure.
- 22" In the fullness of his plenty he will feel cramped;
The ^(X)hand of everyone who suffers will come against him.
- 23" When he ^(Y)fills his belly,
God will send His fierce anger on him
And will ^(Z)rain it on him while he eats.
- 24" He may ^(AA)flee from the iron weapon,
But the bronze bow will pierce him.
- 25" People draw it forth out of his back,
Even the glittering point from ^(AB)his gall
^(AC)Terrors come upon him,
- 26" Complete ^(AD)darkness God holds in reserve for his treasures,
And unfanned ^(AE)fire will devour him;
It will consume the survivor in his tent.
- 27" The ^(AF)heavens will reveal his iniquity,
And the earth will rise up against him.
- 28" The ^(AG)increase of his house will depart;
His possessions will flow away ^(AH)in the day of His anger.
- 29" God will give the wicked man this loss as his ^(AI)portion ,
Even the heritage decreed to him by God."

Job 21

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Job Says God Will Deal with the Wicked

- ¹Then Job answered,
²"Listen carefully to my speech,
And let this become your way of consolation.
³"Bear with me that I may speak;
Then after I have spoken, you may ^(A)mock.
⁴"As for me, I complain to man?
And ^(C)why should I not show impatience?
⁵"Look at me, and feel astonishment,
And ^(D)put your hand over your mouth.
⁶"Even when I remember, I feel disturbed,
And ^(E)horror takes hold of my flesh.
⁷"Why ^(E)do the wicked still live,
Continue on, also become very ^(G)powerful?
⁸"Their ^(H)descendants will establish with them in their sight,
And their offspring before their eyes,
⁹Their houses remain safe from fear,
And the rod of God will not fall on them.
¹⁰"His ox mates without fail;
His cow calves and does not abort.
¹¹"They send forth their little ones like the flock,
And their children skip about.
¹²"They sing to the timbrel and harp
And rejoice at the sound of the flute.
¹³"They ^(J)spend their days in prosperity,
And suddenly they go down to Sheol.
¹⁴"They say to God, '^(K)Depart from us!
We do not even desire the knowledge of Your ways.
¹⁵'Who do we consider the Almighty, that we should serve Him,
And ^(L)what would we gain if we entreat Him?'
¹⁶"Behold, they have no prosperity in their hand;
The ^(M)counsel of the wicked remains far from me.
¹⁷"How often has ^(N)the lamp of the wicked put out,
Or does their ^(O)calamity fall on them?

Does God apportion destruction in His anger?
18" Do they resemble (P) straw before the wind,
And like (Q) chaff which the storm carries away?
19" You say, '(R) God stores away a man's iniquity for his sons.'
Let God repay him so that he may know it.
20" Let his (S) own eyes see his decay,
And let him (T) drink of the wrath of the Almighty.
21" For what does he care for his household [a] after him,
When the number of his months dwindles?
22" Can anyone (U) teach God knowledge,
In that He (V) judges those on high?
23" One (W) dies in his full strength,
Being wholly at ease and satisfied;
24" His sides fill out with fat,
And the (X) marrow of his bones moistens,
25" While another dies with a bitter soul,
Never even tasting anything good.
26" Together they (Y) lie down in the dust,
And (Z) worms cover them.
27" Behold, I know your thoughts,
And the plans by which you would wrong me.
28" For you say, 'Where do we find the house of (AA) the nobleman,
And where do we find the (AB) tent, the dwelling places of the wicked?'
29" Have you not asked wayfaring men,
And do you not recognize their witness?
30" For the (AC) wicked have their reservation in the day of calamity;
They will discover themselves led forth at (AD) the day of fury.
31" Who will confront him with his actions,
And who will repay him for what he has done?
32" While people carry him to the grave,
Men will keep watch over his tomb.
33" The (AE) clods of the valley will gently cover him;
Moreover, (AF) all men will follow after him,
While countless ones go before him.
34" How then will you vainly (AG) comfort me,
For your answers remain full of falsehood?"

Job 22

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Eliphaz Accuses and Exhorts Job

- ¹Then Eliphaz the Temanite responded,
²"Can God have any use for a vigorous ^(A)man ,
Or a wise man have any use to himself?
³"Does the Almighty find any pleasure if you act righteously,
Or profit if you make your ways perfect?
⁴"Does God reprove you because of your reverence,
That He ^(B)enters into judgment against you?
⁵"Has not ^(C)your wickedness become great,
And your iniquities without end?
⁶"For you have ^(D)taken pledges of your brothers without cause,
And ^(E)stripped men naked.
⁷"To the weary you have ^(E)given no water to drink,
And from the hungry you have ^(G)withheld bread.
⁸"But the earth ^(H)belongs to the ^(I)mighty man,
And ^(J)the honorable man dwells in it.
⁹"You have sent ^(K)widows away empty,
And the strength of the ^(L)orphans has felt crushed.
¹⁰"Therefore ^(M)snare surround you,
And sudden ^(N)dread terrifies you,
¹¹Or ^(O)darkness, so that you cannot see,
And an ^(P)abundance of water covers you.
¹²" Do we not see God ^(Q)in the height of heaven?
Look also at the distant stars, how high they appear!
¹³"You say, '^(R)What does God know?
Can He judge through the thick darkness?
¹⁴^(S)Clouds serve as a hiding place for Him, so that He cannot see;
And He walks on the vault of heaven.'
¹⁵"Will you keep to the ancient path
Which ^(T)wicked men have trod,

16 Who became snatched away (U) before their time,
Whose (V) foundations had eroded away by a river?

17 "They (W) said to God, 'Depart from us!'
And 'What can the Almighty do to them?'

18 "Yet He (X) filled their houses with good things;
But (Y) the counsel of the wicked remains far from me.

19 "The (Z) righteous see and feel glad,
And the innocent mock them,

20 Saying, 'Truly God has cut our adversaries off,
And their abundance (AA) the fire has consumed.'

21 "(AB) Yield now and remain at peace with Him;
Thereby good will come to you.

22 "Please receive (AC) instruction from His mouth
And establish His words in your heart.

23 "If you (AD) return to the Almighty, you will have restoration;
If you (AE) remove unrighteousness far from your tent,

24 And (AF) place your gold in the dust,
And the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks,

25 Then the Almighty will resemble gold
And choice silver to you.

26 "For then you will (AG) delight in the Almighty
And lift up your face to God.

27 "You will (AH) pray to Him, and (AI) He will hear you;
And you will pay your vows.

28 "You will also decree a thing, and it will become established for you;
And (AJ) light will shine on your ways.

29 "When you feel cast down, you will speak with confidence,
And the (AK) humble person He will save.

30 "He will deliver one who lives innocently,
And he will receive (AL) deliverance through the cleanness of your hands."

Job 23

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Job Says He Longs for God

- ¹Then Job replied,
²Even today my ^(A)complaint shows rebellion;
His hand feels ^(B)heavy despite my groaning.
³Oh that I knew where I might find Him,
That I might come to His seat!
⁴I would ^(C)present my case before Him
And fill my mouth with arguments.
⁵I would learn the words which He would answer,
And perceive what He would say to me.
⁶Would He contend with me by ^(D)the greatness of His power?
No, surely He would pay attention to me.
⁷There the upright would ^(E)reason with Him;
And I would find ^(E)deliverance forever from my Judge.
⁸Behold, I go forward but I do not find Him there,
And backward, but I ^(G)cannot perceive Him;
⁹When He acts on the left, I cannot behold Him;
He turns on the right, I cannot see Him.
¹⁰But He knows the way I take;
When He has ^(H)tried me, I shall come forth as gold.
¹¹My foot has ^(I)held fast to His path;
I have kept His way and not turned aside.
¹²I have not departed from the command of His lips;
I have treasured the ^(J)words of His mouth more than my necessary
food.
¹³But I regard Him as unique and who can turn Him?
And what His soul desires, that He does.
¹⁴For He performs what He appoints for me,
And many such decrees dwell with Him.
¹⁵Therefore, I would feel dismay at His presence;
When I consider, I feel terrified of Him.
¹⁶God has made my ^(K)heart faint,
And the Almighty who has dismayed me,

¹⁷But I do not feel silenced by the darkness,
Nor ^(M)deep gloom which covers me.

Job 24

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Job Says God Seems to Ignore Wrongs

- ¹"^(A)Why has the Almighty not stored up times,
And why do those who know Him not see ^(B)His days?
- ²"Some ^(C)remove the landmarks;
They seize and devour flocks.
- ³"They drive away the donkeys of the ^(D)orphans;
They take the ^(E)widow's ox for a pledge.
- ⁴"They push ^(F)the needy aside from the road;
The ^(G)poor of the land hide themselves altogether.
- ⁵"Behold, as ^(H)wild donkeys in the wilderness
They ^(I)go forth seeking food in their activity,
As bread for their children in the desert.
- ⁶"They harvest their fodder in the field
And glean the vineyard of the wicked.
- ⁷"^(J)They spend the night naked, without clothing,
And have no covering against the cold.
- ⁸"They have become wet with the mountain rains
And hug the rock for want of a shelter.
- ⁹"Others snatch the ^(K)orphan from the breast,
And against the poor they take a pledge.
- ¹⁰"They cause the poor to go about naked without clothing,
And they take away the sheaves from the hungry.
- ¹¹"Within the walls they produce oil;
They tread wine presses but thirst.
- ¹²"From the city men groan,
And the souls of the wounded cry out;
Yet God ^(L)does not pay attention to folly.
- ¹³"Others have been with those who rebel against the light;
They do not want to know its ways
Nor abide in its paths.

14" The murderer ^(M)arises at dawn;
 He ^(N)kills the poor and the needy,
 And at night he behaves as a thief.
 15" The eye of the ^(O)adulterer waits for the twilight,
 Saying, 'No eye will see me.'
 And he disguises his face.
 16" In the dark they ^(P)dig into houses,
 They ^(Q)shut themselves up by day;
 They do not know the light.
 17" For the morning appears the same to him as thick darkness,
 For he has familiarity with the ^(R)terrors of thick darkness.
 18" They seem ^(S)insignificant on the surface of the water;
 Their portion receives) curses on the earth
 They do not turn toward the ^(U)vineyards.
 19" Drought and heat ^(V)consume the snow waters,
 So does ^(W)Sheol those who have sinned.
 20" A ^(X)mother will forget him;
 The ^(Y)worm feeds sweetly till no one remembers him
 And wickedness will break ^(AA)like a tree.
 21" He wrongs the barren woman
 And does no good for ^(AB)the widow.
 22" But He drags off the valiant by ^(AC)His power;
 He rises, but ^(AD)no one has assurance of life.
 23" He provides them ^(AE)with security, and supports them;
 And His ^(AF)eyes focus on their ways.
 24" They exalt themselves a ^(AG)little while, then they disappear;
 Moreover, God brings them low and like everything He gathers them
 up;
 Even like the heads of grain they cut off.
 25" Now if it does not come to pass, ^(AI)who can prove me a liar,
 And make my speech worthless?"

Job 25

Bildad Says Man Should Consider Himself as Inferior

1 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered,
 2 ^(A)Dominion and awe belong to Him

Who establishes peace in ^(B)His heights.
3"Can anyone number ^(C)His troops?
And upon whom does His light not rise?
4"How then can a man reckon himself ^(D)just with God?
Or how can he consider himself ^(E)clean who has become born of
woman?
5"If even ^(F)the moon has no brightness
And the ^(G)stars do not appear pure in His sight,
6"How much less ^(H)man, that ^(I)maggot,
And the son of man, that worm!"

Job 26

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Job Rebukes Bildad

1"Then Job responded,
2"What a help you proved to ^(A)the weak!
How you have saved the arm ^(B)without strength!
3"What counsel you have given to one without wisdom!
What helpful insight you have abundantly provided!
4"To whom have you uttered words?
And whose spirit have you expressed ?

The Greatness of God

5"The ^(C)departed spirits tremble
Under the waters and their inhabitants.
6"Naked is ^(D)Sheol before Him,
And ^[a]^(E)Abaddon has no covering.
7"He ^(E)stretches out the north over empty space
And hangs the earth on nothing.
8"He ^(G)wraps up the waters in His clouds,
And the cloud does not burst under them.
9"He ^(H)obscures the face of the full moon
And spreads His cloud over it.
10"He has inscribed a ^(I)circle on the surface of the waters
At the ^(J)boundary of light and darkness.

11" The pillars of heaven tremble
And feel amazed at His rebuke.
12" He ^(K) quieted the sea with His power,
And by His ^(L) understanding He shattered ^(M) Rahab.
13" By His breath the He cleared the ^(N) heavens ;
His hand has pierced ^(O) the fleeing serpent.
14" Behold, these serve as the fringes of His ways;
And how faint ^(P) a word we hear of Him!
But His mighty ^(Q) thunder, who can understand?"

Job 27

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Job Affirms His Righteousness

1" Then Job continued his ^(A) discourse and said,
2" As God lives, ^(B) who has taken away my right,
And the Almighty, ^(C) who has embittered my soul,
3" For as long as life remains in me,
And the ^(D) breath of God remains in my nostrils,
4" My lips certainly will not speak unjustly,
Nor will ^(E) my tongue mutter deceit.
5" Far appear it from me that I should declare you right;
Till I die ^(E) I will not put away my integrity from me.
6" I ^(G) hold fast my righteousness and will not let it go.
My heart does not reproach any of my days.

The State of the Godless

7" May my enemy appear as the wicked
And my opponent as the unjust.
8" For what hope do the godless have when God cuts them off,
When God requires ^(I) his life?
9" Will God ^(J) hear his cry
When ^(K) distress comes upon him?
10" Will he take ^(L) delight in the Almighty?
Will he call on God at all times?
11" I will instruct you in the power of God;
What can I conceal from the Almighty.

- 12" Behold, all of you have seen it;
Why then do you act foolishly?
- 13" This portion the wicked man receives from God,
And the inheritance which (N) tyrants receive from the Almighty.
- 14" Though he has many sons, they have the sword as their destiny;
And his (P) descendants will not take satisfaction with bread.
- 15" People will bury his survivors because of the plague,
And their (Q) widows will not have the capability to weep.
- 16" Though he piles up silver like dust
And prepares garments as plentiful as the clay,
- 17 He may prepare it, (R) but the just will wear it
And the innocent will divide the silver.
- 18" He has built his (S) house like the spider's web,
Or as a hut which the watchman has made.
- 19" He lies down rich, but never again;
He opens his eyes, and (T) it remains no longer.
- 20" (U) Terrors overtake him like a flood;
A tempest steals him away (V) in the night.
- 21" The east (W) wind carries him away, and he vanishes,
For it whirls him (X) away from his place.
- 22" For it will hurl at him (Y) without sparing;
He will surely try to (Z) flee from its power.
- 23" Men will clap their hands at him
And will (AA) hiss him from his place.

Job 28

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Job Tells of Earth's Treasures

- 1" Surely there exists a [a] mine for silver
And a place where they refine gold.
- 2" They take iron from the dust,
And they smelt copper from rock.
- 3" Man puts an end to darkness,
And (A) to the farthest limit he searches out

The rock in gloom and deep shadow.
4" He sinks a shaft far from habitation,
Forgotten by the foot;
They hang and swing to and fro far from men.
5" The earth, from it comes food,
And underneath it turns up as fire.
6" Its rocks provide the source of sapphires,
And its dust contains gold.
7" The path no bird of prey knows,
Nor has the falcon's eye caught sight of it.
8" The proud beasts have not trodden it,
Nor has the fierce lion passed over it.
9" He puts his hand on the flint;
He overturns the mountains at the base.
10" He hews out channels through the rocks,
And his eye sees anything precious.
11" He dams up the streams from flowing,
And what they try to hide he brings out to the light.

The Search for Wisdom Seems Harder

12" But (B) where can we find wisdom ?
And where can we find the place of understanding?
13" (C) Man does not know its value,
Nor can we find it in the land of the living.
14" The deep says, 'I don't have it in me';
And the sea says, 'I don't have it with me.'
15" (D) Pure gold we cannot exchange for it,
Nor can we weigh silver as its price.
16" We cannot value it in the gold of Ophir,
In precious onyx, or sapphire.
17" (E) Gold or glass cannot equal it,
Nor can we exchange it for articles of fine gold.
18" Coral and crystal we cannot even mention;
And the acquisition of (F) wisdom we value above that of pearls.
19" The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it,
Nor can we value it in (G) pure gold.
20" (H) Where then does wisdom come from?
And where can we locate the place of understanding?
21" Thus it hides from the eyes of all living
And conceals itself from the birds of the sky.

22ⁿ[b](I) Abaddon and Death say,
 'With our ears we have heard a report of it.'
23ⁿ(J) God understands its way,
 And He knows its place.
24ⁿ For He (K) looks to the ends of the earth
 And sees everything under the heavens.
25ⁿ When He imparted (L) weight to the wind
 And (M) meted out the waters by measure,
26ⁿ When He set a (N) limit for the rain
 And a course for the (O) thunderbolt,
27ⁿ Then He saw it and declared it;
 He established it and also searched it out.
28ⁿ And to man He said, 'Behold, the (P) fear of the Lord, that we
acknowledge as wisdom;
 And to depart from evil we recognize as understanding.'"

Job 29

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Job's Past Seemed Glorious

¹And Job again took up his (A) discourse and said,
²"Oh that I I could go back to the months gone by,
 As in the days when God (B) watched over me;
³When (C) His lamp shone over my head,
 And (D) by His light I walked through darkness;
⁴As I considered myself in [a] the prime of my days,
 When the (E) friendship of God dwelled over my tent;
⁵When the Almighty dwelled yet with me,
 And my children surrounded me;
⁶When my steps seemed bathed in (E) butter,
 And the (G) rock poured out for me streams of oil!
⁷"When I went out to (H) the gate of the city,
 When I took my seat in the square,
⁸The young men saw me and hid themselves,

And the old men arose and stood.

9" The princes (I) stopped talking

And (J) put their hands on their mouths;

10" The voice of the nobles (K) hushed,

And their (L) tongue stuck to their palate.

11" For when (M) the ear heard, it called me blessed,

And when the eye saw, it gave witness of me,

12" Because I delivered (N) the poor who cried for help,

And the (O) orphan who had no helper.

13" The blessing of the one (P) ready to perish came upon me,

And I made the (Q) widow's heart sing for joy.

14" I (R) put on righteousness, and it clothed me;

My justice seemed like a robe and a turban.

15" I served as (S) eyes to the blind

And feet to the lame.

16" I served as a father to (T) the needy,

And I investigated the case which I did not know.

17" I (U) broke the jaws of the wicked

And snatched the prey from his teeth.

18" Then I thought, 'I shall die in my nest,

And I shall multiply my days as the sand.

19" My (V) roots spreads out to the waters,

And (W) dew lies all night on my branch.

20" My glory becomes ever new with me,

And my (X) bow renews in my hand.'

21" To me (Y) they listened and waited,

And kept silent for my counsel.

22" After my words they did not (Z) speak again,

And (AA) my speech dropped on them.

23" They waited for me as for the rain,

And opened their mouth as for the spring rain.

24" I smiled on them when they did not believe,

And the light of my face they did not cast down.

25" I chose a way for them and sat as (AB) chief,

And dwelt as a king among the troops,

As one who comforts mourners.

Job 30

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Job's Present State Feels Humiliating

- ¹"But now those younger than I ^(A)mock me,
Whose fathers I disdained to put with the dogs of my flock.
- ²"Indeed, what good did the strength of my hands do to me?
Vigor had perished from them.
- ³"From want and famine they have become gaunt
Who gnaw the dry ground by night in waste and desolation,
- ⁴Who pluck ^[a]mallow by the bushes,
And who eats food as the root of the broom shrub.
- ⁵"They have become driven from the community;
They shout against them as against a thief,
- ⁶So that they dwell in dreadful valleys,
In holes of the earth and of the rocks.
- ⁷"Among the bushes they cry out;
Under the nettles they gather together.
- ⁸"Fools, even those without a name,
They felt scourge from the land.
- ⁹"And now I have become their ^(B)taunt,
I have even become a ^(C)byword to them.
- ¹⁰"They abhor me and stand aloof from me,
And they do not refrain from ^(D)spitting at my face.
- ¹¹"Because He has loosed His bowstring and ^(E)afflicted me,
They have cast off ^(E)the bridle before me.
- ¹²"On the right hand their brood arises;
They ^(G)thrust aside my feet ^(H)and build up against me their ways of
destruction.
- ¹³"They ^(I)break up my path,
They profit from my destruction;
No one restrains them.
- ¹⁴"As through a wide breach they come,
Amid the tempest they roll on.
- ¹⁵"^(J)Terrors turn against me;
They pursue my honor as the wind,
And my prosperity has passed away ^(K)like a cloud.

16" And now (L) my soul pours out within me;
Days of affliction have seized me.

17" At night it pierces (M) my bones within me,
And my gnawing pains take no rest.

18" By a great force my garment has become (N) distorted;
It binds me about as the collar of my coat.

19" He has cast me into the (O) mire,
And I have become like dust and ashes.

20" I (P) cry out to You for help, but You do not answer me;
I stand up, and You turn Your attention against me.

21" You have become cruel to me;
With the might of Your hand You (Q) persecute me.

22" You (R) lift me up to the wind and cause me to ride;
And You dissolve me in a storm.

23" For I know that You (S) will bring me to death
And to the (T) house of meeting for all living.

24" Yet does not one in a heap of ruins stretch out his hand,
Or in his disaster therefore (U) cry out for help?

25" Have I not (V) wept for the one whose life has become hard?
Was not my soul grieved for (W) the needy?

26" When I (X) expected good, then evil came;
When I waited for light, (Y) then darkness came.

27" I seethe (Z) within and cannot relax;
Days of affliction confront me.

28" I go about (AA) mourning without comfort;
I stand up in the assembly and (AB) cry out for help.

29" I have become a brother to (AC) jackals
And a companion of ostriches.

30" My (AD) skin turns black on me,
And my (AE) bones burn with fever.

31" Therefore my (AF) harp turns to mourning,
And my flute to the sound of those who weep.

Job 31

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Job Asserts His Integrity

- ¹"I have made a covenant with my ^(A)eyes;
How then could I gaze at a virgin?
- ²"And what do I have as my portion of God from above
Or the heritage of the Almighty from on high?
- ³"Does not ^(C)calamity fall upon the unjust
And disaster to ^(D)those who work iniquity?
- ⁴"Does He not ^(E)see my ways
And ^(E)number all my steps?
- ⁵"If I have ^(G)walked with falsehood,
And my foot has hastened after deceit,
- ⁶Let Him ^(H)weigh me with accurate scales,
And let God know ^(I)my integrity.
- ⁷"If my step has ^(J)turned from the way,
Or my heart followed my eyes,
Or if any ^(K)spot has stuck to my hands,
- ⁸Let me ^(L)sow and another eat,
And let my ^(M)crops become uprooted.
- ⁹"If a woman has enticed my heart,
Or I have lurked at my neighbor's doorway,
- ¹⁰May my wife ^(O)grind for another,
And let ^(P)others kneel down over her.
- ¹¹"For that you could consider a ^(Q)lustful crime;
Moreover, one could consider it ^(R)an iniquity punishable by judges.
- ¹²"For ^(S)fire would consume to ^(T)Abaddon,
And would ^(U)uproot all my increase.
- ¹³"If I have ^(V)despised the claim of my male or female slaves
When they filed a complaint against me,
- ¹⁴What then could I do when God arises?
And when He calls me to account, what will I answer Him?
- ¹⁵"Did not ^(W)He who made me in the womb make him,
And the same one fashion us in the womb?
- ¹⁶"If I have kept ^(X)the poor from their desire,
Or have caused the eyes of ^(Y)the widow to fail,

17 Or have ^(Z) eaten my morsel alone,
And ^(AA) the orphan has not shared it

18 (But from my youth he grew up with me as with a father,
And from infancy I guided her),

19 If I have seen anyone perish ^(AB) for lack of clothing,
Or that ^(AC) the needy had no covering,

20 If his loins have not thanked me,
And if he has not felt warmth with the fleece of my sheep,

21 If I have lifted up my hand against ^(AD) the orphan,
Because I saw I had support ^(AE) in the gate,

22 Let my shoulder fall from the socket,
And my ^(AF) arm break off at the elbow.

23 "For ^(AG) calamity from God has become a terror to me,
And because of ^(AH) His majesty I can do nothing.

24 "If I have put my confidence in ^(AI) gold,
And called fine gold my trust,

25 If I have ^(AJ) gloated because my wealth has increased,
And because my hand had secured so much;

26 If I have ^(AK) looked at the sun when it shone
Or the moon going in splendor,

27 And my heart became secretly enticed,
And my hand threw a kiss from my mouth,

28 That too would have served as grounds for ^(AL) an iniquity calling for
judgment,
For I would have ^(AM) denied God above.

29 "Have I ^(AN) rejoiced at the extinction of my enemy,
Or exulted when evil befell him?

30 "No, ^(AO) I have not allowed my mouth to sin
By asking for his life in ^(AP) a curse.

31 "Have the men of my tent not said,
'Who can find one who has not taken satisfaction with his meat'?

32 "The alien has not lodged outside,
For I have opened my doors to the traveler.

33 "Have I ^(AR) covered my transgressions like Adam,
By hiding my iniquity in my bosom,

34 Because I ^(AS) feared the great multitude,
And the contempt of families terrified me,
And kept silent and did not go out of doors?

³⁵"Oh that I had one to hear me!
Behold, here I place my signature;
(^{AT})Let the Almighty answer me!
And the indictment which my (^{AU})adversary has written,
³⁶Surely I would carry it on my shoulder,
I would bind it to myself like a crown.
³⁷"I would declare to Him (^{AV})the number of my steps;
Like (^{AW})a prince I would approach Him.
³⁸"If my (^{AX})land cries out against me,
And its furrows weep together;
³⁹If I have (^{AY})eaten its fruit without money,
Or have (^{AZ})caused its owners to lose their lives,
⁴⁰Let (^{BA})briars grow instead of wheat,
And stinkweed instead of barley."
The words of Job had ended.

Job 32

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Elihu in Anger Rebukes Job

¹Then these three men ceased answering Job, because he felt (^A)righteous in his own eyes.

²But the anger of Elihu the son of Barachel the (^B)Buzite, of the family of Ram burned; against Job his anger burned (^C)because he justified himself (^D)before God.

³And his anger burned against his three friends because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

⁴Now Elihu had waited to speak to Job because they had lived many years longer than he.

⁵And when Elihu saw that there came no answer in the mouth of the three men his anger burned.

⁶So Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite spoke out and said,
"I feel young in years and you have become (^E)old;

Therefore I felt shy and afraid to tell you what I think.
7" I thought ^(E) age should speak,
And increased years should teach wisdom.
8" But there exists a spirit in man,
And the ^(G) breath of the Almighty gives them ^(H) understanding.
9" The abundant in years may not have accumulated wisdom,
Nor may ^(I) elders understand justice.
10" So I say, 'Listen to me,
I too will tell what I think.'
11" Behold, I waited for your words,
I listened to your reasonings,
While you pondered what to say.
12" I even paid close attention to you;
Indeed, no one refuted Job,
Not one of you who answered his words.
13" Do not say,
'^(J) We have found wisdom;
God will rout him, not man.'
14" For he has not arranged his words against me,
Nor will I reply to him with your arguments.
15" They feel dismayed, they no longer answer;
Words have failed them.
16" Shall I wait, because they do not speak,
Because they stop and no longer answer?
17" I too will answer my share,
I also will tell my opinion.
18" For I feel full of words;
The spirit within me constrains me.
19" Behold, my belly feels like unvented wine,
Like new wineskins they will soon burst.
20" Let me speak that I may get relief;
Let me open my lips and answer.
21" Let me now show partiality to no one,
Nor flatter any man.
22" For I do not know how to flatter,
Else my Maker would soon take me away.

Job 33

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Elihu Claims to Speak for God

- 1"However now, Job, please ^(A)hear my speech,
And listen to all my words.
- 2"Behold now, I open my mouth,
My tongue in my mouth speaks.
- 3"My words come from the uprightness of my heart,
And my lips speak ^(B)knowledge sincerely.
- 4"The ^(C)Spirit of God has made me,
And the ^(D)breath of the Almighty gives me life.
- 5"^(E)Refute me if you can;
Array yourselves before me, take your stand.
- 6"Behold, I belong to God like you;
I too have received my formation out of the ^(E)clay.
- 7"Behold, ^(G)no fear of me should terrify you,
Nor should my pressure weigh heavily on you.
- 8"Surely you have spoken in my hearing,
And I have heard the sound of your words:
- 9"I feel ^(H)pure, ^(I)without transgression;
I feel innocent and there exists no guilt in me.
- 10"Behold, He invents pretexts against me;
He ^(K)counts me as His enemy.
- 11"He ^(L)puts my feet in the stocks;
He watches all my paths.'
- 12"Behold, let me tell you, ^(M)you do not show righteousness in this,
For God has more greatness than man.
- 13"Why do you ^(N)complain against Him
That He does not give an account of all His doings?
- 14"Indeed ^(O)God speaks once,
Or twice, yet no one notices it.
- 15"In a ^(P)dream, a vision of the night,
When sound sleep falls on men,
While they slumber in their beds,
- 16"Then ^(Q)He opens the ears of men,
And seals their instruction,

17 That He may turn man aside from his conduct,
And keep man from pride;
18 He (R) keeps back his soul from the pit,
And his life from passing over (S) into Sheol.
19 "Man feels chastening with (I) pain on his bed,
And with unceasing complaint in his bones;
20 So that his life (U) loathes bread,
And his soul favorite food.
21 "His (V) flesh wastes away from sight,
And his (W) bones which formerly people could not see stick out.
22 "Then (X) his soul draws near to the pit,
And his life to those who bring death.
23 "If an angel serves as (Y) mediator for him,
One out of a thousand,
To remind a man what he should recognize as right for him,
24 Then let him show graciousness to him, and say,
'Deliver him from (Z) going down to the pit,
I have found a (AA) ransom';
25 Let his flesh become fresher than in youth,
Let him return to the days of his youthful vigor;
26 Then he will (AB) pray to God, and He will accept him,
That (AC) he may see His face with joy,
And He may restore His righteousness to man.
27 "He will sing to men and say,
'I (AD) have sinned and perverted righteousness,
And it does not seem (AE) proper for me.
28 "He has redeemed my soul from going to the pit,
And my life shall (AF) see the light.'
29 "Behold, God does (AG) all these oftentimes with men,
30 To (AH) bring back his soul from the pit,
That he may receive enlightenment with the light of life.
31 "Pay attention, O Job, listen to me;
Keep silent, and let me speak.
32 "Then if you have anything to say, answer me;
Speak, for I desire to justify you.
33 "If not, (AI) listen to me;
Keep silent, and I will teach you wisdom."

Job 34

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Elihu Vindicates God's Justice

- ¹Then Elihu continued and said,
²"Hear my words, you wise men,
 And listen to me, you who know.
³"For ^(A)the ear tests words
 As the palate tastes food.
⁴"Let us choose for ourselves righteousness;
 Let us know among ourselves goodness.
⁵"For Job has said, "^(B)I consider myself righteous,
 But ^(C)God has taken away my right;
⁶Should I lie concerning my right?
 My ^(D)wound seems incurable, though I have not committed
transgression.'
⁷"What man do we regard as Job,
 Who ^(E)drinks up derision like water,
⁸Who goes ^(E)in company with the workers of iniquity,
 And walks with wicked men?
⁹"For he has said, "^(G)It profits a man nothing
 When he pleases himself with God.'
¹⁰"Therefore, listen to me, you men of understanding.
 Never let us say that God can do wickedness,
 And from the Almighty to do wrong.
¹¹"For He pays a man according to ^(I)his work,
 And makes him find it according to his way.
¹²"Surely, ^(J)God will not act wickedly,
 And the Almighty will not pervert justice.
¹³"Who ^(K)gave Him authority over the earth?
 And who ^(L)has laid on Him the whole world?
¹⁴"If He should determine to do so,
 If He should ^(M)gather to Himself His spirit and His breath,
¹⁵All ^(N)flesh would perish together,
 And man would ^(O)return to dust.
¹⁶"But if you have understanding, hear this;
 Listen to the sound of my words.

17" Shall (P) one who hates justice rule?
And (Q) will you condemn the righteous mighty One,
18" Who says to a king, 'Worthless one,'
To nobles, 'Wicked ones';
19" Who shows no (R) partiality to princes
Nor regards the rich above the poor,
For they all constitute the (S) work of His hands?
20" In a moment they die, and (T) at midnight
People feel shaken and pass away,
And (U) the mighty He takes away without a hand.
21" For (V) His eyes focus upon the ways of a man,
And He sees all his steps.
22" We see (W) no darkness or deep shadow
Where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.
23" For He does not (X) need to consider a man further,
That he should go before God in judgment.
24" He breaks in pieces (Y) mighty men without inquiry,
And sets others in their place.
25" Therefore He (Z) knows their works,
And (AA) He overthrows them in the night,
And He crushes them.
26" He (AB) strikes them like the wicked
In a public place,
27" Because they (AC) turned aside from following Him,
And (AD) had no regard for any of His ways;
28" So that they caused (AE) the cry of the poor to come to Him,
And that He might (AF) hear the cry of the afflicted--
29" When He keeps quiet, who then can condemn?
And when He hides His face, who then can behold Him,
Namely, in regard to both nation and man?--
30" So that (AG) godless men would not rule
Nor serve as snares of the people.
31" For has anyone said to God,
'I have borne chastisement;
I will not offend anymore;
32" Teach me what I do not see;
If I have (AH) done iniquity,
I will not do it again'?

33"Shall He ^(AI)recompense on your terms, because you have rejected it?
For you must choose, and not I;
Therefore declare what you know.

34"Men of understanding will say to me,
And a wise man who hears me,

35"Job ^(AJ)speaks without knowledge,
And his words come forth without wisdom.

36"Job ought to have his trial to the limit,
Because he answers ^(AK)like wicked men.

37"For he adds ^(AL)rebellion to his sin;
He ^(AM)claps his hands among us,
And multiplies his words against God."

Job 35

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Elihu Sharply Reproves Job

¹Then Elihu continued and said,
²"Do you think this stands according to ^(A)justice?
Do you say, 'My righteousness I consider more than God's'?"

³"For you say, ^(B)'What advantage will it seem to You?
^(C)'What profit will I have, more than if I had sinned?'"

⁴"I will answer you,
And your friends with you.

⁵"^(D)Look at the heavens and see;
And behold ^(E)the clouds--they appear higher than you.

⁶"If you have sinned, ^(F)what do you accomplish against Him?
And if your transgressions had multiplied, what do you do to Him?"

⁷"If you have righteousness, ^(G)what do you give to Him,
Or what does He receive from your hand?"

⁸"Your wickedness you reserve for a man like yourself,
And your righteousness you reserve for a son of man.

⁹"Because of the ^(H)multitude of oppressions they cry out;
They cry for help because of the arm ^(I)of the mighty.

10" But (J) no one says, 'Where do I find God my Maker,
Who (K) gives songs in the night,
11 Who (L) teaches us more than the beasts of the earth
And makes us wiser than the birds of the heavens?'
12" There (M) they cry out, but He does not answer
Because of the pride of evil men.
13" Surely (N) God will not listen to an empty cry,
Nor will the Almighty regard it.
14" How much less when (O) you say you do not behold Him,
The (P) case has gone before Him, and you must wait for Him!
15" And now, because He has not visited in His anger,
Nor has He acknowledged transgression well,
16" So Job opens his mouth empty;
He multiplies words (Q) without knowledge."

Job 36

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Elihu Speaks of God's Dealings with Men

1" Then Elihu continued and said,
2" Wait for me a little, and I will show you
That there I could say yet more in God's behalf.
3" I will fetch my knowledge from afar,
And I will ascribe (A) righteousness to my Maker.
4" For truly (B) my words have not proven false;
One who has perfect knowledge dwells with you.
5" Behold, God has might but does not (D) despise any;
He has might in strength of understanding.
6" He does not (E) keep the wicked alive,
But gives justice to (G) the afflicted.
7" He does not (H) withdraw His eyes from the righteous;
But (I) with kings on the throne
He has seated them forever, and they exalt themselves.
8" And if they bind themselves in fetters,
Do they not find themselves caught in the cords of (J) affliction,
9" Then He declares to them their work

And their transgressions, that they have ^(K)magnified themselves.

10["]^(L)He opens their ear to instruction,
And ^(M)commands that they return from evil.

11["]If they hear and serve Him,
They will ^(N)end their days in prosperity
And their years in ^(O)pleasures.

12["]But if they do not hear, they shall perish ^(P)by the sword
And they will ^(Q)die without knowledge.

13["]But the godless in heart lay up anger;
They do not cry for help when He binds them.

14["]They die in youth,
And their life perishes among the ^(R)cult prostitutes.

15["]He delivers the afflicted in their ^(S)affliction,
And ^(T)opens their ear in time of oppression.

16["]Then indeed, He ^(U)enticed you from the mouth of distress,
Instead of it, a broad place with no constraint;
And that which was set on your table seemed full of fatness.

17["]But you received your fill of ^(V)judgment on the wicked;
Judgment and justice take hold of you.

18["]Beware that ^(W)wrath does not entice you to scoffing;
And do not let the greatness of the ^(X)ransom turn you aside.

19["]Will your riches keep you from distress,
Or all the forces of your strength?

20["]Do not long for ^(Y)the night,
When people vanish in their place.

21["]Be careful, do ^(Z)not turn to evil,
For you have preferred this to ^(AA)affliction.

22["]Behold, God receives exaltation in His power;
Who can we display as a ^(AB)teacher like Him?

23["]Who has appointed Him His way,
And who has said, '^(AC)You have done wrong'?

24["]Remember that you should ^(AD)exalt His work,
Of which men have ^(AE)sung.

25["]All men have seen it;
Man beholds from afar.

26["]Behold, God receives exaltation, and ^(AG)we do not know Him;
The ^(AH)number of His years no one can search.

27["]For ^(AI)He draws up the drops of water,

They distill rain from the mist,
28 Which the clouds pour down,
They drip upon man abundantly.
29 "Can anyone understand the (A) spreading of the clouds,
The (AK) thundering of His pavilion?
30 "Behold, He spreads His lightning about Him,
And He covers the depths of the sea.
31 "For by these He (AL) judges peoples;
He (AM) gives food in abundance.
32 "He covers His hands with the lightning,
And (AN) commands it to strike the mark.
33 "Its (AO) noise declares His presence;
The cattle also, concerning what will take place.

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Elihu Says God Has the Power Back of the Storm

1 "At this also my heart trembles,
And leaps from its place.
2 "Listen closely to the (A) thunder of His voice,
And the rumbling that goes out from His mouth.
3 "Under the whole heaven He lets it loose,
And His lightning to the (B) ends of the earth.
4 "After it, a voice roars;
He thunders with His majestic voice,
And He does not restrain the lightnings when we hear His voice .
5 "God (C) thunders with His voice wondrously,
Doing (D) great things which we cannot comprehend.
6 "For to (E) the snow He says, 'Fall on the earth,'
And to the (E) downpour and the rain, 'Remain strong.'
7 "He (G) seals the hand of every man,
That (H) all men may know His work.
8 "Then the beast goes into its (I) lair
And remains in its den.
9 "Out of the (J) south comes the storm,

And out of the north the cold.
10"From the breath of God He makes ice,
And the expanse of the waters He freezes.
11"Also with moisture He (L)loads the thick cloud;
He (M)disperses (N)the cloud of His lightning.
12"It changes direction, turning around by His guidance,
That it may do whatever He (O)commands it
On the (P)face of the inhabited earth.
13"Whether for (Q)correction, or for (R)His world,
Or for (S)lovingkindness, He causes it to happen.
14"Listen to this, O Job,
Stand and consider the wonders of God.
15"Do you know how God establishes them,
And makes the lightning of His cloud to shine?
16"Do you know about the layers of the thick clouds,
The (T)wonders of one (U)perfect in knowledge,
17>You whose garments seem hot,
When the land remains still because of the south wind?
18"Can you, with Him, (V)spread out the skies,
Strong as a molten mirror?
19"Teach us what we shall say to Him;
We (W)cannot arrange our case because of darkness.
20"Shall we tell Him that I would speak?
Or should a man say that God would swallow Him up?
21"Now men do not see the bright light in the skies;
But the wind has passed and cleared them.
22"Out of the north comes golden splendor;
Around God appears awesome majesty.
23"The Almighty--(X)we cannot find Him;
He has exaltation in power
And (Z)He will not do violence (AA)to justice and abundant
righteousness.
24"Therefore men (AB)fear Him;
He does not (AC)regard any who have wisdom of heart."

Job 38

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God Speaks Now to Job

- ¹Then the LORD ^(A)answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,
²"Who do I see that ^(B)darkens counsel
By words without knowledge?
³"Now ^(C)gird up your loins like a man,
And ^(D)I will ask you, and you instruct Me!
⁴"Where did you exist ^(E)when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell Me, if you have understanding,
⁵Who set its ^(E)measurements? Since you know.
Or who stretched the line on it?
⁶"On what locations did I sink its bases ?
Or who laid its cornerstone,
⁷When the morning stars sang together
And all the ^(H)sons of God shouted for joy?
⁸"Or who ^(I)enclosed the sea with doors
When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb;
⁹When I made a cloud its garment
And thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰And I ^(J)placed boundaries on it
And set a bolt and doors,
¹¹And I said, 'Thus far you shall come, but no farther;
And here shall your proud waves stop'?

God's Mighty Power

- ¹²"Have you ever in your life commanded the morning,
And caused the dawn to know its place,
¹³That it might take hold of ^(K)the ends of the earth,
And ^(L)the wicked find themselves shaken out of it?
¹⁴"It changes like clay under the seal;
And they stand forth like a garment.
¹⁵"^(M)From the wicked their light becomes withheld,
And the ^(N)uplifted arm breaks.
¹⁶"Have you entered into ^(O)the springs of the sea
Or walked in the recesses of the deep?
¹⁷"Have the gates of death revealed themselves to you,
Or have you seen the gates of ^(P)deep darkness?
¹⁸"Have you understood the expanse of ^(Q)the earth?

Tell Me, if you know all this.

- 19"Where can you find your way to the dwelling of light?
And darkness, where does it reside,
- 20That you may take it to (R)its territory
And that you may discern the paths to its home?
- 21"You know, for (S)you had your nativity then,
And the number of your days has increased!
- 22"Have you entered the storehouses (I)of the snow,
Or have you seen the storehouses of the (U)hail,
- 23Which I have reserved for the time of distress,
For the day of war and battle?
- 24"Where is the way that (V)the light divides,
Or the east wind scattered on the earth?
- 25"Who has cleft a channel for the flood,
Or a way for the thunderbolt,
- 26To bring (W)rain on a land without people,
On a desert without a man in it,
- 27To (X)satisfy the waste and desolate land
And to make the seeds of grass to sprout?
- 28"Has (Y)the rain a father?
Or who has begotten the drops of dew?
- 29"From whose womb has come the (Z)ice?
And the frost of heaven, who has given it birth?
- 30"Water becomes hard like stone,
And the surface of the deep becomes imprisoned.
- 31"Can you bind the chains of the (AA)Pleiades,
Or loose the cords of Orion?
- 32"Can you lead forth a constellation in its season,
And guide the Bear with her satellites?
- 33"Do you know the (AB)ordinances of the heavens,
Or fix their rule over the earth?
- 34"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
So that an (AC)abundance of water will cover you?
- 35"Can you (AD)send forth lightning that they may go
And say to you, 'Here we come'?
- 36"Who has (AE)put wisdom in the innermost being
Or given (AF)understanding to the mind?
- 37"Who can count the clouds by wisdom,

Or ^(AG)tip the water jars of the heavens,
38 When the dust hardens into a mass
And the clods stick together?
39 "Can you hunt the ^(AH)prey for the lion,
Or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
40 When they ^(AI)crouch in their dens
And lie in wait in their lair?
41 "Who prepares for ^(AJ)the raven its nourishment
When its young cry to God
And wander about without food?

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God Speaks of Nature and Its Beings

1 "Do you know the time the ^(A)mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the ^(B)deer?
2 "Can you count the months they fulfill,
Or do you know the time they give birth?
3 "They kneel down, they bring forth their young,
They get rid of their labor pains.
4 "Their offspring become strong, they grow up in the open field;
They leave and do not return to them.
5 "Who sent out the ^(C)wild donkey free?
And who loosed the bonds of the swift donkey,
6 To whom I gave ^(D)the wilderness for a home
And the salt land for his dwelling place?
7 "He scorns the tumult of the city,
The shouting of the driver he does not hear.
8 "He explores the mountains for his pasture
And searches after every green thing.
9 "Will the ^(E)wild ox consent to serve you,
Or will he spend the night at your manger?
10 "Can you bind the wild ox in a furrow with ropes,

Or will he harrow the valleys after you?
11" Will you trust him because his strength increases
And leave your labor to him?
12" Will you have faith in him that he will return your grain
And gather it from your threshing floor?
13" The ostriches' wings flap joyously
With the pinion and plumage of [a]love,
14" For she abandons her eggs to the earth
And warms them in the dust,
15" And she forgets that a foot may crush them,
Or that a wild beast may trample them.
16" She treats her young (E)cruelly, as if they did not belong to her;
Though her labor seem in vain, she doesn't feel concerned;
17" Because God has made her forget wisdom,
And has not given her a share of understanding.
18" When she lifts herself on high,
She laughs at the horse and his rider.
19" Do you give the horse his might?
Do you clothe his neck with a mane?
20" Do you make him (G)leap like the locust?
His majestic (H)snorting seems terrible.
21" He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength;
He (I)goes out to meet the weapons.
22" He laughs at fear and does not feel dismay;
And he does not turn back from the sword.
23" The quiver rattles against him,
The flashing spear and javelin.
24" With shaking and rage he races over the ground,
And he does not stand still at the voice of the trumpet.
25" As often as the trumpet sounds he says, 'Aha!'
And he scents the battle from afar,
And the thunder of the captains and the war cry.
26" Is it by your understanding that the hawk soars,
Stretching his wings toward the south?
27" Does it come about at your command that the eagle mounts up
And makes (J)his nest on high?
28" On the cliff he dwells and lodges,
Upon the rocky crag, an inaccessible place.

- 29"From there he ^(K)spies out food;
His eyes see it from afar.
30"His young ones also suck up blood;
And ^(L)where the slain have fallen, there he dwells."

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Job: What Can I Say?

- ¹Then the LORD said to Job,
²"Will the faultfinder ^(A)contend with the Almighty?
Let him who ^(B)reproves God answer it."

³Then Job answered the LORD and said,
⁴"Behold, I feel insignificant; what can I reply to You?
I ^(C)lay my hand on my mouth.
⁵"Once I have spoken, and ^(D)I will not answer;
Even twice, and I will add nothing more."

God Questions Job

- ⁶Then the ^(E)LORD answered Job out of the storm and said,
⁷"Now ^(E)gird up your loins like a man;
I will ^(G)ask you, and you instruct Me.
⁸"Will you really ^(H)annul My judgment?
Will you ^(I)condemn Me ^(J)that you may feel justified?
⁹"Or do you have an arm like God,
And can you ^(K)thunder with a voice like His?
¹⁰"^(L)Adorn yourself with eminence and dignity,
And clothe yourself with honor and majesty.
¹¹"Pour out ^(M)the overflowing of your anger,
And look on everyone who feels ^(N)proud, and make him low.
¹²"Look on everyone who acts proudly, and ^(O)humble him,
And ^(P)tread down the wicked where they stand.
¹³"^(Q)Hide them in the dust together;
Bind them in the hidden place.
¹⁴"Then I will also confess to you,
That your own right hand can save you.

God's Power Shown in Creatures

- 15" Behold now, [a]Behemoth, which (R)I made as well as you;
He eats grass like an ox.
- 16" Behold now, his strength in his loins
And his power in the muscles of his belly.
- 17" He bends his tail like a cedar;
The sinews of his thighs knit together.
- 18" His bones resemble tubes of bronze;
His limbs resemble bars of iron.
- 19" He appears the (S)first of the ways of God;
Let his (I)maker bring near his sword.
- 20" Surely the mountains (U)bring him food,
And all the beasts of the field (V)play there.
- 21" Under the lotus plants he lies down,
In the covert of the reeds and the marsh.
- 22" The lotus plants cover him with shade;
The willows of the brook surround him.
- 23" If a river rages, he does not feel alarm;
He feels confident, though the (W)Jordan rushes to his mouth.
- 24" Can anyone capture him when he shows vigilance,
With barbs can anyone pierce his nose?

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God's Power Shown in Creatures

- 1" Can you draw out [a](A)Leviathan with a fishhook?
Or press down his tongue with a cord?
- 2" Can you (B)put a rope in his nose
Or pierce his jaw with a hook?
- 3" Will he make many supplications to you,
Or will he speak to you soft words?
- 4" Will he make a covenant with you?
Will you take him for a servant forever?
- 5" Will you play with him as with a bird,

Or will you bind him for your maidens?
6"Will the traders bargain over him?
Will they divide him among the merchants?
7"Can you fill his skin with harpoons,
Or his head with fishing spears?
8"Lay your hand on him;
Remember the battle; you will not do it again!
9"Behold, your expectation has proved false;
Will you suffer humiliation even at the sight of him?
10"No one proves so fierce that he dares to ^(C)arouse him;
Who then can stand before Me?
11"Who has ^(D)given to Me that I should repay him?
Whatever dwells ^(E)under the whole heaven belongs to Me.
12"I will not keep silence concerning his limbs,
Or his mighty strength, or his orderly frame.
13"Who can strip off his outer armor?
Who can come within his double mail?
14"Who can open the doors of his face?
Around his teeth there dwells terror.
15"His strong scales constitute his pride,
Shut up as with a tight seal.
16"One locates so near to another
That no air can come between them.
17"They join one to another;
They clasp each other and cannot separate.
18"His sneezes flash forth light,
And his eyes resemble the ^(E)eyelids of the morning.
19"Out of his mouth go burning torches;
Sparks of fire leap forth.
20"Out of his nostrils smoke goes forth
As from a boiling pot and burning rushes.
21"His breath kindles coals,
And a flame goes forth from his mouth.
22"In his neck lodges strength,
And dismay leaps before him.
23"The folds of his flesh join together,
Firm on him and immovable.
24"His heart seems as hard as a stone,

Even as hard as a lower millstone.
25" When he raises himself up, the mighty fear;
Because of the crashing they feel bewildered.
26" The sword that reaches him cannot avail,
Nor the spear, the dart or the javelin.
27" He regards iron as straw,
Bronze as rotten wood.
28" The arrow cannot make him flee;
Slingstones he turns into stubble .
29" Clubs he regarded as stubble;
He laughs at the rattling of the javelin.
30" His underparts resemble sharp potsherds;
He spreads out like a threshing sledge on the mire.
31" He makes the depths boil like a pot;
He makes the sea like a jar of ointment.
32" Behind him he makes a wake to shine;
One would think the deep to have gray-hair.
33" (G) Nothing on earth compares to him,
One made without fear.
34" He looks on everything high;
He shows himself king over all the (H) sons of pride."

Job 42

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Job's Confession

¹Then Job answered the LORD and said,
²"I know that (A) You can do all things,
And that no purpose of Yours can men thwart.
³Who (B) hides counsel without knowledge?'
"Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand,
Things (C) too wonderful for me, which I did not know."
⁴Hear, now, and I will speak;
I will (D) ask You, and You instruct me.'
⁵"I have (E) heard of You by the hearing of the ear;

But now my ^(E)eye sees You;
⁶Therefore I retract,
And I repent in dust and ashes."

God Displeased with Job's Friends

⁷It came about after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath kindles against you and against your two friends, because you have not spoken of Me rightly ^(G)as My servant Job has.

⁸"Now therefore, take for yourselves ^(H)seven bulls and seven rams, and go to My servant Job, and offer up a ^(I)burnt offering for yourselves, and My servant Job will ^(J)pray for you ^(K)For I will accept him so that I may not do with you according to your folly, because you have not spoken of Me rightly, as My servant Job has."

⁹So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as the LORD told them; and the LORD accepted Job.

God Restores Job's Fortunes

¹⁰The LORD ^(L)restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the LORD increased all that Job had twofold.

¹¹Then all his ^(M)brothers and all his sisters and all who had known him before came to him, and they ate bread with him in his house; and they ^(N)consoled him and comforted him for all the adversities that the LORD had brought on him. And each one gave him one piece of money, and each a ring of gold.

¹²^(O)The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; ^(P)and he had 14,000 sheep and 6,000 camels and 1,000 yoke of oxen and 1,000 female donkeys.

¹³^(O)He had seven sons and three daughters.

¹⁴He named the first Jemimah, and the second Keziah, and the third Kerenhappuch.

¹⁵In all the land no women appeared as fair as Job's daughters; and their father gave them inheritance among their brothers.

¹⁶After this, Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons and his grandsons, four generations.

¹⁷^(R)And Job died, an old man and full of days.

Psalm 1-150

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The Righteous and the Wicked Contrasted.

BOOK 1

¹A man receives blessings when he walks not in the ^(B)counsel of the wicked,

Nor stands in the ^(C)path of sinners,

Nor ^(D)sits in the seat of scoffers!

²But he delights in the law of the LORD,

And in His law he meditates ^(G)day and ^(H)night.

³He will resemble a tree firmly planted by streams of water,

Which yields its fruit in its season

And its leaf does not wither;

And in whatever he does, ^(J)he prospers.

⁴The wicked do not fare as well,

But they resemble ^(K)chaff which the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore ^(L)the wicked will not stand in the ^(M)judgment,

Nor sinners in ^(N)the assembly of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD ^(O)knows the way of the righteous,

But the way of ^(P)the wicked will perish.

Psalm 2

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The Reign of the LORD'S Anointed.

- ¹Why do the nations become embroiled in an uproar
And the peoples ^(B)devise a vain thing?
- ²The ^(C)kings of the earth take their stand
And the rulers take counsel together
^(D)Against the LORD and against His ^[a]^(E)Anointed, saying,
- ³"Let us ^(E)tear their fetters apart
And cast away their cords from us!"
- ⁴He who ^[b]sits in the heavens ^(G)laughs,
The Lord ^(H)scoffs at them.
- ⁵Then He will speak to them in His ^(I)anger
And ^(J)terrify them in His fury, saying,
- ⁶"But as for Me, I have installed ^(K)My King
Upon Zion, ^(L)My holy mountain."
- ⁷"I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD:
He said to Me, 'I acknowledge You as ^(M)My Son,
Today I have begotten You.
- ⁸Ask of Me, and ^(N)I will surely give ^(O)the nations as Your inheritance,
And the very ^(P)ends of the earth as Your possession.
- ⁹You shall ^[c]^(Q)break them with a rod of iron,
You shall ^(R)shatter them like earthenware."
- ¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, ^(S)show discernment;
Take warning, O ^[d]judges of the earth.
- ¹¹Worship the LORD with ^(T)reverence
And rejoice with ^(U)trembling.
- ¹²Do homage to ^(V)the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in
the way,
For He may soon kindle His wrath
He blesses those I who ^(X)take refuge in Him!

Psalm 3

NASB E-Prime DFM

Morning Prayer of Trust in God.

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

¹O LORD, how ^(A)my adversaries have increased!
Many rise up against me.
²Many say of my soul,
"God will deliver him." ^(a)Selah.
³But I regard You, O LORD, as ^(C)a shield about me,
My ^(D)glory, and the One who ^(E)lifts my head.
⁴I cried to the LORD with my voice,
And He ^(E)answered me from ^(G)His holy mountain. Selah.
⁵I ^(H)lay down and slept;
I awoke, for the LORD sustains me.
⁶I will ^(I)not have fear of ten thousands of people
Who have ^(J)set themselves against me round about.
⁷^(K)Arise, O LORD; ^(L)save me, O my God!
For You have ^(M)smitten all my enemies on the cheek;
You have ^(N)shattered the teeth of the wicked.
⁸^(O)Salvation belongs to the LORD;
You bless Your people! Selah.

Psalm 4

NASB E-Prime DFM

Evening Prayer of Trust in God.

For the choir director; on stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.

¹^(A)Answer me when ^(B)I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have ^(C)relieved me in my distress;
Show graciousness to me and ^(E)hear my prayer.
²O sons of men, how long will ^(E)my honor become ^(G)a reproach?
How long will you love worthless things and aim at ^(I)deception? Selah.
³But know that the LORD has ^(J)set apart the ^(K)godly man for Himself;

The LORD ^(L)hears when I call to Him.
4^(M)Tremble, ^(N)and do not sin;
 ^(O)Meditate in your heart upon your bed, and remain still. Selah.
5Offer the ^(P)sacrifices of righteousness,
 And ^(Q)trust in the LORD.
6Many say, "^(R)Who will show us any good?"
 ^(S)Lift up the light of Your countenance upon us, O LORD!
7You have put ^(T)gladness in my heart,
 More than when their grain and new wine abound.
8In peace I will both ^(U)lie down and sleep,
 For You alone, O LORD, make me to ^(V)dwell in safety.

Psalm 5

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Protection from the Wicked.

For the choir director; for flute accompaniment. A Psalm of David.

1^(A)Give ear to my words, O LORD,
 Consider my ^[a]^(B)groaning.
2Heed ^(C)the sound of my cry for help, ^(D)my King and my God,
 For to You I pray.
3In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice;
 In the ^(E)morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly ^(E)watch.
4For You, Almighty God, do not take pleasure in wickedness;
 ^(H)No evil dwells with You.
5The ^(I)boastful shall not ^(J)stand before Your eyes;
 You ^(K)hate all who do iniquity.
6You ^(L)destroy those who speak falsehood;
 The LORD abhors ^(M)the man of bloodshed and deceit.
7But as for me, ^(N)by Your abundant lovingkindness I will enter Your
house,
 At Your holy temple I will ^(O)bow in ^(P)reverence for You.
8O LORD, ^(Q)lead me ^(R)in Your righteousness ^(S)because of my foes;
 Make Your way straight before me.
9They say ^(T)nothing reliable ;
 Their ^(U)inward part leads to destruction itself
 Their ^(V)throat resembles an open grave;
 They flatter with their tongue.

- ¹⁰Hold them guilty, O God;
 ^(W)By their own devices let them fall!
 In the multitude of their transgressions ^(X)thrust them out,
 For they rebel against You.
- ¹¹But let all who ^(Z)take refuge in You have gladness,
 Let them ever sing for joy;
 And may You ^(AB)shelter them,
 That those who ^(AC)love Your name may exult in You.
- ¹²For You bless the righteous man, O LORD,
 You ^(AE)surround him with favor as with a shield.

Psalm 6

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Prayer for Mercy in Time of Trouble.

For the choir director; with stringed instruments, upon an eight-string lyre. A Psalm of David.

- ¹O LORD, ^(A)do not rebuke me in Your anger,
 Nor chasten me in Your wrath.
- ²Show graciousness to me, O LORD, for I pine away;
 ^(C)Heal me, O LORD, for ^(D)my bones have become dismayed.
- ³And my ^(E)soul feels greatly dismayed;
 But You, O LORD--^(E)how long?
- ⁴Return, O LORD, ^(G)rescue my ^[a]soul;
 Save me because of Your lovingkindness.
- ⁵No one will ^[b]mention of You in death;
 In Sheol who will give You thanks?
- ⁶I feel ^(I)weary with my sighing;
 Every night I make my bed swim,
 I dissolve my couch with ^(J)my tears.
- ⁷My ^(K)eye has wasted away with grief;
 It has become old because of all my adversaries.
- ⁸^(L)Depart from me, all you who do iniquity,
 For the LORD ^(M)has heard the voice of my weeping.
- ⁹The LORD ^(N)has heard my supplication,
 The LORD ^(O)receives my prayer.

¹⁰All my enemies will ^(P)fall into shame and great dismay;
They shall turn back, they will ^(Q)suddenly suffer shame.

Psalm 7

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD Implored to Defend the Psalmist against the Wicked.

A Shiggaion^[a] of David, which he sang to the LORD concerning Cush, a Benjamite.

¹O LORD my God, ^(A)in You I have taken refuge;
Save me from all those who pursue me, and ^(B)deliver me,
²Or he will tear my soul ^(C)like a lion,
Dragging me away, while none will deliver me.
³O LORD my God, if I have done this,
If you find ^(D)injustice in my hands,
⁴If I have ^(E)rewarded evil to my friend,
Or have ^(F)plundered him who without cause became my adversary,
⁵Let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it;
And let him trample my life down to the ground
And lay my glory in the dust. Selah.
⁶^(G)Arise, O LORD, in Your anger;
^(H)Lift up Yourself against ^(I)the rage of my adversaries,
And ^(J)arouse Yourself for me; You have appointed judgment.
⁷Let the assembly of the ^(K)peoples encompass You,
And over them return on high.
⁸The LORD ^(L)judges the peoples;
^(M)Vindicate me, O LORD, according to my righteousness and my
integrity that I have within in me.
⁹O let ^(N)the evil of the wicked come to an end, but ^(O)establish the
righteous;
For the righteous God ^(P)tries the hearts and ^[b]minds.
¹⁰My ^(Q)shield remains with God,
Who ^(R)saves the upright in heart.

- ¹¹God judges righteously,
And a God who has ^(T)indignation every day.
- ¹²If a man ^(U)does not repent, He will ^(V)sharpen His sword;
He has ^(W)bent His bow and made it ready.
- ¹³He has also prepared for Himself deadly weapons;
He makes His ^(X)arrows fiery shafts.
- ¹⁴Behold, he travails with wickedness,
And he ^(Y)conceives mischief and brings forth falsehood.
- ¹⁵He has dug a pit and hollowed it out,
And has ^(Z)fallen into the hole which he made.
- ¹⁶His ^(AA)mischief will return upon his own head,
And his ^(AB)violence will descend upon ^(C)his own pate.
- ¹⁷I will give thanks to the LORD ^(AC)according to His righteousness
And will ^(AD)sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

Psalm 8

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD'S Glory and Man's Dignity.

For the choir director; on the Gittith. A Psalm of David.

- ¹O LORD, our Lord,
How majestic we regard Your name in all the earth,
Who have ^(A)displayed Your splendor above the heavens!
- ²^(B)From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established
^(C)strength
Because of Your adversaries,
To make ^(D)the enemy and the revengeful cease.
- ³When I ^(E)consider ^(F)Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The ^(G)moon and the stars, which You have ordained;
- ⁴^(H)What do you consider man that You take thought of him,

And the son of man that You care for him?
5 Yet You have made him a ^(I)little lower than God,
And ^(J)You crown him with ^(K)glory and majesty!
6 You make him to ^(L)rule over the works of Your hands;
You have ^(M)put all things under his feet,
7 All sheep and oxen,
And also the beasts of the field,
8 The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea,
Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.
9 ^(N)O LORD, our Lord,
How majestic we regard Your name in all the earth!

Psalm 9

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Psalm of Thanksgiving for God's Justice.

For the choir director; on Muth-labben^[a]. A Psalm of David.

1 I will give thanks to the LORD with all ^(A)my heart;
I will ^(B)tell of all Your wonders.
2 I will have gladness and ^(C)exult in You;
I will ^(D)sing praise to Your name, O ^(E)Most High.
3 When my enemies turn back,
They stumble and ^(F)perish before You.
4 For You have ^(G)maintained my just cause;
You have sat on the throne ^(H)judging righteously.
5 You have ^(I)rebuked the nations, You have destroyed the wicked;
You have ^(J)blotted out their name forever and ever.
6 The enemy has come to an end in perpetual ruins,
And You have uprooted the cities;
The very ^(K)memory of them has perished.
7 But the ^(L)LORD ^[b]abides forever;
He has established His ^(M)throne for judgment,
8 And He will ^(N)judge the world in righteousness;
He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity.

⁹The LORD also will serve as a ^(O)stronghold for the oppressed,
A stronghold in times of trouble;

¹⁰And those who ^(P)know Your name will put their trust in You,
For You, O LORD, have not ^(Q)forsaken those who seek You.

¹¹Sing praises to the LORD, who ^(R)dwells in Zion;
^(S)Declare among the peoples His deeds.

¹²For ^(T)He who ^[c]requires blood remembers them;
He does not forget ^(U)the cry of the afflicted.

¹³Show graciousness to me, O LORD;
See my affliction from those ^(V)who hate me,
You who ^(W)lift me up from the gates of death,

¹⁴That I may tell of ^(X)all Your praises,
That in the gates of the daughter of Zion
I may ^(Y)rejoice in Your salvation.

¹⁵The nations have sunk down ^(Z)in the pit which they have made;
In the ^(AA)net which they hid, their own foot became caught.

¹⁶The LORD has ^(AB)made Himself known;
He has ^(AC)executed judgment.

In the work of his own hands the wicked ensnare themselves.

Higgaion Selah.

¹⁷The wicked will ^(AD)return to Sheol,
Even all the nations who ^(AE)forget God.

¹⁸For the ^(AF)needy will not always remain forgotten,
Nor the ^(AG)hope of the afflicted perish forever.

¹⁹^(AH)Arise, O LORD, do not let man prevail;
Judge the nations before You.

²⁰Put them ^(AJ)in fear, O LORD;
Let the nations know that they consist of mortal men. Selah.

Psalm 10

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Prayer for the Overthrow of the Wicked.

- ¹Why ^(A)do You stand afar off, O LORD?
Why ^(B)do You hide Yourself in times of trouble?
- ²In ^(C)pride the wicked hotly pursue the afflicted;
Let them ensnare themselves in the plots which they have devised.
- ³For the wicked ^(E)boasts of his ^(E)heart's desire,
And ^[a]the greedy man curses and ^(G)spurns the LORD.
- ⁴The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance, ^(H)does not seek Him
All his thoughts indicate, "^(I)I don't believe God exists."
- ⁵His ways ^(J)prosper at all times;
Your judgments remain on high, ^(K)out of his sight;
As for all his adversaries, he snorts at them.
- ⁶He says to himself, "^(L)No one will move me;
Throughout all generations ^(M)I will not suffer adversity."
- ⁷His ^(N)mouth abundantly curses and demonstrates deceit and
^(O)oppression;
^(P)Under his tongue resides mischief and wickedness.
- ⁸He sits in the ^(Q)lurking places of the villages;
In the hiding places he ^(R)kills the innocent;
His eyes stealthily watch for the ^(S)unfortunate.
- ⁹He lurks in a hiding place as ^(T)a lion in his lair;
He ^(U)lurks to catch ^(V)the afflicted;
He catches the afflicted when he draws him into his ^(W)net.
- ¹⁰He crouches, he bows down,
And the unfortunate fall ^[b]by his mighty ones.
- ¹¹He ^(X)says to himself, "God has forgotten;
He has hidden His face; He will never see it."
- ¹²Arise, O LORD; O God, ^(Y)lift up Your hand
^(Z)Do not forget the afflicted.
- ¹³Why has the wicked ^(AA)spurned God?
He has said to himself, "You will not require it."
- ¹⁴You have seen it, for You have beheld ^(AB)mischief and vexation to take
it into Your hand
The ^(AC)unfortunate commits himself to You;

You have helped the orphan.
15^(AE) Break the arm of the wicked and the evildoer,
 ^(AF) Seek out his wickedness until You find none.
16 The LORD remains^(AG) King forever and ever;
 ^(AH) Nations have perished from His land.
17 O LORD, You have heard the ^(AI) desire of the ^[c] humble;
 You will ^(AJ) strengthen their heart, ^(AK) You will incline Your ear
18 To ^[d] vindicate the ^(AL) orphan and the ^(AM) oppressed,
 So that man of the earth will no longer cause ^(AN) terror.

Psalm 11

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD a Refuge and Defense.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

1 In the LORD I ^(A) take refuge;
 How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your ^(B) mountain;
2 For, behold, the wicked ^(C) bend the bow,
 They ^(D) make ready their arrow upon the string
 To ^(E) shoot in darkness at the upright in heart.
3 If the ^(E) foundations become destroyed,
 What can the righteous do?"
4 The LORD dwells in His ^(G) holy temple; the LORD'S ^(H) throne remains in
heaven;
 His ^(I) eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.
5 The LORD ^(J) tests the righteous and ^(K) the wicked,
 And the one who loves violence His soul hates.
6 Upon the wicked He will ^(L) rain ^[a] snares;
 ^(M) Fire and brimstone and ^(N) burning wind will fill ^(O) their cup.
7 For the LORD acts ^(P) righteously, ^(Q) He loves righteousness;
 The upright will ^(R) behold His face.

Psalm 12

NASB E-Prime DFM

God, a Helper against the Treacherous.

For the choir director; upon an eight-stringed lyre. A Psalm of David.

¹Help, LORD, for ^(A)the godly man ceases to exist,
For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.
²They ^(B)speak falsehood to one another;
With ^(C)flattering lips and with a double heart they speak.
³May the LORD cut off all flattering lips,
The tongue that ^(D)speaks great things;
⁴Who ^(E)have said, "With our tongue we will prevail;
Our lips we acknowledge as our own; who do we consider lord over
us?"
⁵"Because of the ^(E)devastation of the afflicted, because of the groaning of
the needy,
Now ^(G)I will arise," says the LORD; "I will ^(H)set him in the safety for
which he longs."
⁶The ^(I)words of the LORD remain pure ;
As silver ^(J)tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times.
⁷You, O LORD, will keep them;
You will ^(K)preserve him from this generation forever.
⁸The ^(L)wicked strut about on every side
When the sons of men exalt vileness.

Psalm 13

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Help in Trouble.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹How long, O LORD? Will You ^(A)forget me forever?
How long ^(B)will You hide Your face from me?

²How long shall I ^(C)take counsel in my soul,
Having ^(D)sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long will my enemy exalt himself over me?
³^(E)Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;
^(E)Enlighten my eyes, or I will ^(G)sleep the sleep of death,
⁴And my enemy will ^(H)say, "I have overcome him,"
And ^(I)my adversaries will rejoice when I feel shaken.
⁵But I have ^(J)trusted in Your lovingkindness;
My heart shall ^(K)rejoice in Your salvation.
⁶I will ^(L)sing to the LORD,
Because He has ^(M)dealt bountifully with me.

Psalm 14

NASB E-Prime DFM

Folly and Wickedness of Men.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹The fool has ^(A)said in his heart, "God does not exist "
They have corrupted themselves, they have committed abominable
deeds;
We can find ^(B)no one who does good.
²The LORD has ^(C)looked down from heaven upon the sons of men
To see if any ^(D)understand,
Who ^(E)seek after God.
³They have all ^(F)turned aside, together they have become corrupt;
No one does good, not even one.
⁴Do all the workers of wickedness ^(H)not know,
Who ^(I)eat up my people as they eat bread,
And ^(J)do not call upon the Lord?
⁵There they find themselves in great dread,
For God dwells with the ^(K)righteous generation.
⁶You would put to shame the counsel of the afflicted,
But the LORD serves as his ^(L)refuge.
⁷Oh, that ^(M)the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!

When the LORD ^{[a](N)}restores His captive people,
Jacob will rejoice, Israel will have gladness.

Psalm 15

NASB E-Prime DFM

Description of a Citizen of Zion.

A Psalm of David.

- ¹O LORD, who may abide ^(A)in Your tent?
Who may dwell on Your ^(B)holy hill?
- ²He who ^(C)walks with integrity, and works righteousness,
And ^(D)speaks truth in his heart.
- ³He ^(E)does not slander with his tongue,
Nor ^(F)does evil to his neighbor,
Nor ^(G)takes up a reproach against his friend;
- ⁴In whose eyes a reprobate receives scorn,
But who ^(H)honors those who fear the LORD;
He ^(I)swears to his own hurt and does not change;
- ⁵He ^(J)does not put out his money ^[a]at interest,
Nor ^(K)does he take a bribe against the innocent
^(L)He who does these things will never become shaken.

Psalm 16

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD the Psalmist's Portion in Life and Deliverer in Death.

A Mikhtam^[a] of David.

¹(A) Preserve me, O God, for (B) I take refuge in You.

²I said to the LORD, "I acknowledge You as my Lord;
I (C) have no good besides You."

³As for the (D) saints who live in the earth,
I consider them the majestic ones (E) in whom I take delight.

⁴The (E) sorrows of those who have bartered for another god will multiply;
I shall not pour out their drink offerings of (G) blood,
Nor will I (H) take their names upon my lips.

⁵I regard The LORD as the (I) portion of my inheritance and my (J) cup;
You support my (K) lot.

⁶The (L) lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;
Indeed, my heritage seems (M) beautiful to me.

⁷I will bless the LORD who has (N) counseled me;
Indeed, my (O) mind instructs me in the night.

⁸(P) I have (Q) set the LORD continually before me;
Because He remains (R) at my right hand, (S) I will not fear instability.

⁹Therefore (T) my heart gladdens and (U) my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will (V) dwell securely.

¹⁰For You (W) will not abandon my soul to Sheol;
Nor will You (X) allow Your Holy One to [b] undergo decay.

¹¹You will make known to me (Y) the path of life;
In (Z) Your presence dwells fullness of joy;
In Your right hand there reside (AA) pleasures forever.

Psalm 17

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Protection against Oppressors.

A Prayer of David.

- ¹Hear a ^(A)just cause, O LORD, ^(B)give heed to my cry;
^(C)Give ear to my prayer, which does not come from ^(D)deceitful lips.
- ²Let ^(E)my judgment come forth from Your presence;
Let Your eyes look with ^(E)equity.
- ³You have ^(G)tried my heart;
You have visited me by night;
You have ^(H)tested me and ^(I)You find ^[a]nothing;
I have ^(J)purposed that my mouth will not transgress.
- ⁴As for the deeds of men, ^(K)by the word of Your lips
I have kept from the ^(L)paths of the violent.
- ⁵My ^(M)steps have held fast to Your paths
My ^(N)feet have not slipped.
- ⁶I have ^(O)called upon You, for You will answer me, O God;
^(P)Incline Your ear to me, hear my speech.
- ⁷^(Q)Wondrously show Your lovingkindness,
O ^(R)Savior of those who take refuge at Your right hand
From those who rise up against them.
- ⁸Keep me as ^[b]the ^(S)apple of the eye;
Hide me ^(T)in the shadow of Your wings
- ⁹From the ^(U)wicked who despoil me,
My ^(V)deadly enemies who surround me.
- ¹⁰They have ^(W)closed their unfeeling heart,
With their mouth they ^(X)speak proudly.
- ¹¹They have now ^(Y)surrounded us in our steps;
They set their eyes ^(Z)to cast us down to the ground.
- ¹²He resembles ^(AA)a lion that shows eagerness to tear,
And as a young lion ^(AB)lurking in hiding places.
- ¹³^(AC)Arise, O LORD, confront him, ^(AD)bring him low;
^(AE)Deliver my soul from the wicked with ^(AF)Your sword,
- ¹⁴From men with ^(AG)Your hand, O LORD,

From men of the world, ^(AH)whose portion exists only in this life,
And whose belly You ^(AI)fill with Your treasure;
They satisfy themselves with children,
And leave their abundance to their babes.
¹⁵As for me, I shall ^(AJ)behold Your face in righteousness;
^(AK)I will take satisfaction with Your ^(AL)likeness when I awake.

Psalm 18

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD Praised for Giving Deliverance.

1

For the choir director. A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD, who spoke to the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. And he said,

"I love You, O LORD, ^(A)my strength."
²The LORD resembles ^(B)my rock and ^(C)my fortress and my ^(D)deliverer,
My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;
My ^(E)shield and the ^(E)horn of my salvation, my ^(G)stronghold.
³I call upon the LORD, who I find ^(H)worthy to praise,
And God saves me from my enemies.
⁴The ^(J)cords of death encompassed me,
And the ^(K)torrents of ^[a]ungodliness terrified me.
⁵The ^(L)cords of Sheol surrounded me;
The snares of death confronted me.
⁶In my ^(M)distress I called upon the LORD,
And cried to my God for help;
He heard my voice ^(N)out of His temple,
And my ^(O)cry for help before Him came into His ears.
⁷Then the ^(P)earth shook and quaked;
And the ^(Q)foundations of the mountains trembled
And shook, because He became angry.

⁸Smoke went up out of His nostrils,
And ^(R)fire from His mouth devoured;
Coals received kindling by it.

⁹He ^(S)bowed the heavens also, and came down
With thick ^(T)darkness under His feet.

¹⁰He rode upon a ^(U)cherub and flew;
And He sped upon the ^(V)wings of the wind.

¹¹He made ^(W)darkness His hiding place, ^(X)His canopy around Him,
Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.

¹²From the ^(Y)brightness before Him passed His thick clouds,
Hailstones and ^(Z)coals of fire.

¹³The LORD also ^(AA)thundered in the heavens,
And the Most High uttered His voice,
Hailstones and coals of fire.

¹⁴He ^(AB)sent out His arrows, and scattered them,
And lightning flashes in abundance, and routed them.

¹⁵Then the ^(AC)channels of water appeared,
And the Lord laid bare foundations of the world
At Your ^(AD)rebuke, O LORD,
At the blast of the ^(AE)breath of Your nostrils.

¹⁶He ^(AF)sent from on high, He took me;
He drew me out of ^(AG)many waters.

¹⁷He ^(AH)delivered me from my strong enemy,
And from those who hated me, for they proved ^(AI)too mighty for me.

¹⁸They confronted me in ^(AJ)the day of my calamity,
But ^(AK)the LORD served as my stay.

¹⁹He brought me forth also into a ^(AL)broad place;
He rescued me, because ^(AM)He delighted in me.

²⁰The LORD has ^(AN)rewarded me according to my righteousness;
According to the ^(AO)cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me.

²¹For I have ^(AP)kept the ways of the LORD,
And have ^(AQ)not wickedly departed from my God.

²²For all ^(AR)His ordinances I kept before me,
And I did not put away His ^(AS)statutes from me.

²³I maintained blamelessness before Him,
And I ^(AU)kept myself from my iniquity.

²⁴Therefore the LORD has ^(AV)recompensed me according to my
righteousness,

According to the cleanness of my hands in His eyes.
25 With (AW) the kind You show Yourself kind;
 With the blameless (AX) You show Yourself blameless;
26 With the pure You show Yourself (AY) pure,
 And with the crooked (AZ) You show Yourself [c] astute.
27 For You (BA) save an afflicted people,
 But (BB) haughty eyes You abase.
28 For You (BC) light my lamp;
 The LORD my God (BD) illumines my darkness.
29 For by You I can [d](BE) run upon a troop;
 And by my God I can (BF) leap over a wall.
30 As for God, His way proves (BG) blameless;
 The (BH) word of the LORD we have tried;
 He resembles a (BI) shield to all who take refuge in Him.
31 For (BJ) who do we call God, but the LORD?
 And who resembles a (BK) rock, except our God,
32 The God who (BL) girds me with strength
 And makes my way (BM) blameless?
33 He (BN) makes my feet like hinds' feet,
 And (BO) sets me upon my high places.
34 He (BP) trains my hands for battle,
 So that my arms can (BQ) bend a bow of bronze.
35 You have also given me (BR) the shield of Your salvation,
 And Your (BS) right hand upholds me;
 And (BT) Your gentleness makes me great.
36 You (BU) enlarge my steps under me,
 And my (BV) feet have not slipped.
37 I (BW) pursued my enemies and overtook them,
 And I did not turn back (BX) until we had consumed them.
38 I shattered them, so that they could not rise;
 They fell (BZ) under my feet.
39 For You have (CA) girded me with strength for battle;
 You have (CB) subdued under me those who rose up against me.
40 You have also made my enemies (CC) turn their backs to me,
 And I [e](CD) destroyed those who hated me.
41 They cried for help, but no one came to my defense,
 Even to the LORD, but (CF) He did not answer them.
42 Then I beat them fine as the (CG) dust before the wind;

I emptied them out as the mire of the streets.
⁴³You have delivered me from the ^(CH)contentions of the people;
 You have placed me as ^(CI)head of the nations;
 A ^(CJ)people whom I have not known serve me.
⁴⁴As soon as they hear, they obey me;
 Foreigners ^{[f](CK)}submit to me.
⁴⁵Foreigners ^(CL)fade away,
 And ^(CM)come trembling out of their fortresses.
⁴⁶The LORD ^(CN)lives, and I bless ^(CO)my rock;
 And I exalt ^(CP)the God of my salvation,
⁴⁷The God who ^(CQ)executes vengeance for me,
 And ^(CR)subdues peoples under me.
⁴⁸He ^(CS)delivers me from my enemies;
 Surely You ^(CT)lift me above those who rise up against me;
 You rescue me from the ^(CU)violent man.
⁴⁹Therefore I will ^(CV)give thanks to You among the nations, O LORD,
 And I will ^(CW)sing praises to Your name.
⁵⁰He gives great ^{[g](CX)}deliverance to His king,
 And shows lovingkindness to ^(CY)His anointed,
 To David and ^(CZ)his descendants forever.

Psalm 19

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Works and the Word of God.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹The ^(A)heavens declare the glory of God;
 And their ^(B)expanse declares the work of His hands.
²Day to ^(C)day pours forth speech,
 And ^(D)night to night reveals knowledge.
³No speech exists , no one hears words;
 No one hears their voice .
⁴Their ^{[a](E)}line has gone out through all the earth,
 And their utterances to the end of the world
 In them He has ^(E)placed a tent for the sun,

- ⁵Which resembles a bridegroom coming out of his chamber;
It rejoices as a strong man to run his course.
- ⁶Its ^(G)rising moves from one end of the heavens,
And its circuit to the other end of them;
And nothing can hide from its heat.
- ⁷^(H)The law of the LORD encompasses perfection, ^(J)restoring the soul;
The testimony of the LORD proves ^(K)sure, making ^(L)wise the simple.
- ⁸The precepts of the LORD prove ^(M)right, ^(N)rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD encompasses purity, ^(P)enlightening
the eyes.
- ⁹The fear of the LORD remains clean, enduring forever;
The LORD'S judgments prove ^(Q)true, altogether righteous.
- ¹⁰They prove more desirable than ^(S)gold, yes, than much fine gold;
^(T)Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.
- ¹¹Moreover, by them ^(U)Your servant receive warning;
In keeping them we find great ^(V)reward.
- ¹²Who can ^(W)discern his errors? ^(X)Acquit me of ^(Y)hidden faults.
- ¹³Also keep back Your servant ^(Z)from presumptuous sins;
Let them not ^(AA)rule over me;
Then I will remain ^[c]^(AB)blameless,
And I shall receive acquittal of ^(AC)great transgression.
- ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and ^(AD)the meditation of my heart
prove acceptable in Your sight,
O LORD, ^(AE)my rock and my ^(AF)Redeemer.

Psalm 20

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Victory over Enemies.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- ¹May the LORD answer you ^(A)in the day of trouble!
May the ^(B)name of the ^(C)God of Jacob set you securely on high!

²May He send you help ^(D)from the sanctuary
And ^(E)support you from Zion!
³May He ^(E)remember all your meal offerings
And ^(G)find your burnt offering acceptable! Selah.
⁴May He grant you your ^(H)heart's desire
And ^(I)fulfill all your ^[a]counsel!
⁵We will ^(J)sing for joy over your victory,
And in the name of our God we will ^(K)set up our banners
May the LORD ^(L)fulfill all your petitions.
⁶Now ^(M)I know that the LORD saves His anointed;
He will ^(N)answer him from His holy heaven
With the ^(O)saving strength of His right hand.
⁷Some boast in chariots and some in ^(P)horses,
But ^(Q)we will boast in the name of the LORD, our God.
⁸They have ^(R)bowed down and fallen,
But we have ^(S)risen and stood upright.
⁹^(T)Save, O LORD;
May the ^(U)King answer us in the day we call.

Psalm 21

NASB E-Prime DFM

Praise for Deliverance.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹O LORD, in Your strength the king will have gladness,
And in Your ^[a]salvation how greatly he will rejoice!
²You have ^(B)given him his heart's desire,
And You have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah.
³For You ^(C)meet him with the blessings of good things;
You set a ^(D)crown of fine gold on his head.
⁴He asked life of You,
You ^(E)gave it to him,
^(F)Length of days forever and ever.
⁵His ^(G)glory magnifies greatly through Your ^[b]salvation,

(H) Splendor and majesty You place upon him.
6 For You make him most (I) blessed forever;
You make him joyful (J) with gladness in Your presence.
7 For the king (K) trusts in the LORD,
And through the lovingkindness of the Most High (L) he will not become destabilized.
8 Your hand will (M) find out all your enemies;
Your right hand will find out those who hate you.
9 You will make them (N) as a fiery oven in the time of your anger;
The LORD will (O) swallow them up in His wrath,
And (P) fire will devour them.
10 Their (C) offspring You will destroy from the earth,
And their (D)(Q) descendants from among the sons of men.
11 Though they (R) intended evil against You
And (S) devised a plot,
They will not succeed.
12 For You will (T) make them turn their back;
You will aim (U) with Your bowstrings at their faces.
13 We exalt you, O LORD, in Your strength;
We will (V) sing and praise Your power.

Psalm 22

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Cry of Anguish and a Song of Praise.

For the choir director; upon Aijeleth^[a] Hashshahar. A Psalm of David.

1(A) My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?
(B) Far from my deliverance seem the words of my (C) groaning.
2 O my God, I (D) cry by day, but You do not answer;
And by night, but I have no rest.
3 Yet (E) You embody holiness,
O You who reside on the throne of (F) the praises of Israel.
4 In You our fathers (G) trusted;
They trusted and You (H) delivered them.
5 To You they cried out and you delivered them;

(I) In You they trusted and did not suffer disappointment.
6 But I resemble a (J) worm and not a man,
A (K) reproach of men and (L) despised by the people.
7 All who see me (M) sneer at me;
They (b) separate with the lip, they (N) wag the head, saying,
8 "[c] Commit yourself to the LORD; (O) let Him deliver him;
Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him."
9 Yet You (P) brought me forth from the womb;
You made me trust when upon my mother's breasts.
10 Upon You cast me at my birth;
You have remained as my God from my mother's womb.
11 (R) Stay not far from me, for trouble looms near;
For no one helps.
12 Many (I) bulls have surrounded me;
Strong bulls of (U) Bashan have encircled me.
13 They (V) open wide their mouth at me,
As a ravening and a roaring (W) lion.
14 I feel (X) poured out like water,
And all my (Y) bones have become out of joint;
My (Z) heart resembles wax;
It melts within me.
15 My (AA) strength dries up like a potsherd,
And (AB) my tongue cleaves to my jaws;
And You (AC) lay me in the dust of death.
16 For (AD) dogs have surrounded me;
A band of evildoers has encompassed me;
They (AE) pierced my hands and my feet.
17 I can count all my bones.
(AF) They look, they stare at me;
18 They (AG) divide my garments among them,
And for my clothing they cast lots.
19 But You, O LORD, (AH) stay far off;
O You my help, (AI) hasten to my assistance.
20 Deliver my soul from (AJ) the sword,
My (AK) only life from the power of the dog.
21 Save me from the (AL) lion's mouth;
From the horns of the (AM) wild oxen You (AN) answer me.
22 I will (AO) tell of Your name to my brethren;

In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

²³(^{AP}) You who fear the LORD, praise Him;
All you descendants of Jacob, (^{AQ}) glorify Him,
And (^{AR}) stand in awe of Him, all you descendants of Israel.

²⁴ For He has (^{AS}) not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;
Nor has He (^{AT}) hidden His face from him;
But (^{AU}) when he cried to Him for help, He heard.

²⁵ From You comes (^{AV}) my praise in the great assembly;
I shall (^{AW}) pay my vows before those who fear Him.

²⁶ The [^d] afflicted will eat and have satisfaction;
Those who seek Him will (^{AY}) praise the LORD
Let your (^{AZ}) heart live forever!

²⁷ All the (^{BA}) ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD,
And all the (^{BB}) families of the nations will worship before You.

²⁸ For the (^{BC}) kingdom belongs to the LORD
And He (^{BD}) rules over the nations.

²⁹ All the (^{BE}) prosperous of the earth will eat and worship,
All those who (^{BF}) go down to the dust will bow before Him,
Even he who (^{BG}) cannot keep his soul alive.

³⁰(^{BH}) Posterity will serve Him;
They will tell of the Lord to (^{BI}) the coming generation.

³¹ They will come and (^{BJ}) will declare His righteousness
To a people (^{BK}) who will be arrive on the scene later, that He has
performed it.

Psalm 23

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD, the Psalmist's Shepherd.

A Psalm of David.

- ¹I regard the LORD as my ^(A)shepherd,
I shall ^(B)not want.
- ²He makes me lie down in ^(C)green pastures;
He ^(D)leads me beside ^(E)quiet waters.
- ³He ^(E)restores my soul;
He ^(G)guides me in the ^(H)paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.
- ⁴Even though I ^(I)walk through the ^[a]valley of the shadow of death,
I ^(J)fear no ^[b]evil, for ^(K)You stay with me;
Your ^(L)rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵You ^(M)prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You have ^(N)anointed my head with oil;
My ^(O)cup overflows.
- ⁶Surely ^(P)goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my
life,
And I will ^{[c](Q)} dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 24

NASB E-Prime DFM

The King of Glory Entering Zion.

A Psalm of David.

- ¹The ^(A)earth belongs to the LORD, and ^[a]all it contains,
The ^(B)world, and those who dwell in it.
- ²For He has ^(C)founded it upon the seas

And established it upon the rivers.
3Who may (D)ascend into the (E)hill of the LORD?
And who may stand in His holy (E)place?
4He who has (G)clean hands and a (H)pure heart,
Who has not (I)lifted up his soul to falsehood
And has not (J)sworn deceitfully.
5He shall receive a (K)blessing from the LORD
And (L)righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6This represents the generation of those who (M)seek Him,
Who seek Your face--even Jacob. Selah.
7(N)Lift up your heads, O gates,
And let the ancient doors become lifted up,
That the King of (O)glory may come in!
8Who have we acknowledged as the King of glory?
The LORD (P)strong and mighty,
The LORD (Q)mighty in battle.
9Lift up your heads, O gates,
And lift them up, O [c]ancient doors,
That the King of (R)glory may come in!
10Who have we acknowledged as this King of glory?
The LORD of (S)hosts,
We acknowledge as the King of glory. Selah.

Psalm 25

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Protection, Guidance and Pardon.

A Psalm of David.

1To You, O LORD, I (A)lift up my soul.
2O my God, in You (B)I trust,
Do not let me (C)feel ashamed;
Do not let my (D)enemies exult over me.
3Indeed, (E)none of those who wait for You will suffer shame;
Those who (E)deal treacherously without cause will suffer shame.
4(G)Make me know Your ways, O LORD;

Teach me Your paths.

- ⁵Lead me in ^(H)Your truth and teach me,
For I acknowledge You as the ^(I)God of my salvation;
For You I ^(J)wait all the day.
- ^{6(K)}Remember, O LORD, Your compassion and Your lovingkindnesses,
For they have existed ^[a]^(L)from of old.
- ⁷Do not remember the ^(M)sins of my youth or my transgressions;
^(N)According to Your lovingkindness remember me,
For Your ^(O)goodness' sake, O LORD.
- ^{8(P)}Good and ^(Q)upright describes the LORD;
Therefore He ^(R)instructs sinners in the way.
- ⁹He ^(S)leads the humble in justice,
And He ^(T)teaches the humble His way.
- ¹⁰All the paths of the LORD lead to ^(U)lovingkindness and truth
To ^(V)those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.
- ¹¹For ^(W)Your name's sake, O LORD,
^(X)Pardon my iniquity, for it has waxed greatly.
- ¹²Who ^(Y)fears the LORD?
He will ^(Z)instruct him in the way he should choose.
- ¹³His soul will ^(AA)abide in prosperity,
And his ^[b]descendants will ^(AB)inherit the land.
- ¹⁴The ^(AC)secret of the LORD belongs to those who fear Him,
And He will ^(AD)make them know His covenant.
- ¹⁵My ^(AE)eyes continually look toward the LORD,
For He will ^(AF)pluck my feet out of the net.
- ^{16(AG)}Turn to me and show graciousness to me,
For I feel ^(AH)lonely and afflicted.
- ¹⁷The ^(AI)troubles of my heart have enlarged;
Bring me ^(AJ)out of my distresses.
- ^{18(AK)}Look upon my affliction and my ^[c]trouble,
And ^(AL)forgive all my sins.
- ¹⁹Look upon my enemies, for they have multiplied,
And they ^(AN)hate me with violent hatred.
- ^{20(AO)}Guard my soul and deliver me;
Do not let me suffer shame, for I take refuge in You.
- ²¹Let ^(AQ)integrity and uprightness preserve me,
For ^(AR)I wait for You.

²²(AS) Redeem Israel, O God,
Out of all his troubles.

Psalm 26

NASB E-Prime DFM

Protestation of Integrity and Prayer for Protection.

A Psalm of David.

¹[a](A) Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have (B) walked in my integrity,
And I have (C) trusted in the LORD (D) without wavering.
²(E) Examine me, O LORD, and try me;
(F) Test my [b] mind and my heart.
³For Your (G) lovingkindness remains before my eyes,
And I have (H) walked in Your truth.
⁴I do not (I) sit with [c] deceitful men,
Nor will I go with (J) pretenders.
⁵I (K) hate the assembly of evildoers,
And I will not sit with the wicked.
⁶I shall (L) wash my hands in innocence,
And I will go about (M) Your altar, O LORD,
⁷That I may proclaim with the voice of (N) thanksgiving
And declare all Your wonders.
⁸O LORD, I (O) love the habitation of Your house
And the place where Your (P) glory dwells.
⁹(Q) Do not take my soul away along with sinners,
Nor my life with (R) men of bloodshed,
¹⁰In whose hands dwells a (S) wicked scheme,
And whose right hand has many (T) bribes.
¹¹But as for me, I shall (U) walk in my integrity;
(V) Redeem me, and show graciousness to me.
¹²(W) My foot stands on a (X) level place;
In the (Y) congregations I shall bless the LORD.

Psalm 27

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Psalm of Fearless Trust in God.

A Psalm of David.

- ¹ I regard the LORD as my ^(A)light and my ^(B)salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The LORD defends my life;
^(D)Whom shall I dread?
- ²When evildoers came upon me to ^(E)devour my flesh,
My adversaries and my enemies, they ^(E)stumbled and fell.
- ³Though a ^(G)host encamp against me,
My heart will not fear;
Though war arise against me,
In spite of this I shall have confidence.
- ^{4(I)}One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek:
That I may ^(J)dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
To behold ^(K)the ^[a]beauty of the LORD
And to ^{[b](L)}meditate in His temple.
- ⁵For in the ^(M)day of trouble He will ^(N)conceal me in His tabernacle;
In the secret place of His tent He will ^(O)hide me;
He will ^(P)lift me up on a rock.
- ⁶And now ^(Q) You will lift up my head up above my enemies around me,
And I will offer in His tent ^(R)sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will ^(S)sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.
- ^{7(T)}Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice,
And show graciousness to me and ^(U)answer me.
- ⁸When You said, "^(V)Seek My face," my heart said to You,
"Your face, O LORD, ^(W)I shall seek."
- ^{9(X)}Do not hide Your face from me,
Do not turn Your servant away in ^(Y)anger;
You have proved ^(Z)my help;
^(AA)Do not abandon me nor ^(AB)forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
- ¹⁰For my father and ^(AC)my mother have forsaken me,

But ^(AD)the LORD will take me up.
^{11(AE)}Teach me Your way, O LORD,
And lead me in a ^(AF)level path
Because of my foes.
¹²Do not deliver me over to the ^(AG)desire of my adversaries,
For ^(AH)false witnesses have risen against me,
And such as ^(AI)breathe out violence.
¹³I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the
^(AJ)goodness of the LORD
In the ^(AK)land of the living.
^{14(AL)}Wait for the LORD;
Exercise strength and let your heart take courage;
Yes, wait for the LORD.

Psalm 28

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Prayer for Help, and Praise for Its Answer.

A Psalm of David.

¹To You, O LORD, I call;
My ^(A)rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me,
For if You remain silent to me,
I will become like those who ^(C)go down to the pit.
²Hear the ^(D)voice of my supplications when I cry to You for help,
When I ^(E)lift up my hands ^(F)toward ^[a]Your holy ^(G)sanctuary.
^{3(H)}Do not drag me away with the wicked
And with those who work iniquity,
Who ^(I)speak peace with their neighbors,
While evil emanates their hearts.
⁴Requite them ^(J)according to their work and according to the evil of their
practices;
Requite them according to the deeds of their hands;
Repay them their ^[b]recompense.
⁵Because they ^(K)do not regard the works of the LORD

Nor the deeds of His hands,
He will tear them down and not build them up.

⁶We bless the name of the LORD,
Because He ^(L)has heard the voice of my supplication.

⁷The LORD strengthens me and has served as my ^(N)shield;
My heart ^(O)trusts in Him, and I receive help;
Therefore ^(P)my heart exults,
And with ^(Q)my song I shall thank Him.

⁸The LORD gives them ^(R)strength,
And He has served as a ^(S)saving defense to His anointed.

⁹^(T)Save Your people and bless ^(U)Your inheritance;
Be their ^(V)shepherd also, and ^(W)carry them forever.

Psalm 29

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Voice of the LORD in the Storm.

A Psalm of David.

¹^(A)Ascribe to the LORD, O sons of the mighty,
Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to His name;
Worship the LORD ^(B)in holy array.

³The ^(C)voice of the LORD resounds upon the waters;
The God of glory ^(D)thunders,
The LORD manifests himself over ^(E)many waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD demonstrates ^(F)power,
The voice of the LORD has majesty.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
Yes, the LORD breaks in pieces ^(G)the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon ^(H)skip like a calf,
And ^(I)Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD hews out flames of fire.

- ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
The LORD shakes the wilderness of ^(J)Kadesh.
- ⁹The voice of the LORD makes ^(K)the deer to calve
And strips the forests bare;
And ^(L)in His temple everything says, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰The LORD sat as King at the ^(M)flood;
Yes, the LORD sits as ^(N)King forever.
- ¹¹The LORD will give ^(O)strength to His people;
The LORD will bless His people with ^(P)peace.

Psalm 30

NASB E-Prime DFM

Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death.

A Psalm; a Song at the Dedication of the House. A Psalm of David.

- ¹I will ^(A)extol You, O LORD, for You have ^(B)lifted me up,
And have not let my ^(C)enemies rejoice over me.
- ²O LORD my God,
I ^(D)cried to You for help, and You ^(E)healed me.
- ³O LORD, You have ^(F)brought up my soul from Sheol;
You have kept me alive, that I would not ^(G)go down to the pit.
- ⁴^(H)Sing praise to the LORD, you ^(I)His godly ones,
And ^(J)give thanks to His holy ^(K)name.
- ⁵For ^(L)His anger lasts but for a moment,
His ^(M)favor lasts for a lifetime;
Weeping may ^(N)last for the night,
But a shout of joy comes in the morning.
- ⁶Now as for me, I said in my prosperity,

"I will ^(O)never move."

⁷O LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain to stand strong;
You ^(P)hid Your face, I felt dismayed.

⁸To You, O LORD, I called,

And to the Lord I made supplication:

⁹"What profit do I have in my blood, if I ^(Q)go down to the pit?

Will the ^(R)dust praise You? Will it declare Your faithfulness?

¹⁰^(S)Hear, O LORD, and show graciousness to me;

O LORD, help me."

¹¹You have turned for me ^(U)my mourning into dancing;

You have ^(V)loosed my sackcloth and girded me with ^(W)gladness,

¹²That my ^(X)soul may sing praise to You and not remain silent

O LORD my God, I will ^(Y)give thanks to You forever.

Psalm 31

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Psalm of Complaint and of Praise.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹^(A)In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge;

Let me never ^(B)fall into shame;

^(C)In Your righteousness deliver me.

²^(D)Incline Your ear to me, rescue me quickly;

Please become to me a ^(E)rock of strength,

A stronghold to save me.

³For I regard You as my rock and ^(F)my fortress;

For ^(G)Your name's sake You will lead me and guide me.

⁴You will ^(H)pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me,

For You provide me ^(I)strength.

⁵^(J)Into Your hand I commit my spirit;

You have ^(K)ransomed me, O LORD, ^(L)God of truth.

⁶I hate those who ^(M)regard vain idols,

But I ^(N)trust in the LORD.

⁷I will ^(O)rejoice and have gladness in Your lovingkindness,
Because You have ^(P)seen my affliction;
You have known the troubles of my soul,

⁸And You have not ^(Q)given me over into the hand of the enemy;
You have set my feet in a large place.

⁹Show graciousness to me, O LORD, for ^(R)I have fallen in distress;
My ^(S)eye wastes away from grief, ^(T)my soul and my body also.

¹⁰For my life I spend with ^(U)sorrow
And my years with sighing;
My ^(V)strength has failed because of my iniquity,
And ^(W)my body has wasted away.

¹¹Because of all my adversaries, I have become a ^(X)reproach,
Especially to my ^(Y)neighbors,
And an object of dread to my acquaintances;
Those who see me in the street flee from me.

¹²I have become ^(Z)forgotten as a dead man, out of mind;
I resemble a broken vessel.

¹³For I have heard the ^(AA)slander of many,
^(AB)Terror resides on every side;
While they ^(AC)took counsel together against me,
They ^(AD)schemed to take away my life.

¹⁴But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD,
I say, "I acknowledge you as my God."

¹⁵My ^(AE)times reside in Your hand;
^(AG)Deliver me from the hand of my enemies and from those who
persecute me.

¹⁶Make Your ^(AH)face to shine upon Your servant;
^(AI)Save me in Your lovingkindness.

¹⁷Let me not suffer shame, O LORD, for I call upon You;
Let the ^(AK)wicked suffer shame, let them remain silent in Sheol.

¹⁸Let the ^(AM)lying lips stay mute,
Which ^(AN)speak arrogantly against the righteous
With pride and contempt.

¹⁹How great appears Your ^(AO)goodness,
Which You have stored up for those who fear You,
Which You have wrought for those who ^(AP)take refuge in You,
^(AQ)Before the sons of men!

²⁰You hide them in the ^(AR)secret place of Your presence from the
^(AS)conspiracies of man;
You keep them secretly in a shelter from the ^(AT)strife of tongues.
²¹^(AU)We bless the name of the LORD,
For He has made ^(AV)marvelous His lovingkindness to me in a besieged
^(AW)city.
²²As for me, ^(AX)I said in my alarm,
"I fell ^(AY)cut off from before Your eyes";
Nevertheless You ^(AZ)heard the voice of my supplications
When I cried to You.
²³O love the LORD, all you ^(BA)His godly ones!
The LORD ^(BB)preserves the faithful
And fully ^(BC)recompenses the proud doer.
²⁴^(BD)Remain strong and let your heart take courage,
All you who hope in the LORD.

Psalm 32

NASB E-Prime DFM

Blessedness of Forgiveness and of Trust in God.

A Psalm of David. A Maskil^[a].

¹^(A)How God blesses the one whose transgression He has forgiven,
Whose sin He has covered!
²What blessings does the man receive whom the LORD ^(B)does not impute
iniquity,
And in whose spirit has no deceit!
³When ^(D)I kept silent about my sin, ^(E)my body wasted away
Through my ^(E)groaning all day long.
⁴For day and night ^(G)Your hand felt heavy upon me;
My ^(H)vitality drained away as with the fever heat of summer. Selah.
⁵I ^(I)acknowledged my sin to You,
And my iniquity I ^(J)did not hide;
I said, "^(K)I will confess my transgressions to the LORD";
And You ^(L)forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah.
⁶Therefore, let everyone who exercises godliness should pray to You ^(M)in

a time when he may find You ;

Surely ^(N)in a flood of great waters they will not reach him.

⁷I consider you ^(Q)my hiding place; You ^(P)preserve me from trouble;

You surround me with ^(Q)songs of deliverance. Selah.

⁸I will ^(R)instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go;

I will counsel you ^(S)with My eye upon you.

⁹Do not emulate the horse or as the mule which have no understanding,

Whose trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in check,

Otherwise they will not come near to you.

¹⁰The wicked have many ^(U)sorrows ,

But ^(V)he who trusts in the LORD, lovingkindness shall surround him.

¹¹ Have gladness in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous ones;

And shout for joy, all you who have an upright heart.

Psalm 33

NASB E-Prime DFM

Praise to the Creator and Preserver.

^{1(A)}Sing for joy in the LORD, O you righteous ones;

Praise becomes to the upright.

²Give thanks to the LORD with the ^(C)lyre;

Sing praises to Him with a ^(D)harp of ten strings.

³Sing to Him a ^(E)new song;

Play skillfully with ^(E)a shout of joy.

⁴For the word of the LORD embodies uprightness,

And all His work He does ^(H)in faithfulness.

⁵He ^(I)loves righteousness and justice;

The ^(J)earth receives the fullness of the lovingkindness of the LORD.

⁶By the ^(K)word of the LORD the heavens materialized,

And ^(L)by the breath of His mouth ^(M)all their host.

⁷He gathers the ^(N)waters of the sea together as a heap;

He lays up the deeps in storehouses.
8 Let ^(O)all the earth fear the LORD;
Let all the inhabitants of the world ^(P)stand in awe of Him.
9 For ^(Q)He spoke, and it became established;
He commanded, and it stood fast.
10 The LORD ^(R)nullifies the counsel of the nations;
He frustrates the plans of the peoples.
11 The ^(S)counsel of the LORD stands forever,
The ^(T)plans of His heart from generation to generation.
12 Blessings fall upon the ^(U)nation who regards God as the LORD,
The people whom He has ^(V)chosen for His own inheritance.
13 The LORD ^(W)looks from heaven;
He ^(X)sees all the sons of men;
14 From ^(Y)His dwelling place He looks out
On all the inhabitants of the earth,
15 He who ^(Z)fashions the hearts of them all,
He who ^(AA)understands all their works.
16 ^(AB)The king does not receive salvation by a mighty army;
A warrior does not receive deliverance by great strength.
17 A ^(AC)horse proves a false hope for victory;
Nor does it deliver anyone by its great strength.
18 Behold, ^(AD)the eye of the LORD looks on those who fear Him,
On those who ^(AE)hope for His lovingkindness,
19 To ^(AF)deliver their soul from death
And to keep them alive ^(AG)in famine.
20 Our soul ^(AH)waits for the LORD;
He proves our ^(AI)help and our shield.
21 For our ^(AJ)heart rejoices in Him,
Because we trust in His holy name.
22 Let Your lovingkindness, O LORD, fall upon us,
According as we have hoped in You.

Psalm 34

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD, a Provider and Deliverer.

A Psalm of David when he feigned madness before Abimelech, who drove him away and he departed.

- ¹I will ^(A)bless the LORD at all times;
His ^(B)praise shall continually come from my mouth.
- ²My soul will ^(C)make its boast in the LORD;
The ^(D)humble will hear it and rejoice.
- ³O ^(E)magnify the LORD with me,
And let us ^(E)exalt His name together.
- ⁴I ^(G)sought the LORD, and He answered me,
And ^(H)delivered me from all my fears.
- ⁵They ^(I)looked to Him and felt radiant,
And their faces will ^(J)never suffer shame.
- ⁶This poor man cried, and ^(K)the LORD heard him
And saved him out of all his troubles.
- ⁷The ^(L)angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him,
And rescues them.
- ⁸O ^(M)taste and see that the LORD consists of good;
How the Lord blesses the man who takes refuge in Him!
- ⁹O fear the LORD, you ^(O)His saints;
For to those who fear Him do not want.
- ¹⁰The young lions do lack and suffer hunger;
But they who seek the LORD shall ^(Q)not lack any good thing.
- ¹¹^(R)Come, you children, listen to me;
^(S)I will teach you ^(T)the fear of the LORD.
- ¹²^(U)Who desires life
And loves length of days that he may ^(V)see good?
- ¹³Keep ^(W)your tongue from evil
And your lips from speaking ^(X)deceit.
- ¹⁴^(Y)Depart from evil and do good;
Seek peace and ^(Z)pursue it.
- ¹⁵The ^(AA)eyes of the LORD look toward the righteous
And His ears open to their cry.
- ¹⁶The ^(AB)face of the LORD gazes against evildoers,
To ^(AC)cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- ¹⁷The righteous ^(AD)cry, and the LORD hears
And delivers them out of all their troubles.

- 18 The LORD draws near to the ^(AF)brokenhearted
And saves those who feel ^[a]^(AG)crushed in spirit.
- 19 The righteous have many ^(AI)afflictions ,
But the LORD ^(AJ)delivers him out of them all.
- 20 He keeps all his bones,
^(AK)Not one of them breaks.
- 21 ^(AL)Evil shall slay the wicked,
And those who hate the righteous will suffer condemnation.
- 22 The LORD ^(AM)redeems the soul of His servants,
And none of those who ^(AN)take refuge in Him fear condemnation.

Psalm 35

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Rescue from Enemies.

A Psalm of David.

- 1 Contend, O LORD, with those who ^(A)contend with me;
Fight against those who ^(B)fight against me.
- 2 Take hold of ^[a]^(C)buckler and shield
And rise up for ^(D)my help.
- 3 Draw also the spear and the battle-axe to meet those who pursue me;
Say to my soul, "I will provide^(E)your salvation."
- 4 Let those have shame and dishonor who seek my life;
Turn those back and humiliate those who devise evil against me.
- 5 Let them resemble ^(H)like chaff before the wind,
With the angel of the LORD driving them on.
- 6 Let their way darken and become ^(I)slippery,
With the angel of the LORD pursuing them.
- 7 For ^(J)without cause they ^(K)hid their net for me;
Without cause they dug a pit for my soul.
- 8 Let ^(L)destruction come upon him unawares,
And ^(M)let the net which he hid catch himself;
Into that very ^(N)destruction let him fall.
- 9 And my soul shall ^(O)rejoice in the LORD;
It shall ^(P)exult in His salvation.

¹⁰All my ^(Q)bones will say, "LORD, ^(R)who equals You,
Who delivers the afflicted from him who overwhelms for him,
And ^(I)the afflicted and the needy from him who robs him?"

¹¹^(U)Malicious witnesses rise up;
They ask me of things that I do not know.

¹²They ^(V)repay me evil for good,
To the bereavement of my soul.

¹³But as for me, ^(W)when they succumbed to sickness, I donned sackcloth
as my clothing;
I ^(Y)humbled my soul with fasting,
And my ^(Z)prayer kept returning to my bosom.

¹⁴I went about regarding it as my friend or brother;
I ^(AA)bowed down mourning, as one who sorrows for a mother.

¹⁵But ^(AB)at my ^[b]stumbling they rejoiced and gathered themselves
together;
The ^(AC)smiters whom I did not know gathered together against me,
They ^(AD)slandered me without ceasing.

¹⁶Like godless jesters at a feast,
They ^(AE)gnashed at me with their teeth.

¹⁷Lord, ^(AF)how long will You look on?
Rescue my soul ^(AG)from their ravages,
My ^(AH)only life from the lions.

¹⁸I will ^(AI)give You thanks in the great congregation;
I will ^(AJ)praise You among a mighty throng.

¹⁹^(AK)Do not let those who wrongly hate me rejoice over me;
Nor let those ^(AM)who hate me without cause ^(AN)wink maliciously.

²⁰For they do not speak peace,
But they devise ^(AO)deceitful words against those who dwell quietly in
the land.

²¹They ^(AP)opened their mouth wide against me;
They said, "^(AQ)Aha, aha, our eyes have seen it!"

²²^(AR)You have seen it, O LORD, ^(AS)do not keep silent;
O Lord, ^(AT)do not stay far from me.

²³^(AU)Stir up Yourself, and awake to my right
And to my cause, my God and my Lord.

²⁴^(AV)Judge me, O LORD my God, according to Your righteousness,
And ^(AW)do not let them rejoice over me.

²⁵Do not let them say in their heart, "^(AX)Aha, our desire!"

Do not let them say, "We have ^(AY)swallowed him up!"

²⁶Let ^(AZ)those suffer shame and humiliation altogether who rejoice at my distress;

Clothe those with shame and dishonor who ^(BB)magnify themselves over me.

²⁷Let them ^(BC)shout for joy and rejoice, who favor ^(BD)my vindication;

And ^(BE)let them say continually, "Magnify the LORD,

Who ^(BF)delights in the prosperity of His servant."

²⁸And ^(BG)my tongue shall declare Your righteousness

And Your praise all day long.

Psalm 36

NASB E-Prime DFM

Wickedness of Men and Lovingkindness of God.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD.

¹Transgression speaks to the ungodly within his heart;

He has ^(A)no fear of God before his eyes.

²For it ^(B)flatters him in his own eyes

Concerning the discovery of his iniquity and the hatred of it.

³The ^(C)words of his mouth flow only wickedness and deceit;

He has ^(D)ceased to act wisely and to do good.

⁴He ^(E)plans wickedness upon his bed;

He sets himself on a ^(F)path that does not bode well;

He ^(G)does not despise evil.

⁵Your ^(H)lovingkindness, O LORD, extends to the heavens,

Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

⁶Your ^(I)righteousness resembles the mountains of God;

Your ^(J)judgments resemble a great deep

O LORD, You ^(K)preserve man and beast.

⁷How ^(L)precious do we regard Your lovingkindness, O God!

And the children of men ^(M)take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

⁸They ^(N)drink their fill of the abundance of Your house;

And You give them to drink of the ^(O)river of Your delights.

⁹For with You resides the ^(P)fountain of life;
In Your light we see light.
¹⁰O continue Your lovingkindness to ^(Q)those who know You,
And Your ^(R)righteousness to the upright in heart.
¹¹Let not the foot of pride come upon me,
And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.
¹²There the doers of iniquity have fallen;
Their adversaries have thrust them down and they^(S)cannot rise.

Psalm 37

NASB E-Prime DFM

Security of Those Who Trust in the LORD, and Insecurity of the Wicked.

A Psalm of David.

^{1(A)}Do not fret because of evildoers,
Don't envy wrongdoers.
²For they will ^(C)wither quickly like the grass
And ^(D)fade like the green herb.
^{3(E)}Trust in the LORD and do good;
^(E)Dwell in the land and ^{[a](G)}cultivate faithfulness.
^{4(H)}Delight yourself in the LORD;
And He will ^(I)give you the desires of your heart.
^{5(J)}Commit your way to the LORD,
Trust also in Him, and He will do it.
⁶He will bring forth ^(K)your righteousness as the light
And your judgment ^(L)as the noonday.
^{7[b]}Rest in the LORD and ^(M)wait ^[c]patiently for Him;
^(N)Do not fret because of him who ^(O)prosperes in his way,
Because of the man who carries out wicked schemes.
⁸Cease from anger and ^(P)forsake wrath;
Do not fret; it leads only to evildoing.
⁹For the Lord will cut off^(Q)evildoers ,
But those who wait for the LORD, they will ^(R)inherit the land.
¹⁰Yet ^(S)a little while and the wicked man will exist no more;

And you will look carefully for ^(I)his place and you will not find him there.

¹¹But ^(U)the humble will inherit the land
And will delight themselves in ^(V)abundant prosperity.

¹²The wicked ^(W)plots against the righteous
And ^(X)gnashes at him with his teeth.

¹³The Lord ^(Y)laughs at him,
For He sees ^(Z)his day coming.

¹⁴The wicked have drawn the sword and ^(AA)bent their bow
To cast down the ^(AB)afflicted and the needy,
To ^(AC)slay those who behave uprightly in conduct.

¹⁵Their sword will enter their own heart,
And their ^(AD)bows will break.

¹⁶^(AE)Better to have little and maintain righteousness
Than the abundance of many wicked.

¹⁷For the Lord will break the ^(AF)arms of the wicked ,
But the LORD ^(AG)sustains the righteous.

¹⁸The LORD ^(AH)knows the days of the blameless,
And their ^(AI)inheritance will last forever.

¹⁹They will suffer shame in the time of evil,
And ^(AJ)in the days of famine they will have abundance.

²⁰But the ^(AK)wicked will perish;
And the enemies of the LORD will resemble the ^[d]glory of the
pastures,

They vanish--^(AL)like smoke they vanish away.

²¹The wicked borrows and does not pay back,
But the righteous graciously gives.

²²For ^(AN)those blessed by Him will ^(AO)inherit the land,
But God will curse those whom He has cut off.

²³^(AQ)The Lord establishes the steps of a man ,
And He ^(AR)delights in his way.

²⁴When ^(AS)he falls, he will not hurl headlong,
Because ^(AT)the LORD holds his hand.

²⁵I have lived as a young person and now I have grown old,
Yet ^(AU)I have not seen the righteous forsaken
Or ^(AV)his descendants begging bread.

²⁶All day long ^(AW)he graciously lends,
And ^(AX)his descendants have become a blessing to him.

²⁷(AY) Depart from evil and do good,
So you will abide (AZ) forever.

²⁸For the LORD (BA) loves justice
And (BB) does not forsake His godly ones;
He preserves them forever,
But the Lord will cut the (BD) descendants of the wicked off.

²⁹The righteous will (BE) inherit the land
And (BF) dwell in it forever.

³⁰The mouth of the righteous (BG) utters wisdom,
And his tongue (BH) speaks justice.

³¹The (BI) law of his God permeates his heart;
His (BJ) steps do not slip.

³²The (BK) wicked spies upon the righteous
And (BL) seeks to kill him.

³³The LORD will (BM) not leave him in his hand
Or (BN) let him suffer condemnation when they judge him.

³⁴(BO) Wait for the LORD and keep His way,
And He will exalt you to inherit the land;
When God cuts the wicked off, you will see it.

³⁵I have (BQ) seen a wicked, violent man

Psalm 38

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer of a Suffering Penitent.

A Psalm of David, for a memorial.

¹O LORD, (A) rebuke me not in Your wrath,
And chasten me not in Your burning anger.

²For Your (B) arrows have sunk deep into me,
And (C) Your hand has pressed down on me.

³I can find (D) no soundness in my flesh (E) because of Your indignation;
I can find no health (F) in my bones because of my sin.

⁴For my ^(G)iniquities have gone over my head;
As a heavy burden they weigh too much for me.

⁵My wounds grow foul and fester
Because of ^(H)my folly.

⁶I bend over and ^(I)greatly bowed down;
I ^(J)go mourning all day long.

⁷For my loins fill with ^(K)burning,
And I find ^(L)no soundness in my flesh.

⁸I feel ^(M)benumbed and badly crushed;
I ^(N)groan because of the agitation of my heart.

⁹Lord, all ^(O)my desire I bring before You;
And my ^(P)sighing I do not hide from You.

¹⁰My heart throbs, ^(Q)my strength fails me;
And the ^(R)light of my eyes, even that has gone from me.

¹¹My ^(S)loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague;
And my kinsmen ^(T)stand afar off.

¹²Those who ^(U)seek my life ^(V)lay snares for me;
And those who ^(W)seek to injure me have threatened destruction,
And they ^(X)devise treachery all day long.

¹³But I, like a deaf man, do not hear;
And I resemble a ^(Y)mute man who does not open his mouth.

¹⁴Yes, I resemble a man who does not hear,
And in whose mouth proceed no arguments.

¹⁵For ^(Z)I hope in You, O LORD;
You ^(AA)will answer, O Lord my God.

¹⁶For I said, "May they not rejoice over me,
Who, when my foot slips, ^(AB)would magnify themselves against me."

¹⁷For I felt ^(AC)ready to fall,
And ^(AD)my ^[a]sorrow continually goes before me.

¹⁸For I ^(AE)confess my iniquity;
I feel anxious because of my sin.

¹⁹But my ^(AG)enemies remain vigorous and ^[b]strong,
And many I can see who ^(AH)hate me wrongfully.

²⁰And those who ^(AI)repay evil for good,
They ^(AJ)oppose me, because I follow good things.

²¹Do not forsake me, O LORD;
O my God, ^(AK)do not remain far from me!

²²Make ^(AL)haste to help me,
O Lord, ^(AM)my salvation!

Psalm 39

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Vanity of Life.

For the choir director, for Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

- ¹I said, "I will (A) guard my ways
That I (B) may not sin with my tongue;
I will guard (C) my mouth as with a muzzle
While the wicked remain in my presence."
- ²I felt (D) mute and silent,
I [a] refrained even from good,
And my [b] sorrow grew worse.
- ³My (E) heart felt hot within me,
While I mused the fire burned;
Then I spoke with my tongue:
- ⁴"LORD, make me to know (E) my end
And what will constitute the extent of my days;
Let me know the extent of my transience.
- ⁵"Behold, You have made (H) my days as handbreadths,
And my (I) lifetime as nothing in Your sight;
Surely every man at his best resembles a mere (J) breath. Selah.
- ⁶"Surely every man (K) walks about as [c] a phantom;
Surely they make an (L) uproar for nothing;
He (M) amasses riches and does not know who will gather them.
- ⁷"And now, Lord, for what do I wait?
I hope in You.
- ⁸"(O) Deliver me from all my transgressions;
Make me not the (P) reproach of the foolish.
- ⁹"I have become (Q) mute, I do not open my mouth,
Because You caused it to happen.
- ¹⁰"(S) Remove Your plague from me;
Because of (T) the opposition of Your hand I perish.
- ¹¹"With (U) reproofs You chasten a man for iniquity;
You (V) consume as a moth what he considers precious ;
Surely (W) every man resembles a mere breath. Selah.

¹²(X) Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;
Do not remain silent ^(Y)at my tears;
For You treat me as ^(Z)a stranger ,
A ^(AA)sojourner like all my fathers.
¹³(AB) Turn Your gaze away from me, that I may ^[d]smile again
Before I depart and exist no more."

Psalm 40

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God Sustains His Servant.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹I ^(A)waited ^[a]patiently for the LORD;
And He inclined to me and ^(B)heard my cry.
²He brought me up out of the ^(C)pit of destruction, out of the miry clay,
And ^(D)He set my feet upon a rock ^(E)making my footsteps firm.
³He put a ^(E)new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
Many will ^(G)see and fear
And will trust in the LORD.
⁴How the LORD blesses the man who has made the HIM his trust,
And ^(I)has not turned to the proud, nor to those who ^(J)lapse into
falsehood.
⁵Many, O LORD my God, constitute ^(K)the wonders which You have done,
And Your ^(L)thoughts toward us;
None compares with You
If I would declare and speak of them,
I would find them too numerous to count.
⁶(N) Sacrifice and meal offering You have not desired;
My ears You have ^[b]opened;
Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.
⁷Then I said, "Behold, I come;
In the scroll of the book You have written of me.

⁸(O) I delight to do Your will, O my God;

(P) Your Law has penetrated deeply within my heart."

⁹I have (Q) proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great congregation;

Behold, I will (R) not restrain my lips,

O LORD, (S) You know.

¹⁰I have (T) not hidden Your righteousness within my heart;

I have (U) spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation;

I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth from the great congregation.

¹¹You, O LORD, will not withhold Your compassion from me;

Your (V) lovingkindness and Your truth will continually preserve me.

¹²For evils beyond number have (W) surrounded me;

My (X) iniquities have overtaken me, so that I cannot see;

They have grown (Y) more numerous than the hairs of my head,

And my (Z) heart has failed me.

Please O LORD, deliver me;

Make (AB) haste, O LORD, to help me.

¹⁴Let those fall into shame and humility together

Who (AD) seek my [c] life to destroy it;

Let those turn back and receive dishonor

Who delight [d] in my hurt.

¹⁵Let those feel appalled because of their shame

Who (AF) say to me, "Aha, aha!"

¹⁶(AG) Let all who seek You rejoice and have gladness in You;

Let those who love Your salvation (AH) say continually,

" We magnify the LORD !"

¹⁷Since (AI) I feel afflicted and needy,

(AJ) Let the Lord have concern for me.

You provide my help and my deliverance;

Do not delay, O my God.

Psalm 41

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Psalmist in Sickness Complains of Enemies and False Friends.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- ¹How the LORD blesses those who consider the helpless;
The LORD will deliver him ^(B)in a day of trouble.
- ²The LORD will ^(C)protect him and keep him alive,
And people will call him ^(D)blessed upon the earth;
And ^(E)do not give him over to the desire of his enemies.
- ³The LORD will sustain him upon his sickbed;
In his illness, You ^[a]restore him to health.
- ⁴As for me, I said, "O LORD, show graciousness to me;
^(E)Heal my soul, for ^(G)I have sinned against You."
- ⁵My enemies ^(H)speak evil against me,
"When will he die, and his name perish?"
- ⁶And when he comes to see me, he ^(I)speaks falsehood;
His heart gathers wickedness to itself;
When he goes outside, he tells it.
- ⁷All who hate me whisper together against me;
Against me they ^(J)devise my hurt, saying,
- ⁸"A wicked thing pours out upon him,
That when he lies down, he will ^(K)not rise up again."
- ⁹Even my ^(L)close friend in whom I trusted,
Who ate my bread,
Has lifted up his heel against me.
- ¹⁰But You, O LORD, show graciousness to me and ^(M)raise me up,
That I may repay them.
- ¹¹By this I know that ^(N)You have pleasure with me,
Because ^(O)my enemy does not shout in triumph over me.
- ¹²As for me, ^(P)You uphold me in my integrity,
And You set me ^(Q)in Your presence forever.
- ¹³We bless the LORD, the God of Israel,
From everlasting to everlasting.
Amen and Amen.

Psalm 42

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Thirsting for God in Trouble and Exile.

For the choir director. A Maskil of the sons of Korah.

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- ¹As the deer [^a] pants for the water brooks,
So my soul (^A) pants for You, O God.
- ²My soul (^B) thirsts for God, for the (^C) living God;
When shall I come and (^D) appear before God?
- ³My (^E) tears I have swallowed as my food day and night,
While they (^F) say to me all day long, "Where has your God gone off to?"
- ⁴These things I remember and I (^G) pour out my soul within me
For I (^H) used to go along with the throng and lead them in procession
to the house of God,
With the voice of (^I) joy and thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.
- ⁵(^J) Why do you despair, O my soul?
And why have you become (^L) disturbed within me?
(^M) Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him
For the (^N) help of His presence.
- ⁶O my God, my soul despairs within me;
Therefore I (^O) remember You from (^P) the land of the Jordan
And the peaks of (^Q) Hermon, from Mount Mizar.
- ⁷Deep calls to deep at the sound of Your waterfalls;
All Your (^R) breakers and Your waves have rolled over me.
- ⁸The LORD will (^S) command His lovingkindness in the daytime;
And His song will remain with me (^T) in the night,
A prayer to (^U) the God of my life.
- ⁹I will say to God (^V) my rock, "Why have You forgotten me?
Why do I go (^W) mourning because of the (^X) oppression of the enemy?"
- ¹⁰As a shattering of my bones, my adversaries revile me,
While they (^Y) say to me all day long, "Where has your God gone off to?"

¹¹(Z) Why do you despair, O my soul?
And why have you become disturbed within me?
Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him,
The help of my countenance and my God.

Psalm 43

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Deliverance.

¹(A) Vindicate me, O God, and (B) plead my case against an ungodly nation;
O deliver me from (C) the deceitful and unjust man!
²For You provide my strength; why have You (E) rejected me?
Why do I go (F) mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
³O send out Your (G) light and Your truth, let them lead me;
Let them bring me to Your (H) holy hill
And to Your (I) dwelling places.
⁴Then I will go to (J) the altar of God,
To God my exceeding (K) joy;
And upon the (L) lyre I shall praise You, O God, my God.
⁵(M) Why do you despair, O my soul?
And why do you feel disturbed within me?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him,
The help of my countenance and my God.

Psalm 44

NASB E-Prime DFM

Former Deliverances and Present Troubles.

For the choir director. A Maskil of the sons of Korah.

- ¹O God, we have heard with our ears,
Our ^(A)fathers have told us
The ^(B)work that You did in their days,
In the ^(C)days of old.
- ²You with Your own hand ^(D)drove out the nations;
Then You ^(E)planted them;
You ^(F)afflicted the peoples,
Then You ^(G)spread them abroad.
- ³For by their own sword they ^(H)did not possess the land,
And their own arm did not save them,
But Your right hand and Your ^(I)arm and the ^(J)light of Your presence,
For You ^(K)favor them.
- ⁴I regard you as ^(L)my King, O God;
^(M)Command victories for Jacob.
- ⁵Through You we will ^(N)push back our adversaries;
Through Your name we will ^(O)trample down those who rise up against
us.
- ⁶For I will ^(P)not trust in my bow,
Nor will my sword save me.
- ⁷But You ^(Q)have saved us from our adversaries,
And You have ^(R)put to shame those who hate us.
- ⁸In God we have ^(S)boasted all day long,
And we will ^(T)give thanks to Your name forever. Selah.
- ⁹Yet You ^(U)have rejected us and brought us to ^(V)dishonor,
And ^(W)do not go out with our armies.
- ¹⁰You cause us to ^(X)turn back from the adversary;
And those who hate us ^(Y)have taken spoil for themselves.
- ¹¹You give us as ^(Z)sheep for them to eat
And have ^(AA)scattered us among the nations.
- ¹²You ^(AB)sell Your people cheaply,

And have not ^[a]profited by their sale.
13 You make us a ^(AC)reproach to our neighbors,
A scoffing and a ^(AD)derision to those around us.
14 You make us ^(AE)a byword among the nations,
A ^(AF)laughingstock among the peoples.
15 All day long my dishonor remains before me
And my ^(AG)humiliation has overwhelmed me,
16 Because of the voice of him who ^(AH)reproaches and reviles,
Because of the presence of the ^(AI)enemy and the avenger.
17 All this has come upon us, but we have ^(AJ)not forgotten You,
And we have not ^(AK)dealt falsely with Your covenant.
18 Our heart has not ^(AL)turned back,
And our steps ^(AM)have not deviated from Your way,
19 Yet You have ^(AN)crushed us in a place of ^(AO)jackals
And covered us with ^(AP)the shadow of death.
20 If we had ^(AQ)forgotten the name of our God
Or extended our hands to ^(AR)a strange god,
21 Would not God ^(AS)find this out?
For He knows the secrets of the heart.
22 But ^(AT)for Your sake people have killed us all day long;
We are considered as ^(AU)sheep destined for slaughter.
23 ^(AV)Arouse Yourself, why ^(AW)do You sleep, O Lord?
Awake, ^(AX)do not reject us forever.
24 Why do You ^(AY)hide Your face
And ^(AZ)forget our affliction and our oppression?
25 For our ^(BA)soul has sunk down into the dust;
Our body cleaves to the earth.
26 ^(BB)Rise up, please help us,
And ^(BC)redeem us for the sake of Your lovingkindness.

Psalm 45

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Song Celebrating the King's Marriage.

For the choir director; according to the Shoshannim ^[a]. A Maskil of the sons of Korah. A Song of Love.

- ¹My heart ^[b]overflows with a good theme;
I address my verses to the King;
My tongue resembles the pen of ^(A)a ready writer.
- ²You seem fairer than the sons of men;
^(B)Grace pours upon Your lips;
Therefore God has ^(C)blessed You forever.
- ³Gird ^(D)Your sword on Your thigh, O ^(E)Mighty One,
In Your splendor and Your majesty!
- ⁴And in Your majesty ride on victoriously,
For the cause of truth and ^(E)meekness and righteousness;
Let Your ^(G)right hand teach You awesome things.
- ⁵Your sharp^(H) arrows penetrate deeply;
The ^(I)peoples fall under You;
Your arrows find their way to the heart of the King's enemies.
- ^{6(K)}Your throne, O God, lasts forever and ever;
A scepter of ^(L)uprightness serves the scepter of Your kingdom.
- ⁷You have ^(M)loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
Therefore God, Your God, has ^(N)anointed You
With the oil of joy above Your fellows.
- ⁸All Your garments smell fragrant with ^(O)myrrh and aloes and cassia;
Out of ivory palaces ^(P)stringed instruments have made You glad.
- ⁹Kings' daughters dwell among ^(Q)Your noble ladies;
At Your ^(R)right hand stands the queen in ^(S)gold from Ophir.
- ¹⁰Listen, O daughter, give attention and incline your ear:
^(T)Forget your people and your father's house;
- ¹¹Then the King will desire your beauty.
Because you acknowledge Him as your ^(U)Lord, ^(V)bow down to Him.
- ¹²The daughter of ^(W)Tyre will come with a gift;
The ^(X)rich among the people will seek your favor.

- ¹³The King's daughter radiates glory from within;
Her seamstresses have interwoven her clothing with gold.
- ¹⁴She will appear before the King ^(AA)in embroidered work;
The ^(AB)virgins, her companions who follow her,
Will also appear before You.
- ¹⁵They will follow with gladness and rejoicing;
They will enter into the King's palace.
- ¹⁶In place of your fathers will dwell your sons;
You shall make them princes in all the earth.
- ¹⁷I will cause ^(AC)Your name to have remembrance in all generations;
Therefore the peoples ^(AD)will give You thanks forever and ever.

Psalm 46

NASB E-Prime DFM

God the Refuge of His People.

For the choir director. A Psalm of the sons of Korah, set to Alamoth ^[a]. A Song.

- ¹We regard God as our ^(A)refuge and strength,
^[b]A very ^(B)present help ^(C)in trouble.
- ²Therefore we will ^(D)not fear, though ^(E)the earth should change
And though ^(E)the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;
- ³Though its ^(G)waters roar and foam,
Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. Selah.
- ⁴A river exists whose streams make glad the ^(I)city of God,
The holy ^(J)dwelling places of the Most High.
- ⁵God dwells ^(K)in the midst of her, she will not move;
God will ^(L)help her when morning dawns.
- ⁶The nations ^(M)made an uproar, the kingdoms tottered;
He ^(N)raised His voice, the earth ^(O)melted.
- ⁷The LORD of hosts dwells with us;
The God of Jacob we regard as ^(Q)our stronghold. Selah.
- ⁸Come, ^(R)behold the works of the LORD,
Who has wrought ^(S)desolations in the earth.
- ⁹He ^(I)makes wars to cease to the end of the earth;

He (U)breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two;

He (V)burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰"Cease striving and (W)know that I exist as your God;
You will (X)exalt Me among the nations, You will exalt me in the
earth."

¹¹The LORD of hosts dwells with us;

We regard the God of Jacob as our stronghold. Selah.

Psalm 47

NASB E-Prime DFM

God the King of the Earth.

For the choir director. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

¹O (A)clap your hands, all peoples;

(B)Shout to God with the voice of joy.

²For we respect and fear the LORD Most High,

A (D)great King over all the earth.

³He (E)subdues peoples under us

And nations under our feet.

⁴He chooses our (E)inheritance for us,

The (G)glory of Jacob whom He loves. Selah.

⁵God has (H)ascended with a shout,

The LORD, with the (I)sound of a trumpet.

⁶(J)Sing praises to God, sing praises;

Sing praises to (K)our King, sing praises.

⁷For we acknowledge God as the (L)King of all the earth;

Sing praises (M)with a skillful psalm.

⁸God (N)reigns over the nations,

God sits on (O)His holy throne.

⁹The (P)princes of the people have assembled themselves as the (Q)people
of the God of Abraham,

For the (R)shields of the earth belong to God;

We highly exalt Him.

Psalm 48

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Beauty and Glory of Zion.

A Song; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- ¹(A) Great do we consider the LORD, and greatly do we praise Him,
In the (B) city of our God, His (C) holy mountain.
- ²(D) Beautiful in elevation, (E) the joy of the whole earth,
characterizes Mount Zion in the far north,
The (E) city of the great King.
- ³ God, in her palaces,
Has made Himself known as a (G) stronghold.
- ⁴ For, lo, the (H) kings assembled themselves,
They passed by together.
- ⁵ They saw it, then they felt amazement;
They felt (I) terrified, they fled in alarm.
- ⁶ Panic seized them there,
Anguish, as of (J) a woman in childbirth.
- ⁷ With the (K) east wind
You (L) break the (M) ships of Tarshish.
- ⁸ As we have heard, so have we seen
In the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God;
God will (N) establish her forever. Selah.
- ⁹ We have thought on (O) Your lovingkindness, O God,
In the midst of Your temple.
- ¹⁰ As we regard Your (P) name, O God,
So do we praise YOU to the ends of the earth;
Your (R) right hand has an abundance of righteousness.
- ¹¹ Let Mount (S) Zion have gladness,
Let the (T) daughters of Judah rejoice
Because of Your judgments.
- ¹² Walk about Zion and go around her;
Count her (U) towers;
- ¹³ Consider her (V) ramparts;
Go through her palaces,
That you may (W) tell it to the next generation.
- ¹⁴ For such do we regard God,
Our God forever and ever;
He will (X) guide us [a] until death.

Psalm 49

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Folly of Trusting in Riches.

For the choir director. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- ¹(A) Hear this, all peoples;
Give ear, all (B) inhabitants of the world,
²Both (C) low and high,
Rich and poor together.
³My mouth will (D) speak wisdom,
And the meditation of my heart will demonstrate (E) understanding.
⁴I will incline my ear to (F) a proverb;
(G) I will express my (H) riddle on the harp.
⁵Why should I (I) fear in days of adversity,
When the iniquity of my foes surrounds me,
⁶Even those who (J) trust in their wealth
And boast in the abundance of their riches?
⁷No man can by any means (K) redeem his brother
Or give to God a (L) ransom for him--
⁸For (M) the redemption of his soul has great cost,
And he should cease trying forever--
⁹That he should (N) live on eternally,
That he should not [a](O) undergo decay.
¹⁰For he sees that even (P) wise men die;
The (Q) stupid and the senseless alike perish
And (R) leave their wealth to others.
¹¹Their [b](S) inner thought consists of the vain hope that their houses will
exist forever
And their dwelling places to all generations;
They have (U) called their lands after their own names.
¹²But (V) man in his pomp will not endure;
He resembles the beasts that perish.
¹³This characterizes the (W) way of those who act foolishly,
And of those after them who (X) approve their words. Selah.
¹⁴As sheep they have an appointment for Sheol;
Death shall serve as their shepherd;
And the (Z) upright shall rule over them in the morning,
And their form shall deteriorate for Sheol (AA) to consume
So that they have no habitation.

- ¹⁵But God will ^(AB)redeem my soul from the power of Sheol,
For ^(AC)He will receive me. Selah.
- ¹⁶Do not have fear ^(AD)when a man becomes rich,
When the ^[c]glory of his house increases;
- ¹⁷For when he dies he will ^(AE)carry nothing away;
His ^[d]glory will not descend after him.
- ¹⁸Though while he lives he ^(AF)congratulates himself--
And though men praise you when you do well for yourself--
- ¹⁹He shall ^(AG)go to the generation of his fathers;
They will never see ^(AH)the light.
- ²⁰^(AI)Man in his pomp, yet without understanding,
resemble the beasts that perish.

Psalm 50

NASB E-Prime DFM

God the Judge of the Righteous and the Wicked.

A Psalm of Asaph.

- ¹^(A)The Mighty One, God, the LORD, has spoken,
And summoned the earth ^(B)from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- ²Out of Zion, ^(C)the perfection of beauty,
God ^(D)has shone forth.
- ³May our God ^(E)come and not keep silence;
^(E)Fire devours before Him,
And it looks very ^(G)tempestuous around Him.
- ⁴He ^(H)summons the heavens above,
And the earth, to judge His people:
- ⁵"Gather My ^(I)godly ones to Me,
Those who have made a ^(J)covenant with Me by ^(K)sacrifice."
- ⁶And the ^(L)heavens declare His righteousness,
For ^(M)God Himself judges. Selah.
- ⁷^(N)Hear, O My people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify against you;
I exist as God, ^(O)your God.
- ⁸"I do ^(P)not reprove you for your sacrifices,

And your burnt offerings you continually place before Me.
9" I shall take no ^(Q)young bull out of your house
Nor male goats out of your folds.
10" For ^(R)every beast of the forest belongs to Me,
The cattle on a thousand hills.
11" I know every ^(S)bird of the mountains,
And everything that moves in the field belongs to Me.
12" If I hungered I would not tell you,
For the ^(T)world belongs to Me, and all it contains.
13" Shall I eat the flesh of ^(U)bulls
Or drink the blood of male goats?
14" Offer to God ^(V)a sacrifice of thanksgiving
And ^(W)pay your vows to the Most High;
15^(X) Call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I shall ^(Y)rescue you, and you will ^(Z)honor Me."
16 But to the wicked God says,
"What right have you to tell of My statutes
And to take ^(AA)My covenant in your mouth?
17" For you ^(AB)hate discipline,
And you ^(AC)cast My words behind you.
18" When you see a thief, you enjoy serving as his companion ,
And you ^(AE)associate with adulterers.
19" You ^(AF)let your mouth loose in evil
And your ^(AG)tongue frames deceit.
20" You sit and ^(AH)speak against your brother;
You slander your own mother's son.
21" These things you have done and ^(AI)I kept silence;
You thought that I acted just like you;
I will ^(AJ)reprove you and state the case in order before your eyes.
22" Now consider this, you who ^(AK)forget God,
Or I will ^(AL)tear you in pieces, and no one will deliver you.
23" He who ^(AM)offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me;
And to him who ^(AN)orders his way aright
I shall ^(AO)show the salvation of God."

Psalm 51

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Contrite Sinner's Prayer for Pardon.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

- ^{1(A)} Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness;
According to the greatness of ^(B)Your compassion ^(C)blot out my
transgressions.
- ^{2(D)} Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity
And ^(E)cleanse me from my sin.
- ³For I ^(F)know my transgressions,
And my sin lies ever before me.
- ^{4(G)} Against You, You only, I have sinned
And done ^(H)evil in Your sight,
So that ^(I)You speak justly and blameless when You judge.
- ⁵Behold, I originated in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.
- ⁶Behold, You desire ^(K)truth in the innermost being,
And in the hidden part You will ^(L)make me know wisdom.
- ⁷Purify me ^(M)with hyssop, and I shall become clean;
Wash me, and I shall look whiter than snow.
- ⁸Make me to hear ^(O)joy and gladness,
Let the ^(P)bones which You have broken rejoice.
- ^{9(Q)} Hide Your face from my sins
And blot out all my iniquities.
- ^{10(R)} Create in me a ^(S)clean heart, O God,
And renew a ^(T)steadfast spirit within me.
- ^{11(U)} Do not cast me away from Your presence
And do not take Your ^(V)Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹²Restore to me the ^(W)joy of Your salvation
And sustain me with a ^(X)willing spirit.
- ¹³Then I will ^(Y)teach transgressors Your ways,
And sinners will receive Your conversion.
- ¹⁴Deliver me from ^(AA)bloodguiltiness, O God, ^(AB)the God of my salvation;

Then my ^(AC)tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness.
15 O Lord, ^(AD)open my lips,
That my mouth may ^(AE)declare Your praise.
16 For You ^(AF)do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it;
You have no pleasure in burnt offering.
17 We sacrifice to God a ^(AG)broken spirit;
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.
18 ^(AH)By Your favor do good to Zion;
^(AI)Build the walls of Jerusalem.
19 Then You will delight in ^(AJ)righteous sacrifices,
In ^(AK)burnt offering and whole burnt offering;
Then we will offer young bulls on Your altar.

Psalm 52

NASB E-Prime DFM

Futility of Boastful Wickedness.

For the choir director. A Maskil of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul and said to him, "David has come to the house of Ahimelech."

1 Why do you ^(A)boast in evil, O mighty man?
The ^(B)lovingkindness of God endures all day long.
2 Your tongue devises ^(C)destruction,
Like a ^(D)sharp razor, ^(E)O worker of deceit.
3 You ^(E)love evil more than good,
^(G)Falsehood more than speaking right. Selah.
4 You love all words that devour,
O ^(H)deceitful tongue.
5 But God will break you down forever;
He will snatch you up and ^(I)tear you away from your tent,
And ^(J)uproot you from the ^(K)land of the living. Selah.
6 The righteous will ^(L)see and fear,
And will ^(M)laugh at him, saying,
7 "Behold, the man who would not make God his refuge,
But ^(N)trusted in the abundance of his riches

And felt strong in his evil desire."

⁸But as for me, I resemble a ^(P)green olive tree in the house of God;
I ^(Q)trust in the lovingkindness of God forever and ever.

⁹I will ^(R)give You thanks forever, because You have done it,
And I will wait on Your name, ^(S)for it proves good, in the presence of
Your godly ones.

Psalm 53

NASB E-Prime DFM

Folly and Wickedness of Men.

For the choir director; according to Mahalath^[a]. A Maskil of David.

^{1(A)}The fool has said in his heart, "No God exists,"
They have corrupted themselves, and have committed abominable
injustice;

No one does good.

²God has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men
To see if ^(C)anyone understands,
Who ^(D)seeks after God.

^{3(E)}Every one of them has turned aside; together they have become
corrupt;

No one who does good, not even one.

⁴Have the workers of wickedness ^(F)no knowledge,
Who eat up My people as though they ate bread
And have not called upon God?

⁵There they had great fear ^(G)where no fear had existed before;
For God ^(H)scattered the bones of him who encamped against you;
You ^(I)put them to shame, because ^(J)God had rejected them.

⁶Oh, that ^(K)the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!
When God restores His captive people,
Let Jacob rejoice, let Israel have gladness

Psalm 54

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Defense against Enemies.

For the choir director; on stringed instruments. A Maskil of David, when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, "Does not David hide himself among us?"

Save me, O God, by ^(A)Your name,
And ^[a]vindicate me by ^(B)Your power.
^{2(C)}Hear my prayer, O God;
^(D)Give ear to the words of my mouth.
³For strangers have ^(E)risen against me
And ^(F)violent men have ^(G)sought my life;
They have ^(H)not set God before them. Selah.
⁴Behold, ^(I)God helps me;
The Lord sustains my soul.
^{5[b]}He will ^(K)recompense the evil to my foes;
^(L)Destroy them ^(M)in Your faithfulness.
^{6(N)}Willingly I will sacrifice to You;
I will give ^(O)thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it seems good.
⁷For He has ^(P)delivered me from all trouble,
And my eye has ^(Q)looked with satisfaction upon my enemies.

Psalm 55

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for the Destruction of the Treacherous.

For the choir director; on stringed instruments. A Maskil of David.

^{1(A)}Give ear to my prayer, O God;
And ^(B)do not hide Yourself from my supplication.
²Give ^(C)heed to me and answer me;
I feel restless in my ^(D)complaint and have become distracted,

³Because of the voice of the enemy,
Because of the ^(E)pressure of the wicked;
For they ^(G)bring down trouble upon me
And in anger they ^(H)bear a grudge against me.

⁴My ^(I)heart has anguish within me,
And the terrors of ^(J)death have fallen upon me.

⁵Fear and ^(K)trembling come upon me,
And ^(L)horror has overwhelmed me.

⁶I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove!
I would fly away and rest.

⁷"Behold, I would wander far away,
I would ^(N)lodge in the wilderness. Selah.

⁸"I would hasten to my place of refuge
From the ^(O)stormy wind and tempest."

⁹Confuse, O Lord, ^(P)divide their tongues,
For I have seen ^(Q)violence and strife in the city.

¹⁰Day and night they go around her upon her walls,
And iniquity and mischief dwell in her midst.

¹¹^(R)Destruction dwells in her midst;
^(S)Oppression and deceit do not depart from her streets.

¹²For it didn't appear an enemy who reproaches me,
Then I could bear it;
Nor did it prove one who hates me who ^(U)has exalted himself against
me,
Then I could hide myself from him.

¹³But the threat came from you, a man my equal,
My ^(V)companion and my ^(W)familiar friend;

¹⁴We who had sweet ^(X)fellowship together
^(Y)Walked in the house of God in the throng.

¹⁵Let death come ^(Z)deceitfully upon them;
Let them ^(AA)go down alive to Sheol,
For they dwell in the midst of evil ,

¹⁶As for me, I shall ^(AB)call upon God,
And the LORD will save me.

¹⁷^(AC)Evening and ^(AD)morning and at ^(AE)noon, I will complain and murmur,
And He will hear my voice.

¹⁸He will ^(AF)redeem my soul in peace from the battle which rages against
me,

For many strive with me.

¹⁹God will ^(AG)hear and answer them--

Even the one ^(AH)who sits enthroned from of old-- Selah

With whom we see no change,

And who ^(AI)do not fear God.

²⁰He has put forth his hands against ^(AJ)those who dwelled at peace with him;

He has ^{[d](AK)}violated his covenant.

²¹His speech seemed ^(AL)smoother than butter,

But his heart radiated war;

His words seemed ^(AM)softer than oil,

Yet they resembled drawn ^(AN)swords.

²²^(AO)Cast your burden upon the LORD and He will sustain you;

^(AP)He will never allow the righteous to become disoriented.

²³But You, O God, will bring them down to the ^(AR)pit of destruction;

^(AS)Men of bloodshed and deceit will ^(AT)not live out half their days

But I will ^(AU)trust in You.

Psalm 56

NASB E-Prime DFM

Supplication for Deliverance and Grateful Trust in God.

For the choir director; according to Jonath elem rehokim. A Mikhtam of David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath.

¹Have mercy on me, O God, for man has ^(A)trampled upon me;

Fighting all day long he ^(B)oppresses me.

²My foes have ^(C)trampled upon me all day long,

For many ^(D)fight proudly against me.

³When I fear,

I will ^(E)put my trust in You.

⁴^(G)In God, whose word I praise,

In God I have put my trust;

I shall not have fear
 (H)What can mere man do to me?
 5All day long they (a)(I)distort my words;
 All their (J)thoughts rage against me for evil.
 6They (b)(K)attack, they lurk,
 They (L)watch my steps,
 As they have (M)waited to take my life.
 7Because of wickedness, (N)cast them forth,
 In anger (O)put down the peoples, O God!
 8You (P)have taken account of my wanderings;
 Put my (Q)tears in Your bottle
 Do they not exist in (R)Your book?
 9Then my enemies will (S)turn back (T)in the day when I call;
 This I know, (c)that (U)God supports me.
 10In God, whose word I praise,
 In the LORD, whose word I praise,
 11In God I have put my (d)trust, I shall have fear.
 What can man do to me?
 12 I consider my vows to You binding upon me, O God;
 I will render thank offerings to You.
 13For You have (W)delivered my soul from death,
 Indeed (X)my feet from stumbling,
 So that I may (Y)walk before God
 In the (Z)light of the living.

Psalm 57

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Rescue from Persecutors.

For the choir director; set to Al-tashheth^[a]. A Mikhtam of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.

1Show graciousness to me, O God, show graciousness to me,
 For my soul (A)takes refuge in You;
 And in the (B)shadow of Your wings I will take refuge

Until destruction ^(C)passes by.
2 I will cry to God Most High,
To God who ^(D)accomplishes all things for me.
3 He will ^(E)send from heaven and save me;
He reproaches him who ^(E)tramples upon me Selah
God will send forth His ^(G)lovingkindness and His truth.
4 My soul dwells among ^(H)lions;
I must lie among those who breathe forth fire,
Even the sons of men, whose ^(I)teeth resembles spears and arrows
And their ^(J)tongue a sharp sword.
5 ^(K) We exalt You above the heavens, O God;
Let Your glory disperse above all the earth.
6 They have ^(L)prepared a ^(L)net for my steps;
My soul bows down;
They ^(N)dug a pit before me;
They themselves have ^(O)fallen into the midst of it. Selah.
7 ^(P) My ^(Q)heart remains steadfast, O God, my heart remains steadfast;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!
8 Awake, ^(R)my glory!
Awake, ^(S)harp and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn.
9 ^(T) I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to You among the nations.
10 For Your ^(U)lovingkindness magnifies greatly to the heavens
And Your truth to the clouds.
11 ^(V) We exalt You above the heavens, O God;
Let Your glory radiate above all the earth.

Psalm 58

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for the Punishment of the Wicked.

For the choir director; set to Al-tashheth. A Mikhtam of David.

¹Do you indeed speak righteousness, O [a]gods?
Do you (A)judge [b]uprightly, O sons of men?
²No, in heart you (B)work unrighteousness;
On earth you (C)weigh out the violence of your hands.
³The wicked have become estranged (D)from the womb;
These who speak lies (E)go astray from birth.
⁴They have venom like the (F)venom of a serpent;
Like a deaf cobra that stops up its ear,
⁵So that it (G)does not hear the voice of (H)charmners,
Or a skillful caster of spells.
⁶O God, (I)shatter their teeth in their mouth;
Break out the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.
⁷Let them (J)flow away like water that runs off;
When he (K)aims his arrows, let them resemble headless shafts.
⁸Let them resemble a snail which melts away as it goes along,
Like the (L)miscarriages of a woman which never see the sun.
⁹Before your (M)pots can feel the fire of thorns
He will (N)sweep them away with a whirlwind, the green and the
burning alike.
¹⁰The (O)righteous will rejoice when he (P)sees the vengeance;
He will (Q)wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.
¹¹And men will say, "Surely a (R)reward for the righteous exists;
Surely God (S)judges on earth!"

Psalm 59

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies.

For the choir director; set to Al-tashheth. A Mikhtam of David, when Saul sent men and they watched the house in order to kill him.

¹(A)Deliver me from my enemies, O my God;
(B)Set me securely on high away from those who rise up against me.
²Deliver me from (C)those who do iniquity
And save me from (D)men of bloodshed.

³For behold, they ^(E)have set an ambush for my life;
Fierce men ^[a]^(E)launch an attack against me,
^(G)Not for my transgression nor for my sin, O LORD,
⁴^(H)For no guilt of mine, they run and set themselves against me
^(I)Arouse Yourself to help me, and see!
⁵You, ^(J)O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel,
Awake to ^(K)punish all the nations;
^(L)Do not show graciousness to any who show treachery in iniquity.

Selah.

⁶They ^(M)return at evening, they howl like a ^(N)dog,
And go around the city.
⁷Behold, they ^(O)belch forth with their mouth;
^(P)Swords reside in their lips,
For, they say, "^(Q)Who hears?"
⁸But You, O LORD, ^(R)laugh at them;
You ^(S)scoff at all the nations.
⁹Because of ^[b]his ^(T)strength I will watch for You,
For I regard God as my ^(U)stronghold.
¹⁰My God ^(V)in His lovingkindness will meet me;
God will let me ^(W)look triumphantly upon my foes.
¹¹Do not slay them, ^(X)or my people will forget;
^(Y)Scatter them by Your power, and bring them down,
O Lord, ^(Z)our shield.
¹²On account of the ^(AA)sin of their mouth and the words of their lips,
Let them even catch themselves in their pride,
And on account of ^(AC)curses and lies which they utter.
¹³^[c]^(AD)Destroy them in wrath, destroy them that they may exist no more;
That men may ^(AE)know that God rules in Jacob
To the ends of the earth. Selah.
¹⁴They ^(AF)return at evening, they howl like a dog,
And go around the city.
¹⁵They ^(AG)wander about ^[d]for food
And growl if they do not satisfy themselves.
¹⁶But as for me, I shall ^(AH)sing of Your strength;
Yes, I shall ^(AI)joyfully sing of Your lovingkindness in the ^(AJ)morning,
For I have regarded You as my ^(AK)stronghold
And a ^(AL)refuge in the day of my distress.
¹⁷^(AM)O my strength, I will sing praises to You;

For I regard God as my ^(AN)stronghold, the God who shows me lovingkindness.

Psalm 60

NASB E-Prime DFM

Lament over Defeat in Battle, and Prayer for Help.

For the choir director; according to Shushan^[a] Eduth. A Mikhtam of David, to teach; when he struggled with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and Joab returned, and smote twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

- ¹O God, ^(A)You have rejected us You have ^(B)broken us;
You have shone anger to us; O, ^(D)restore us.
- ²You have made the ^(E)land quake, You have split it open;
^(E)Heal its breaches, for it totters.
- ³You have ^(G)made Your people experience hardship;
You have given us wine to ^(H)drink that makes us stagger.
- ⁴You have given a ^(I)banner to those who fear You,
That it may diplay because of the truth. Selah.
- ⁵^(J)That Your ^(K)beloved may receive deliverance,
^(L)Save with Your right hand, and answer us!
- ⁶God has spoken in His ^[b]^(M)holiness:
"I will exult, I will portion out ^(N)Shechem and measure out the valley
of ^(O)Succoth.
- ⁷"^(P)Gilead belongs to Me, and Manasseh belongs to Me;
^(Q)Ephraim also I use as the helmet of My head;
Judah serves as My ^[c]^(R)scepter.
- ⁸"^(S)Moab serves as My washbowl;
Over ^(T)Edom I shall throw My shoe;
Shout loud, O ^(U)Philistia, because of Me!"
- ⁹Who will bring me into the besieged city?
Who will lead me to Edom?
- ¹⁰Have not You Yourself, O God, ^(V)rejected us?
And ^(W)will You not go forth with our armies, O God?

- ¹¹O give us help against the adversary,
For ^(X)deliverance by man seems vain.
- ¹²Through God we shall ^(Y)do valiantly,
And He will ^(Z)tread down our adversaries.

Psalm 61

NASB E-Prime DFM

Confidence in God's Protection.

For the choir director; on a stringed instrument. A Psalm of David.

- ¹^(A)Hear my cry, O God;
^(B)Give heed to my prayer.
- ²From the ^(C)end of the earth I call to You when my heart faints;
Lead me to ^(E)the rock that proves higher than I.
- ³For I regard you as a ^(E)refuge for me,
A ^(G)tower of strength against the enemy.
- ⁴Let me ^(H) dwell in Your tent forever;
Let me ^(I)take refuge in the shelter of Your wings. Selah.
- ⁵For You have heard my ^(J)vows, O God;
You have given me the inheritance of those who ^(K)fear Your name.
- ⁶You will ^(L)prolong the king's life;
His years will augment as many generations.
- ⁷He will abide ^(M)before God forever;
Appoint ^(N)lovingkindness and truth that they may preserve him.
- ⁸So I will ^(O)sing praise to Your name forever,
That I may ^(P)pay my vows day by day.

Psalm 62

NASB E-Prime DFM

God Alone a Refuge from Treachery and Oppression.

For the choir director; according to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

- ^{1(A)}My soul waits in silence for God only;
From Him comes my salvation.
- ^{2I}I regard Him only as my ^(C)rock and my salvation,
My ^(D)stronghold; I shall not become greatly shaken.
- ³How long will you assail a man,
That you may murder him, all of you,
Like a ^(E)leaning wall, like a tottering fence?
- ⁴They have counseled only to thrust him down from his high position;
They ^(E)delight in falsehood;
They ^(G)bless with their mouth,
But inwardly they curse. Selah.
- ⁵My soul, ^(H)wait in silence for God only,
For my hope comes from Him.
- ⁶I regard Him only as ^(I)my rock and my salvation,
My stronghold; I shall not become shaken.
- ⁷On God my ^(J)salvation and my glory rest;
The rock of my strength, my ^(K)refuge comes from God.
- ^{8(L)}Trust in Him at all times, O people;
^(M)Pour out your heart before Him;
God has become a refuge for us. Selah.
- ⁹Men of ^(N)low degree prove vain and men of rank prove a ^(P)lie;
In the ^(Q)scales they go up;
They prove together lighter than breath.
- ^{10(R)}Do not trust in oppression
And do not vainly hope in ^(S)robbery;
If riches increase, ^(T)do not set your heart upon them.
- ^{11[a]}Once God has ^(U)spoken;
^[b]Twice I have heard this:
That ^(V)power belongs to God;

¹²And lovingkindness belong to You, O Lord,
For You ^(X)recompense a man according to his work.

Psalm 63

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Thirsting Soul Satisfied in God.

A Psalm of David, when he dwelled in the wilderness of Judah.

¹O God, I regard You as my God; I shall seek You ^[a]earnestly;
My soul ^(B)thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You,
In a ^(C)dry and weary land where no water exists.
²Thus I have ^(D)seen You in the sanctuary,
To see Your power and Your glory.
³Because I regard Your ^(E)lovingkindness as better than life,
My lips will praise You.
⁴So I will bless You ^(F)as long as I live;
I will ^(G)lift up my hands in Your name.
⁵My soul feels satisfaction with ^[b]marrow and fatness,
And my mouth offers ^(I)praises with joyful lips.
⁶When I remember You ^(J)on my bed,
I meditate on You in the ^(K)night watches,
⁷For I regard you as my help,
And in the ^(M)shadow of Your wings I sing for joy.
⁸My soul ^(N)clings to You;
Your ^(O)right hand upholds me.
⁹But those who ^(P)seek my life to destroy it,
Will go into the ^(Q)depths of the earth.
¹⁰God will deliver them over to the power of the sword;
They will turned into ^(S)prey for foxes.
¹¹But the ^(T)king will rejoice in God;
Everyone who ^(U)swears by Him will glory,
For God will stop the ^(V)mouths of those who speak lies .

Psalm 64

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Deliverance from Secret Enemies.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- ¹Hear my voice, O God, in ^(A)my ^[a]complaint;
 ^(B)Preserve my life from dread of the enemy.
- ²Hide me from the ^(C)secret counsel of evildoers,
 From the tumult of ^(D)those who do iniquity,
³Who ^(E)have sharpened their tongue like a sword
 They ^(E)aimed bitter speech as their arrow,
⁴To ^(G)shoot from concealment at the blameless;
 Suddenly they shoot at him, and ^(H)do not fear.
- ⁵They hold fast to themselves an evil purpose;
 They talk of ^(I)laying snares secretly;
 They say, "^(J)Who can see them?"
- ⁶They ^[b]devise injustices, saying,
 "We stand ready with a well-conceived plot";
 For the ^(K)inward thought and the heart of a man seem ^[c]deep.
- ⁷But ^(L)God will shoot at them with an arrow;
 Suddenly they will suffer wounds.
- ⁸So they will ^(M)make him stumble;
 ^(N)Their own tongue speaks against them;
 All who see them will ^(O)shake the head.
- ⁹Then all men will ^(P)fear,
 And they will ^(Q)declare the work of God,
 And will consider what He has done.

¹⁰The righteous man will have gladness in the LORD and will ^(S)take refuge in Him;
And all the upright in heart will glory.

Psalm 65

NASB E-Prime DFM

God's Abundant Favor to Earth and Man.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David. A Song.

¹We will maintain silence before You, and praise in Zion, O God,
And to You we will perform our vows.
²O You who hear prayer,
To You ^(B)all men come.
³^(C)Iniquities prevail against me;
As for our transgressions, You ^(D)forgive them.
⁴How You have blessed the one whom You have chosen and bring near
to You
To dwell in Your courts
We will take satisfaction with the goodness of Your house,
Your holy temple.
⁵By ^(H)awesome deeds You answer us in righteousness, O ^(I)God of our
salvation,
All the ^(J)ends of the earth trust you and of the farthest ^(K)sea;
⁶Who ^(L)establishes the mountains by His strength,
Who girds Himself with might;
⁷Who ^(N)stills the roaring of the seas,
The roaring of their waves,
And the ^(O)tumult of the peoples.
⁸They who dwell in the ^(P)ends of the earth stand in awe of Your signs;
You make the dawn and the sunset shout for joy.
⁹You visit the earth and ^(Q)cause it to overflow;

You greatly ^(R)enrich it;
The ^(S)stream of God has abundant water;
You prepare their ^(I)grain, for thus You prepare the earth.
¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly,
You settle its ridges,
You soften it ^(U)with showers,
You bless its growth.
¹¹You have crowned the year with Your ^(V)bounty,
And Your paths ^(W)drip with fatness.
^{12(X)}The pastures of the wilderness drip,
And the ^(Y)hills gird themselves with rejoicing.
¹³The meadows appear clothed with flocks
And grain covers the valleys;
They ^(AB)shout for joy, yes, they sing.

Psalm 66

NASB E-Prime DFM

Praise for God's Mighty Deeds and for His Answer to Prayer.

For the choir director. A Song. A Psalm.

^{1(A)}Shout joyfully to God, all the earth;
²Sing the ^(B)glory of His name;
Make His ^(C)praise glorious.
³Say to God, "How ^(D)awesome we regard Your works!
Because of the greatness of Your power Your enemies will ^(E)give
feigned obedience to You.
^{4(F)}All the earth will worship You,
And will ^(G)sing praises to You;
They will sing praises to Your name." Selah.
^{5(H)}Come and see the works of God,
Who we regard as ^(I)awesome in His deeds toward the sons of men.
⁶He ^(J)turned the sea into dry land;
They passed through ^(K)the river on foot;
There let us ^(L)rejoice in Him!

⁷He ^(M)rules by His might forever;
His ^(N)eyes keep watch on the nations;
Let not the rebellious ^(O)exalt themselves. Selah.

⁸Bless our God, O peoples,
And ^(P)sound His praise abroad,
⁹Who ^(Q)keeps us in life
And ^(R)does not allow our feet to slip.

¹⁰For You have ^(S)tried us, O God;
You have ^(T)refined us as we refine silver .

¹¹You ^(U)brought us into the net;
You laid an oppressive burden upon our loins.

¹²You made men ^(V)ride over our heads;
We went through ^(W)fire and through water,
Yet You ^(X)brought us out into a place of abundance.

¹³I shall ^(Y)come into Your house with burnt offerings;
I shall ^(Z)pay You my vows,
¹⁴Which my lips uttered
And my mouth spoke when I fell into distress.

¹⁵I shall ^(AB)offer to You burnt offerings of fat beasts,
With the smoke of ^(AC)rams;
I shall make an offering of bulls with male goats. Selah.

¹⁶^(AD)Come and hear, all who ^[a]fear God,
And I will ^(AE)tell of what He has done for my soul.

¹⁷I cried to Him with my mouth,
And I extolled Him with my tongue.

¹⁸If I ^[b]^(AG)regard wickedness in my heart,
The ^(AH)Lord will not hear;

¹⁹But certainly ^(AI)God has heard;
He has given heed to the voice of my prayer.

²⁰We blessed God,
Who ^(AK)has not turned away my prayer
Nor His lovingkindness from me.

Psalm 67

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Nations Exhorted to Praise God.

For the choir director; with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

- ¹May God show graciousness to us and ^(A)bless us,
And ^(B)cause His face to shine upon us-- Selah.
- ²That we may know ^(C)Your way on the earth,
^(D)Your salvation among all nations.
- ³Let the ^(E)peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.
- ⁴Let the ^(F)nations have gladness and sing for joy;
For You will ^(G)judge the peoples with uprightness
And ^(H)guide the nations on the earth. Selah.
- ⁵Let the ^(I)peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.
- ⁶The ^(J)earth has yielded its produce;
God, our God, ^(K)blesses us.
- ⁷God blesses us,
^[a]That ^(L)all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

Psalm 68

NASB E-Prime DFM

The God of Sinai and of the Sanctuary.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David. A Song.

- ¹Let ^(A)God arise, let Him scatter His enemies,
And let those who hate Him flee before Him.
- ²As the wind drives smoke away, so drive them away;

As ^(C)wax melts before the fire,
So let the ^(D)wicked perish before God.
³But let the ^(E)righteous have gladness; let them exult before God;
Yes, let them rejoice with gladness.
⁴Sing to God, ^(E)sing praises to His name;
^(G)Lift up a song for Him who ^(H)rides through the deserts,
Whose ^(I)name we acknowledge as the LORD, and exult before Him.
⁵ God in His Holy habitation has made Himself A ^(J)father of the
fatherless and a ^(K)judge ^[a]for the widows.
⁶God ^(M)makes a home for the lonely;
He ^(N)leads out the prisoners into prosperity,
Only ^(O)the rebellious dwell in a parched land.
⁷O God, when You ^(P)went forth before Your people,
When You ^(Q)marched through the wilderness, Selah.
⁸The ^(R)earth quaked;
The ^(S)heavens also dropped rain at the presence of God;
^(T)Sinai itself quaked at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
⁹You ^(U)shed abroad a plentiful rain, O God;
You confirmed Your inheritance when it looked parched.
¹⁰Your creatures settled in it;
You ^(V)provided in Your goodness for the poor, O God.
¹¹The Lord gives the command;
The ^(W)women who proclaim the good tidings have augmented into a
great host:
¹²"^(X)Kings of armies flee, they flee,
And she who remains at home will ^(Y)divide the spoil!"
¹³^[b]When you lie down ^(Z)among the ^[c]sheepfolds,
You resemble the wings of a dove covered with silver,
And its pinions with glistening gold.
¹⁴When the Almighty ^(AA)scattered the kings there,
It snowed in ^(AB)Zalmon.
¹⁵ We called the mountain of Bashan a mountain of God;
The mountain of Bashan has many peaks .
¹⁶Why do you look with envy, O mountains with many peaks,
At the mountain which God has ^(AD)desired for His abode?
Surely ^(AE)the LORD will dwell there forever.
¹⁷The ^(AF)chariots of God number into ^[d]myriads, ^(AG)thousands upon
thousands;

The Lord dwells among them as at Sinai, in holiness.

¹⁸You have ^(AH)ascended on high, You have ^(AI)led captive Your captives;
You have received gifts among men,
Even among the rebellious also, that the LORD God may dwell there.

¹⁹We bless the Lord, who daily ^(AJ)bears our burden,
^(AK)The God who saves us. Selah.

²⁰God delivers us;
And ^(AM)to GOD the Lord belong escapes from death.

²¹Surely God will ^(AN)shatter the head of His enemies,
The hairy crown of him who goes on in his guilty deeds.

²²The Lord said, "^(AO)I will bring them back from Bashan.
I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;

²³That ^(AP)your foot may shatter them in blood,
The tongue of your ^(AQ)dogs may have its portion from your enemies."

²⁴They have seen ^(AR)Your procession, O God,
The procession of my God, my King, ^(AS)into the sanctuary.

²⁵The ^(AT)singers went on, the musicians after them,
In the midst of the ^(AU)maidens beating tambourines.

²⁶^(AV)Bless God in the congregations,
Even the LORD, who we regard as the ^(AW)fountain of Israel.

²⁷There is ^(AX)Benjamin, the youngest, ruling them,
The princes of Judah in their throng,
The princes of ^(AY)Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.

²⁸Your God has ^(AZ)commanded your strength;
Show Yourself strong, O God, ^(BA)who have acted on our behalf.

²⁹Because of Your temple at Jerusalem
^(BB)Kings will bring gifts to You.

³⁰Rebuke the ^(BC)beasts in the reeds,
The herd of ^(BD)bulls with the calves of the peoples,
Trampling under foot the pieces of silver;
He has ^(BE)scattered the peoples who delight in war.

³¹Envoys will come out of ^(BF)Egypt;
^(BG)Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her hands to God.

³²Sing to God, O ^(BH)kingdoms of the earth,
^(BI)Sing praises to the Lord, Selah.

³³To Him who ^(BJ)rides upon the ^(BK)highest heavens, which continue from
ancient times;
Behold, ^(BL)He speaks forth with His voice, a ^(BM)mighty voice.

³⁴(BN) Ascribe strength to God;
His majesty spreads over Israel
And (BQ) His strength remains in the skies.
³⁵O God, You appear (BP) awesome from Your sanctuary
The God of Israel Himself (BQ) gives strength and power to the people
We bless God!

Psalm 69

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A Cry of Distress and Imprecation on Adversaries.

For the choir director; according to Shoshannim^[a]. A Psalm of David.

¹Save me, O God,
For the (A) waters have threatened my life.
²I have sunk in deep (B) mire, where I have can find no foothold;
I have come into deep waters, and a (C) flood overflows me.
³I feel (D) weary with my crying; my throat feels parched;
My (E) eyes fail while I wait for my God.
⁴Those (F) who hate me without a cause have increased more than the
hairs of my head;
Those who would destroy me have much power, Having become
wrongfully my enemies;
(H) What I did not steal, I then have to restore.
⁵O God, You know (I) my folly,
And (J) my wrongs cannot hide from You.
⁶May those who wait for You not have shame through me, O Lord GOD of
hosts;
May those who seek You not receive dishonor through me, O God of
Israel,

7 Because ^(L)for Your sake I have borne reproach;
 ^(M)Dishonor has covered my face.

8 I have become ^(N)estranged from my brothers
 And an alien to my mother's sons.

9 For ^(O)zeal for Your house has consumed me,
 And ^(P)the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

10 When I wept ^(Q)in my soul with fasting,
 It became my reproach.

11 When I made ^(R)sackcloth my clothing,
 I became ^(S)a byword to them.

12 Those who ^(T)sit in the gate talk about me,
 And drunkards sing songs about me.

13 But as for me, I pray to You, O LORD, ^(V)at an acceptable time;
 O God, in the ^(W)greatness of Your lovingkindness,
 Answer me with Your saving truth.

14 Deliver me from the ^(X)mire and do not let me sink;
 May You deliver me from my foes and from the ^(Z)deep waters.

15 May the ^(AA)flood of water not overflow me
 Nor the deep swallow me up,
 Nor the ^(AB)pit shut its mouth on me.

16 Answer me, O LORD, for I consider Your lovingkindness as good;
 ^(AD)According to the greatness of Your compassion, ^(AE)turn to me,

17 And ^(AF)do not hide Your face from Your servant,
 For I have fallen in distress; answer me quickly.

18 Oh draw near to my soul and ^(AH)redeem it;
 ^(AI)Ransom me because of my enemies!

19 You know my ^(AJ)reproach and my shame and my dishonor;
 All my adversaries reside before You.

20 Reproach has ^(AK)broken my heart and I have become sick
 And ^(AL)I looked for sympathy, but could find none,
 And for ^(AM)comforters, but I found none.

21 They also gave me ^[c]^(AN)gall for my food
 And for my thirst they ^(AO)gave me vinegar to drink.

22 May ^(AP)their table before them become a snare;
 And ^(AQ)when they feel at peace, may it become a trap.

23 May their ^(AR)eyes grow dim so that they cannot see,
 And make their ^(AS)loins shake continually.

24 ^(AT)Pour out Your indignation on them,

And may Your burning anger overtake them.
25 May their ^(AU)camp fall into desolation;
 May none dwell in their tents.
26 For they have ^(AV)persecuted him whom ^(AW)You Yourself have smitten,
 And they tell of the pain of those whom ^(AX)You have wounded.
27 Add ^(AY)iniquity to their iniquity,
 And ^(AZ)may they not come into ^(BA)Your righteousness.
28 May You blot them out of the ^(BC)book of life
 And may You not record them with the righteous.
29 But I have fallen into affliction and pain;
 May Your salvation, O God, ^(BF)set me securely on high.
30 I will ^(BG)praise the name of God with song
 And ^(BH)magnify Him with ^(BI)thanksgiving.
31 And it will ^(BJ)please the LORD better than an ox
 Or a young bull with horns and hoofs.
32 The ^(BK)humble have seen it and have become glad;
 You who seek God, ^(BL)let your heart revive.
33 For ^(BM)the LORD hears the needy
 And ^(BN)does not despise His who have become prisoners.
34 Let ^(BO)heaven and earth praise Him,
 The seas and ^(BP)everything that moves in them.
35 For God will ^(BQ)save Zion and ^(BR)build the cities of Judah,
 That they may dwell there and ^(BS)possess it.
36 The ^(BT)descendants of His servants will inherit it,
 And those who love

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Prayer for Help against Persecutors.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David; for a memorial.

- ^{1(A)}O God, hasten to deliver me;
O LORD, hasten to my help!
- ^{2(B)}Let those suffer shame and humiliation
Who seek my life;
Turn those back and dishonor them
Who delight in my hurt.
- ³ Turn those back because of their shame
Who say, "Aha, aha!"
- ⁴Let all who seek You rejoice and have gladness in You;
And let those who love Your salvation say continually,
"Let us magnify God ."
- ⁵But ^(D)I have become afflicted and needy;
^(E)Hasten to me, O God!
I regard you as my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay.

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Prayer of an Old Man for Deliverance.

- ^{1(A)}In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge;
Let me never suffer shame.
- ^{2(B)}In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
^(C)Incline Your ear to me and save me.
- ³ Please let me regard you as a rock of ^(E)habitation to which I may continually come;

You have given ^(E)commandment to save me,
For I regard You as ^(G)my rock and my fortress.
^{4(H)}Rescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked,
Out of the grasp of the wrongdoer and ruthless man,
⁵For I regard You as my ^(I)hope;
O Lord GOD, I have regarded You as my ^(J)confidence from my youth.
⁶ You have sustained me from my birth;
You ^(L)took me from my mother's womb;
I continually praise You.
⁷I have become a ^(N)marvel to many,
For I regard You as ^(O)my strong refuge.
⁸My ^(P)mouth praises you fully
And with ^(Q)Your glory all day long.
⁹Do not cast me off in the ^(R)time of old age;
Do not forsake me when my strength fails.
¹⁰For my enemies have spoken against me;
And those who ^(S)watch for my life ^(T)have consulted together,
¹¹Saying, "^(U)God has forsaken him;
Pursue and seize him, for no one will deliver him."
¹²O God, ^(W)do not stay far from me;
O my God, ^(X)hasten to my help!
¹³Let those who have made themselves adversaries of my soul suffer
shame;
Cover them with reproach and dishonor, who ^(AA)seek to injure me.
¹⁴But as for me, I will ^(AB)hope continually,
And will ^(AC)praise You yet more and more.
¹⁵My ^(AD)mouth shall tell of Your righteousness
And of ^(AE)Your salvation all day long;
For I ^(AF)do not know the sum of them.
¹⁶I will come ^(AG)with the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD;
I will ^(AH)make mention of Your righteousness, Yours alone.
¹⁷O God, You ^(AI)have taught me from my youth,
And I still ^(AJ)declare Your wondrous deeds.
¹⁸And even when I become ^(AK)old and gray, O God, do not forsake me,
Until I ^(AL)declare Your strength to this generation,
Your power to all who will come.
¹⁹For Your ^(AM)righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens,
You who have ^(AN)done great things;

O God, (AO)who resembles You?
20You who have (AP)shown [a]me many troubles and distresses
Will (AQ)revive me again,
And will bring me up again (AR)from the depths of the earth.
21May You increase my (AS)greatness
And turn to (AT)comfort me.
22I will also praise You with (AU)a harp,
Even Your truth, O my God;
To You I will sing praises with the (AV)lyre,
O (AW)Holy One of Israel.
23My lips will (AX)shout for joy when I sing praises to You;
And my (AY)soul, which You have redeemed.
24My (AZ)tongue also will utter Your righteousness all day long;
For they suffer shame and humiliation who seek my hurt.

Psalm 72

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The Reign of the Righteous King.

A Psalm of Solomon.

1Give the king (A)Your judgments, O God,
And (B)Your righteousness to the king's son.
2May he (C)judge Your people with righteousness
And [a](D)Your afflicted with justice.
3Let the mountains bring (E)peace to the people,
And the hills, in righteousness.
4May he (E)vindicate the afflicted of the people,
Save the children of the needy
And crush the oppressor.
5Let them fear You (G)while the sun endures,
And as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
6May he come down (H)like rain upon the mown grass,
Like (I)showers that water the earth.
7In his days may the (J)righteous flourish,
And (K)abundance of peace till the moon exists no more.

- ⁸May he also rule ^(L)from sea to sea
And from the River to the ends of the earth.
- ⁹Let ^(M)the nomads of the desert ^(N)bow before him,
And his enemies ^(O)lick the dust.
- ¹⁰Let the kings of ^(P)Tarshish and of the ^(Q)islands bring presents;
The kings of ^(R)Sheba and ^(S)Seba ^(T)offer gifts.
- ¹¹And let all ^(U)kings bow down before him,
All ^(V)nations serve him.
- ¹²For he will ^(W)deliver the needy when he cries for help,
The afflicted also, and him who has no helper.
- ¹³He will have ^(X)compassion on the poor and needy,
And the lives of the needy he will save.
- ¹⁴He will ^(Y)rescue their life from oppression and violence,
And their blood You will regard as ^(Z)precious ;
- ¹⁵So may he live, and may he receive the ^(AA)gold of Sheba;
And let them pray for him continually;
Let them bless him all day long.
- ¹⁶May an abundance of grain in the earth exist on top of the mountains;
Its fruit will wave like the cedars of ^(AB)Lebanon;
And may those from the city flourish like ^(AC)vegetation of the earth.
- ¹⁷May his ^(AD)name endure forever;
May his name increase ^(AE)as long as the sun shines;
And let men ^(AF)bless themselves by him;
^(AG)Let all nations call him blessed.
- ¹⁸We bless the LORD God, the God of Israel,
Who alone ^(AI)works wonders.
- ¹⁹And we bless His ^(AJ)glorious name forever;
And may the whole ^(AK)earth receive an abundance of His glory
^(AL)Amen, and Amen.
- ²⁰The prayers of David the son of Jesse have ended.

Psalm 73

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The End of the Wicked Contrasted with That of the Righteous.

A Psalm of Asaph.

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- ¹Surely God does ^(A)good to Israel,
To those who have purity of heart!
- ²But as for me, ^(C)my feet came close to stumbling,
My steps had almost slipped.
- ³For I envied the arrogant
As I saw the ^(E)prosperity of the wicked.
- ⁴For they seem to suffer no pains in their death,
And their body has grown fat.
- ⁵They do not have trouble as other men,
Nor do they receive plagues like mankind.
- ⁶Therefore they wear pride as ^(H)their necklace;
The ^(I)garment of violence covers them.
- ⁷Their eye bulges from ^(J)fatness;
The imaginations of their heart run riot.
- ⁸They ^(K)mock and wickedly speak of oppression;
They ^(L)speak from on high.
- ⁹They have ^(M)set their mouth against the heavens,
And their tongue parades through the earth.
- ¹⁰Therefore his people return to this place,
And waters of ^(N)abundance they drink.
- ¹¹They say, "^(O)How does God know?
And does the Most High have knowledge?"
- ¹²Behold, ^(P)the wicked consist of these;
And always ^(Q)at ease, they have increased in wealth.
- ¹³Surely ^(R)in vain I have kept my heart pure
And ^(S)washed my hands in innocence;
- ¹⁴For I have suffered affliction ^(T)all day long
And ^(U)chastened every morning.
- ¹⁵If I had said, "I will speak thus,"
Behold, I would have betrayed the ^(V)generation of Your children.

- 16 When I ^(W)pondered to understand this,
It seemed troublesome in my sight
- 17 Until I came into the ^(X)sanctuary of God;
Then I perceived their ^(Y)end.
- 18 Surely You set them in ^(Z)slippery places;
You cast them down to ^(AA)destruction.
- 19 How they have suffered destruction in a moment!
Sudden terrors sweep them away!
- 20 Like a ^(AD)dream when one awakes,
O Lord, when ^(AE)aroused, You will ^(AF)despise their form.
- 21 When my ^(AG)heart felt bitter
And I felt ^(AH)pierced within,
- 22 Then I seemed ^(AI)senseless and ignorant;
I resembled a ^(AJ)beast before You.
- 23 Nevertheless ^(AK)I continually stay with You;
You have taken hold of my right hand.
- 24 With Your counsel You will ^(AL)guide me,
And afterward ^(AM)receive me to glory.
- 25 ^(AN)Whom have I in heaven but You?
And besides You, I desire nothing on earth.
- 26 My ^(AO)flesh and my heart may fail,
But God strengthens my heart and my ^(AP)portion forever.
- 27 For, behold, ^(AQ)those who drift far from You will ^(AR)perish;
You have destroyed all those who show faithlessness to You.
- 28 But as for me, I regard the nearness of God as my good;
I have made the Lord GOD my ^(AU)refuge,
That I may ^(AV)tell of all Your works.

Psalm 74

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An Appeal against the Devastation of the Land by the Enemy.

A Maskil of Asaph.

- ¹O God, why have You ^(A)rejected us forever?
Why does Your anger ^(B)smoke against the ^(C)sheep of Your pasture?
- ²Remember Your congregation, which You have ^(D)purchased of old,
Which You have ^(E)redeemed as the ^(E)tribe of Your inheritance;
And this Mount ^(G)Zion, where You have dwelt.
- ³Turn Your footsteps toward the ^(H)perpetual ruins;
The enemy ^(I)has damaged everything within the sanctuary.
- ⁴Your adversaries have ^(J)roared in the midst of Your meeting place;
They have set up their ^(K)own standards ^(L)for signs.
- ⁵It seems as if one had lifted up
His ^(M)axe in a forest of trees.
- ⁶And now all its ^(N)carved work
They smash with hatchet and hammers.
- ⁷They have ^(O)burned Your sanctuary to the ground;
They have ^(P)defiled the dwelling place of Your name.
- ⁸They ^(Q)said in their heart, "Let us completely subdue them."
They have burned all the meeting places of God in the land.
- ⁹We do not see our ^(R)signs;
We have no longer any prophet,
Nor does any among us who knows ^(T)how long.
- ¹⁰How long, O God, will the adversary ^(U)revile,
And the enemy ^(V)spurn Your name forever?
- ¹¹Why ^(W)do You withdraw Your hand, even Your right hand?
From within Your bosom, ^(X)destroy them!
- ¹²Yet I regard God as my king from of old,
Who works deeds of deliverance in the midst of the earth.
- ¹³^[a]You ^(Z)divided the sea by Your strength;
You ^(AA)broke the heads of the ^(AB)sea monsters in the waters.
- ¹⁴You crushed the heads of ^(AC)Leviathan;
You gave him as food for the creatures ^(AD)of the wilderness.
- ¹⁵You ^(AE)broke open springs and torrents;
You ^(AF)dried up ever-flowing streams.

¹⁶You created the day, You created the night;
You have ^(AG)prepared the light and the sun.
¹⁷You have ^(AH)established all the boundaries of the earth;
You have made ^(AI)summer and winter.
¹⁸Remember this, O LORD, that the enemy has ^(AJ)reviled,
And a ^(AK)foolish people has spurned Your name.
¹⁹Do not deliver the soul of Your ^(AL)turtledove to the wild beast;
^(AM)Do not forget the life of Your afflicted forever.
²⁰Consider the ^(AN)covenant;
For the ^(AO)dark places of the land have an abundance of violence.
²¹Let not the ^(AP)oppressed return dishonored;
Let the ^(AQ)afflicted and needy praise Your name.
²²Arise, O God, and ^(AR)plead Your own cause;
Remember how the ^(AS)foolish man reproaches You all day long.
²³Do not forget the voice of Your ^(AT)adversaries,
The ^(AU)uproar of those who rise against You which ascends
continually.

Psalm 75

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God Abases the Proud, but Exalts the Righteous.

For the choir director; set to Al-tashheth. A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

¹We ^(A)give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks,
For Your name we perceive as ^(B)near;
Men declare ^(C)Your wondrous works.
²"When I select an ^(D)appointed time,
I ^(E)judge with equity.
³"The ^(E)earth and all who dwell in it ^[a]melt;
I have firmly set its ^(G)pillars. Selah.
⁴"I said to the boastful, 'Do not boast,'
And to the wicked, ^(H)'Do not lift up the horn;
⁵Do not lift up your horn on high,
^(I)'Do not speak with insolent pride.'"
⁶For not from the east, nor from the west,

Nor from the ^(J)desert comes exaltation;
7 But ^(K)God alone Judges;
He ^(L)puts down one and exalts another.
8 The Lord has a cup in His hand of the LORD, and the wine foams;
He has mixed it ^(N)well, and He pours out of this;
Surely all the wicked of the earth must drain and ^(O)drink down its
dregs.
9 But as for me, I will ^(P)declare it forever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
10 And all the ^(Q)horns of the wicked He will cut off,
But ^(R)the horns of the righteous will receive exaltation.

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11 Judah knows God;
His name has become magnified in Israel.
2 His ^(C)tabernacle locates in ^(D)Salem;
His ^(E)dwelling place also locates in Zion.
3 There He ^(F)broke the flaming arrows,
The shield and the sword and the weapons of war. Selah.
4 You look resplendent,
More majestic than the mountains of prey.
5 The ^(G)stouthearted suffered plundering,
They sank into sleep;
And none of the warriors could use his hands.
6 At Your ^(H)rebuke, O God of Jacob,
Both ^(I)rider and horse fell into a dead sleep.
7 You, even You, we fear;
And ^(K)who may stand in Your presence when once You show your
anger?
8 You caused us to hear judgment from heaven;
The earth ^(L)feared and became still
9 When God ^(M)arose to judgment,
To save all the humble of the earth. Selah.
10 For the ^(N)wrath of man shall praise You;
With a remnant of wrath You will gird Yourself.
11 ^(O)Make vows to the LORD your God and ^(P)fulfill them;
Let all who surround Him ^(Q)bring gifts to Him who we fear.
12 He will cut off the spirit of princes;
The kings of the earth fear Him.

Psalm 77

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- ¹My voice rises to God, and I will ^(A)cry aloud;
My voice rises to God, and He will hear me.
- ²In the ^(B)day of my trouble I sought the Lord;
^(C)In the night I stretched my ^(D)hand out ^[a]without weariness;
My soul ^(E)refused comfort.
- ³When I remember God, then I feel ^(F)disturbed;
When I ^(G)sigh, then ^(H)my spirit grows faint. Selah.
- ⁴You have held my eyelids open;
I feel so troubled that I ^(I)cannot speak.
- ⁵I have considered the ^(J)days of old,
The years of long ago.
- ⁶I will remember my ^(K)song in the night;
I ^(L)will meditate with my heart,
And my spirit ponders:
- ⁷Will the Lord ^(M)reject forever?
And will He ^(N)never show favor to me again?
- ⁸Has His ^(O)lovingkindness ceased forever?
Has His ^(P)promise come to an end forever?
- ⁹Has God ^(Q)forgotten to show graciousness,
Or has He in anger withdrawn His ^(R)compassion? Selah.
- ¹⁰Then I said, "^(S)I feel grief,
That the ^(T)right hand of the Most High has changed."
- ¹¹I shall remember the ^(U)deeds of the LORD;
Surely I will ^(V)remember Your wonders of old.
- ¹²I will ^(W)meditate on all Your work
And muse on Your deeds.
- ¹³Your way, O God, consists of holiness;
^(Y)What god has greatness like our God?
- ¹⁴You I acknowledge as the ^(Z)God who works wonders;
You have ^(AA)made known Your strength among the peoples.
- ¹⁵You have by Your power ^(AB)redeemed Your people,
The sons of Jacob and ^(AC)Joseph. Selah.
- ¹⁶The ^(AD)waters saw You, O God;
The waters saw You, they feel anguish;
The deeps also trembled.

- 17 The ^(AE)clouds poured out water;
The skies ^(AF)gave forth a sound;
Your ^(AG)arrows flashed here and there.
- 18 The ^(AH)sound of Your thunder resounded throughout the whirlwind;
The ^(AI)lightnings lit up the world;
The ^(AJ)earth trembled and shook.
- 19 We found your way in the sea
And Your paths in the mighty waters,
And Your footprints no one could know.
- 20 You ^(AL)led Your people like a flock
By the hand of ^(AM)Moses and Aaron.

Psalm 78

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- 1^(A) Listen, O my people, to my instruction;
 ^(B) Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will ^(C) open my mouth in a parable;
 I will utter ^(D) dark sayings of old,
- 3 Which we have heard and known,
 And ^(E) our fathers have told us.
- 4 We will ^(F) not conceal them from their children,
 But ^(G) tell to the generation to come the praises of the LORD,
 And His strength and His ^(H) wondrous works that He has done.
- 5 For He established a ^(I) testimony in Jacob
 And appointed a ^(J) law in Israel,
 Which He ^(K) commanded our fathers
 That they should ^(L) teach them to their children,
- 6^(M) That the generation to come might know, even ^(N) the children yet
unborn,
 That they may arise and ^(O) tell them to their children,
- 7 That they should put their confidence in God
 And ^(P) not forget the works of God,
 But ^(Q) keep His commandments,
- 8 And ^(R) not behave like their fathers,

A ^(S)stubborn and rebellious generation,
A generation that ^(T)did not ^[a]prepare its heart
And whose spirit did not remain ^(U)faithful to God.
⁹The sons of Ephraim resembled ^(V)archers equipped with bows,
Yet ^(W)they turned back in the day of battle.
¹⁰They ^(X)did not keep the covenant of God
And refused to ^(Y)walk in His law;
¹¹They ^(Z)forgot His deeds
And His miracles that He had shown them.
¹²^(AA)He wrought wonders before their fathers
In the land of Egypt, in the ^(AB)field of Zoan.
¹³He ^(AC)divided the sea and caused them to pass through,
And He made the waters stand ^(AD)up like a heap.
¹⁴Then He led them with the cloud by ^(AE)day
And all the night with a ^(AF)light of fire.
¹⁵He ^(AG)split the rocks in the wilderness
And gave them abundant drink like the ocean depths.
¹⁶He ^(AH)brought forth streams also from the rock
And caused waters to run down like rivers.
¹⁷Yet they still continued to sin against Him,
To ^(AI)rebel against the Most High in the desert.
¹⁸And in their heart they ^(AJ)put God to the test
By asking ^(AK)food according to their desire.
¹⁹Then they spoke against God;
They said, "^(AL)Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?
²⁰"Behold, He ^(AM)struck the rock so that waters gushed out,
And streams overflowed;
Can He give bread also?
Will He provide ^(AN)meat for His people?"
²¹Therefore the LORD heard and grew wrathful;
And kindled a fire against Jacob
And anger also mounted against Israel,
²²Because they ^(AP)did not believe in God
And did not trust in His salvation.
²³Yet He commanded the clouds above
And ^(AQ)opened the doors of heaven;
²⁴He ^(AR)rained down manna upon them to eat
And gave them ^(AS)food from heaven.

25 Man did eat the bread of angels;
He sent them food ^(AT)in abundance.

26 He ^(AU)caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
And by His power He directed the south wind.

27 When He rained meat upon them like the dust,
Even ^(AV)winged fowl like the sand of the seas,

28 Then He let them fall in the midst of their camp,
Round about their dwellings.

29 So they ^(AW)ate and filled themselves,
And their desire He gave to them.

30 Before they had satisfied their desire,
^(AX)While their food remained in their mouths,

31 The ^(AY)anger of God rose against them
And killed some of their ^(AZ)stoutest ones,
And subdued the choice men of Israel.

32 In spite of all this they ^(BA)still sinned
And ^(BB)did not believe in His wonderful works.

33 So He brought ^(BC)their days to an end in futility
And their years in sudden terror.

34 When He killed them, then they ^(BD)sought Him,
And returned and searched ^(BE)diligently for God;

35 And they remembered that considered God as their ^(BF)rock,
And the Most High God their ^(BG)Redeemer.

36 But they ^(BH)deceived Him with their mouth
And ^(BI)lied to Him with their tongue.

37 For their heart remained not ^(BJ)steadfast toward Him,
Nor did they remain faithful in His covenant.

38 But He, having a ^(BK)compassionate nature, ^(BL)forgave their iniquity and
did not destroy them;
And often He ^(BM)restrained His anger
And did not arouse all His wrath.

39 Thus ^(BN)He remembered that they consisted of)flesh,
A ^(BP)wind that passes and does not return.

40 How often they ^(BQ)rebelled against Him in the wilderness
And ^(BR)grieved Him in the ^(BS)desert!

41 Again and again they ^[b]^(BT)tempted God,
And pained the ^(BU)Holy One of Israel.

42 They ^(BV)did not remember ^(BW)His power,

The day when He ^(BX)redeemed them from the adversary,
43 When He performed His ^(BY)signs in Egypt
And His ^(BZ)marvels in the field of Zoan,
44 And ^(CA)turned their rivers to blood,
And their streams, they could not drink.
45 He sent among them swarms of ^(CB)flies which devoured them,
And ^(CC)frogs which destroyed them.
46 He gave also their crops to the ^(CD)grasshopper
And the product of their labor to the ^(CE)locust.
47 He destroyed their vines with ^(CF)hailstones
And their sycamore trees with frost.
48 He gave over their ^(CG)cattle also to the hailstones
And their herds to bolts of lightning.
49 He ^(CH)sent upon them His burning anger,
Fury and indignation and trouble,
A band of destroying angels.
50 He leveled a path for His anger;
He did not spare their soul from death,
But ^(CI)gave over their life to the plague,
51 And ^(CJ)smote all the firstborn in Egypt,
The ^(CK)first issue of their virility in the tents of ^(CL)Ham.
52 But He ^(CM)led forth His own people like sheep
And guided them in the wilderness ^(CN)like a flock;
53 He led them ^(CO)safely, so that they did not fear;
But ^(CP)the sea engulfed their enemies.
54 So ^(CQ)He brought them to His holy land,
To this ^(CR)hill country ^(CS)which His right hand had gained.
55 He also ^(CT)drove out the nations before them
And ^(CU)apportioned them for an inheritance by measurement,
And made the tribes of Israel dwell in their tents.
56 Yet they ^(CV)tempted and ^(CW)rebelled against the Most High God
And did not keep His testimonies,
57 But turned back and ^(CX)acted treacherously like their fathers;
They ^(CY)turned aside like a treacherous bow.
58 For they ^(CZ)provoked Him with their ^(DA)high places
And ^(DB)aroused His jealousy with their ^(DC)graven images.
59 When God heard, He became filled with ^(DD)wrath
And greatly ^(DE)abhorred Israel;

60 So that He (DF) abandoned the (DG) dwelling place at Shiloh,
The tent which He had pitched among men,
61 And gave up His (DH) strength to captivity
And His glory (DI) into the hand of the adversary.
62 He also (DJ) delivered His people to the sword,
And became filled with wrath at His inheritance.
63 (DK) Fire devoured His young men,
And His (DL) virgins had no wedding songs.
64 His (DM) priests fell by the sword,
And His (DN) widows could not weep.
65 Then the Lord (DO) awoke as if from sleep,
Like a (DP) warrior overcome by wine.
66 He (DQ) drove His adversaries backward;
He put on them an everlasting reproach.
67 He also (DR) rejected the tent of Joseph,
And did not choose the tribe of Ephraim,
68 But chose the tribe of Judah,
Mount (DS) Zion which He loved.
69 And He (DT) built His sanctuary like the heights,
Like the earth which He has founded forever.
70 He also (DU) chose David His servant
And took him from the sheepfolds;
71 From (DV) the care of the ewes (DW) with suckling lambs He brought him
To (DX) shepherd Jacob His people,
And Israel (DY) His inheritance.
72 So he shepherded them according to the (DZ) integrity of his heart,
And guided them with

Psalm 79

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Lament over the Destruction of Jerusalem, and Prayer for Help.

A Psalm of Asaph.

- ¹O God, the ^(A)nations have invaded ^(B)Your inheritance;
They have defiled Your ^(C)holy temple;
They have ^(D)laid Jerusalem in ruins.
- ²They have given the ^(E)dead bodies of Your servants for food to the birds
of the heavens,
The flesh of Your godly ones to the beasts of the earth.
- ³They have poured out their blood like water round about Jerusalem;
And no one buried them.
- ⁴We have become a ^(G)reproach to our neighbors,
A scoffing and derision to those around us.
- ⁵^(H)How long, O LORD? Will You remain angry forever?
Will Your ^(I)jealousy ^(J)burn like fire?
- ⁶^(K)Pour out Your wrath upon the nations which ^(L)do not know You,
And upon the kingdoms which ^(M)do not call upon Your name.
- ⁷For they have ^(N)devoured Jacob
And ^(O)laid waste his habitation.
- ⁸^(P)Do not remember the iniquities of our forefathers against us;
Let Your compassion come quickly to ^(Q)meet us,
For we feel very humbled.
- ⁹^(S)Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of ^(T)Your name;
And deliver us and ^(U)forgive our sins ^(V)for Your name's sake.
- ¹⁰^(W)Why should the nations say, "Where has their God gone?"
Let the nations in our sight know,
^(X)Vengeance for the blood of Your servants which they have shed.
- ¹¹Let ^(Y)the groaning of the prisoner come before You;
According to the greatness of Your power preserve those who have
received condemnation to die.
- ¹²And return to our neighbors ^(AA)sevenfold ^(AB)into their bosom

The ^(AC)reproach with which they have reproached You, O Lord.
13 So we Your people and the ^(AD)sheep of Your pasture
Will ^(AE)give thanks to You forever;
To all generations we will ^(AF)tell of Your praise.

Psalm 80

NASB E-Prime DFM

God Implored to Rescue His People from Their Calamities.

For the choir director; set to El Shoshannim; Eduth. A Psalm of Asaph.

¹Oh, give ear, ^(A)Shepherd of Israel,
You who lead ^(B)Joseph like a flock;
You whose throne rises above the cherubim, shine forth!
²Before ^(D)Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, ^(E)stir up Your power
And come to save us!
³O God, ^(E)restore us
And ^(G)cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will have salvation.
⁴O ^(H)LORD God of hosts,
^(I)How long will You show anger with the prayer of Your people?
⁵You have fed them with the ^(J)bread of tears,
And You have made them to drink tears in large measure.
⁶You make us ^[a]an object of contention ^(K)to our neighbors,
And our enemies laugh among themselves.
⁷O God of hosts, restore us
And cause Your face to shine upon us, ^[b]and we will have salvation.
⁸You removed a ^(L)vine from Egypt;
You ^(M)drove out the nations and ^(N)planted it.
⁹You ^(O)cleared the ground before it,
And it ^(P)took deep root and filled the land.
¹⁰The mountains appeared covered with its shadow,
And the cedars of God with its ^(Q)boughs.
¹¹It sent out its branches ^(R)to the sea
And its shoots to the River.

- 12 Why have You ^(S)broken down its hedges,
So that all who pass that way pick its fruit?
- 13 A boar from the forest ^(I)eats it away
And whatever moves in the field feeds on it.
- 14 O God of hosts, ^(U)turn again now, we beseech You;
^(V)Look down from heaven and see, and take care of this vine,
- 15 Even the ^(W)shoot which Your right hand has planted,
And on the son whom You have strengthened for Yourself.
- 16 It burns in the fire, we cut it down;
They perish at the ^(Y)rebuke of Your countenance.
- 17 Let ^(Z)Your hand support the man of Your right hand,
Upon the son of man whom You ^(AA)made strong for Yourself.
- 18 Then we shall not ^(AB)turn back from You;
^(AC)Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.
- 19 O LORD God of hosts, ^(AD)restore us;
Cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will have salvation.

Psalm 81

NASB E-Prime DFM

God's Goodness and Israel's Waywardness.

For the choir director; on the Gittith. A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1^(A)Sing for joy to God our ^(B)strength;
Shout ^(C)joyfully to the ^(D)God of Jacob.
- 2 Raise a song, strike ^(E)the timbrel,
The sweet sounding ^(E)lyre with the ^(G)harp.
- 3 Blow the trumpet at the ^(H)new moon,
At the full moon, on our ^(I)feast day.
- 4 For Israel regards it as a statute,
An ordinance of the God of Jacob.
- 5 He established it for a testimony in Joseph
When he ^(J)went throughout the land of Egypt
I heard a ^(K)language that I did not know:

6" I (L) relieved his shoulder of the burden,
He freed His hands from the basket.
7" You (M) called in trouble and I rescued you;
I (N) answered you in the hiding place of thunder;
I proved you at the (O) waters of Meribah. Selah.
8" (P) Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you;
O Israel, if you (Q) would listen to Me!
9" Let you have no (R) strange god among you;
Nor shall you worship any foreign god.
10" (S) I, the LORD, proclaim Myself your God,
Who brought you up from the land of Egypt;
(T) Open your mouth wide and I will (U) fill it.
11" But My people (V) did not listen to My voice,
And Israel did not obey Me.
12" So I (W) gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart,
To walk in their own devices.
13" Oh that My people (X) would listen to Me,
That Israel would (Y) walk in My ways!
14" I would quickly (Z) subdue their enemies
And (AA) turn My hand against their adversaries.
15" (AB) Those who hate the LORD would (AC) pretend obedience to Him,
And their time of punishment would extend forever.
16" But I would feed you with the (AD) finest of the wheat,
And with (AE) honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

Psalm 82

NASB E-Prime DFM

Unjust Judgments Rebuked.

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 God takes His (A) stand in His own congregation;
He (B) judges in the midst of the (C) rulers.
2 How long will you (D) judge unjustly
And (E) show partiality to the wicked? Selah.
3 (E) Vindicate the weak and fatherless;

Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.
4^(G)Rescue the weak and needy;
Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.
5They ^(H)do not know nor do they understand;
They ^(I)walk about in darkness;
All the ^(J)foundations of the earth shake.
6I ^(K)said, "You appear as gods,
And all of you resemble ^(L)sons of the Most High.
7"Nevertheless ^(M)you will die like men
And fall like any ^(N)one of the princes."
8^(O)Arise, O God, ^(P)judge the earth!
For You possess all the nations.

Psalm 83

NASB E-Prime DFM

God Implored to Confound His Enemies.

A Song, a Psalm of Asaph.

1O God, ^(A)do not remain quiet;
^(B)Do not remain silent and, O God, do not remain still.
2For behold, Your enemies ^(C)make an uproar,
And ^(D)those who hate You have ^(E)exalted themselves.
3They ^(E)make shrewd plans against Your people,
And conspire together against ^(G)Your treasured ones.
4They have said, "Come, and ^(H)let us wipe them out as a nation,
That the ^(I)name of Israel have no remembrance anymore."
5For they have ^(J)conspired together with one mind;
Against You they make a covenant:
6The tents of ^(K)Edom and the ^(L)Ishmaelites,
^(M)Moab and the ^(N)Hagrites;
7^(O)Gebal and ^(P)Ammon and ^(Q)Amalek,
^(R)Philistia with the inhabitants of ^(S)Tyre;
8^(T)Assyria also has joined with them;

They have become a help to the ^(U)children of Lot. Selah.
9 Deal with them ^(V)as with Midian,
As ^(W)with Sisera and Jabin at the torrent of Kishon,
10 Who suffered destruction at En-dor,
Who ^(X)became as dung for the ground.
11 Make their nobles like ^(Y)Oreb and Zeeb
And all their princes like ^(Z)Zebah and Zalmunna,
12 Who said, "^(AA)Let us possess for ourselves
The ^(AB)pastures of God."
13 O my God, make them like the ^[a]^(AC)whirling dust,
Like ^(AD)chaff before the wind.
14 Like ^(AE)fire that burns the forest
And like a flame that ^(AF)sets the mountains on fire,
15 So pursue them ^(AG)with Your tempest
And terrify them with Your storm.
16 ^(AH)Fill their faces with dishonor,
That they may seek Your name, O LORD.
17 Let them feel shame and dismay forever,
And let them feel humiliation and perish,
18 That they may ^(AJ)know that ^(AK)You alone, whose we acknowledge as
the LORD,
and regard as the ^(AL)Most High over all the earth.

Psalm 84

NASB E-Prime DFM

Longing for the Temple Worship.

For the choir director; on the Gittith. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

1 How lovely appear Your ^(A)dwelling places,
O LORD of hosts!
2 My ^(B)soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the LORD;
My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the ^(C)living God.
3 The bird also has found a house,

And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
 Even Your ^(D)altars, O LORD of hosts,
^(E)My King and my God.
⁴How ^(F)blessed feel those who dwell in Your house!
 They are ^(G)ever praising You. Selah.
⁵How You bless the man who relies on Your ^(H)strength ,
 In whose heart direct the ^(I)highways to Zion!
⁶Passing through the valley of ^[a]Baca they make it a spring;
 The ^(J)early rain also covers it with blessings.
⁷They ^(K)go from strength to strength,
 Every one of them ^(L)appears before God in Zion.
⁸O ^(M)LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
 Give ear, O ^(N)God of Jacob! Selah.
⁹Behold our ^(O)shield, O God,
 And look upon the face of ^(P)Your anointed.
¹⁰For ^(Q)a day in Your courts I regard better than a thousand outside.
 I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God
 Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
¹¹For the LORD God resembles ^(R)a sun and ^(S)shield;
 The LORD gives grace and ^(T)glory;
^(U)No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
¹²O LORD of hosts,
 How You bless the man who trusts in You!

Psalm 85

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for God's Mercy upon the Nation.

For the choir director. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

¹O LORD, You showed ^(A)favor to Your land;
 You ^[a]^(B)restored the captivity of Jacob.
²You ^(C)forgave the iniquity of Your people;
 You ^(D)covered all their sin. Selah.
³You ^(E)withdrew all Your fury;

You ^(E)turned away from Your burning anger.
4^(G)Restore us, O God of our salvation,
And ^(H)cause Your indignation toward us to cease.
5Will ^(I)You remain angry with us forever?
Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?
6Will You not Yourself ^(J)revive us again,
That Your people may ^(K)rejoice in You?
7Show us Your lovingkindness, O LORD,
And ^(L)grant us Your salvation.
8I will hear what God the LORD will say;
For He will ^(M)speak peace to His people, to His godly ones;
But let them not ^(N)turn back to folly.
9Surely ^(O)His salvation draws near to those who ^(b)fear Him,
That ^(P)glory may dwell in our land.
10^(Q)Lovingkindness and truth have met together;
^(R)Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11Truth ^(S)springs from the earth,
And righteousness looks down from heaven.
12Indeed, ^(T)the LORD will give good,
And our ^(U)land will yield its produce.
13^(V)Righteousness will go before Him
And will make His footsteps into a way.

Psalm 86

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Psalm of Supplication and Trust.

A Prayer of David.

1^(A)Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me;
For I suffer affliction and neediness.
2^(C)Preserve my soul, for I have lived as a ^(D)godly man;
O You my God, save Your servant who ^(E)trusts in You.
3Show graciousness to me, O Lord,
For ^(G)to You I cry all day long.

⁴Make glad the soul of Your servant,
For to You, O Lord, ^(H)I lift up my soul.

⁵For You, Lord demonstrate ^(I)goodness and ^(J)readiness to forgive,
And ^(K)abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon You.

⁶^(L)Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
And give heed to the voice of my supplications!

⁷In ^(M)the day of my trouble I shall call upon You,
For ^(N)You will answer me.

⁸There exists ^(O)no one like You among the gods, O Lord,
Nor do any works exist ^(P)like Yours.

⁹^(Q)All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You,
O Lord,
And they shall glorify Your name.

¹⁰For You have shown greatness and have done wondrous deeds;
We acknowledge You alone as God.

¹¹^(U)Teach me Your way, O LORD;
I will walk in Your truth;
^(V)Unite my heart to fear Your name.

¹²I will ^(W)give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
And will glorify Your name forever.

¹³For Your lovingkindness toward me has proved great,
And You have ^(X)delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

¹⁴O God, arrogant men have ^(Y)risen up against me,
And a band of violent men have sought my life,
And they have not set You before them.

¹⁵But You, O Lord, have demonstrated mercy and grace to us,
demonstrating slowness of anger and abundance in lovingkindness
and truth.

¹⁶^(AA)Turn to me, and show grace to me;
Oh ^(AB)grant Your strength to Your servant,
And save the ^(AC)son of Your handmaid.

¹⁷^(AD)Show me a sign for good,
That those who hate me may ^(AE)see it and feel ashamed,
Because You, O LORD, ^(AF)have helped me and comforted me.

Psalm 87

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Privileges of Citizenship in Zion.

A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A Song.

¹His ^(A)foundation resides in the holy mountains.

²The LORD ^(B)loves the gates of Zion
More than all the other dwelling places of Jacob.

³^(C)Glorious things we speak of you,
O ^(D)city of God. Selah.

⁴"I shall mention ^[a]^(E)Rahab and Babylon among those who know Me;
Behold, Philistia and ^(F)Tyre with ^(G)Ethiopia:
'This one had his nativity there.'"

⁵But of Zion one may say, "This one and that one had their nativity in her";

And the Most High Himself will ^(H)establish her.

⁶The LORD will count when He ^(I)registers the peoples,
"This one had His nativity there." Selah.

⁷Then those who ^(J)sing as well as those who ^(K)play the flutes shall say,
"All my ^(L)springs of joy remain in you."

Psalm 88

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Petition for Salvation from Death.

A Song. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. For the choir director; according to Mahalath Leannoth. A Maskil of Heman the Ezrahite.

¹O LORD, the ^(A)God of my salvation,
I have ^(B)cried out by day and in the night before You.

²Let my prayer ^(C)come before You;
^(D)Incline Your ear to my cry!

³For my ^(E)soul has had enough troubles,
And ^(E)my life has drawn near to Sheol.

⁴People reckon me among those who ^(G)go down to the pit;
I have become like a man ^(H)without strength,
⁵Forsaken ^(I)among the dead,
Like the slain who lie in the grave,
Whom You remember no more,
And they find themselves off from Your hand.

⁶You have put me in ^(K)the lowest pit,
In ^(L)dark places, in the ^(M)depths.

⁷Your wrath ^(N)has rested upon me,
And You have afflicted me with ^(O)all Your waves. Selah.

⁸You have removed ^(P)my acquaintances far from me;
You have made me an ^{[a](Q)}object of loathing to them;
You shut us up and cannot go out.

⁹My ^(S)eye has wasted away because of affliction;
I have ^(T)called upon You every day, O LORD;
I have ^(U)spread out my hands to You.

¹⁰Will You perform wonders for the dead?
Will ^(V)the departed spirits rise and praise You? Selah.

¹¹Will anyone declare Your lovingkindness in the grave,
Your faithfulness in Abaddon?

¹²Will anyone know Your wonders in the ^(W)darkness?
And Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

¹³But I, O LORD, have cried out ^(X)to You for help,
And ^(Y)in the morning my prayer comes before You.

¹⁴O LORD, why ^(Z)do You reject my soul?
Why do You ^(AA)hide Your face from me?

¹⁵I felt afflicted and ^(AB)about to die from my youth on;
I suffer ^(AC)Your terrors; I feel overcome.

¹⁶Your ^(AD)burning anger has passed over me;
Your terrors have ^(AE)destroyed me.

¹⁷They have ^(AF)surrounded me ^(AG)like water all day long;
They have ^(AH)encompassed me altogether.

¹⁸You have removed ^(AI)lover and friend far from me;
My acquaintances dwell in darkness.

Psalm 89

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD'S Covenant with David, and Israel's Afflictions.

A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

¹I will ^(A)sing of the lovingkindness of the LORD forever;
To all generations I will ^(B)make known Your ^(C)faithfulness with my mouth.

²For I have said, "^(D)our lovingkindness will last forever;
In the heavens You will establish Your ^(E)faithfulness."

³"I have made a covenant with ^(F)My chosen;
I have ^(G)sworn to David My servant,

⁴I will establish your ^(H)seed forever
And build up your ^(I)throne to all generations." Selah.

⁵The ^(J)heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD;
Your faithfulness also ^(K)in the assembly of the ^(L)holy ones.

⁶For ^(M)who in the skies compares to the LORD?
Who among the ^(N)sons of the mighty compares to the LORD,

⁷A God ^(O)greatly feared in the council of the ^(P)holy ones,
And ^(Q)awesome above all those who are around Him?

⁸O LORD God of hosts, ^(R)who compares to You, O mighty LORD?
Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

⁹You rule the swelling of the sea;
When its waves rise, You ^(S)still them.

¹⁰You Yourself crushed ^(T)Rahab like one who suffers destruction;

You ^(U)scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.
11The ^(V)heavens belong to You, the earth also belongs to You;
The ^(W)world and ^[a]all it contains, You have founded them.
12The ^(X)north and the south, You have created them;
^(Y)Tabor and ^(Z)Hermon ^(AA)shout for joy at Your name.
13You have a strong arm;
Your hand has might, Your ^(AB)right hand commands exaltation.
14^(AC)Righteousness and justice have become the foundation of Your
throne;
^(AD)Lovingkindness and truth go before You.
15How You have blessed the people who know the ^[b]^(AE)joyful sound!
O LORD, they walk in the ^(AF)light of Your countenance.
16In ^(AG)Your name they rejoice all the day,
And by Your righteousness they receive exaltation.
17For they regard You as the glory of ^(AH)their strength,
And You exalt our horn by Your favor.
18For our ^(AJ)shield belongs to the LORD,
^[c]And our king to the ^(AK)Holy One of Israel.
19Once You spoke in vision to Your godly ones,
And said, "I have given help to the ^(AL)mighty;
I have exalted one ^(AM)chosen from the people.
20"I have ^(AN)found David My servant;
With My holy ^(AO)oil I have anointed him,
21With whom ^(AP)My hand will find its place;
My arm also will ^(AQ)strengthen him.
22"The enemy will not ^[d]deceive him,
Nor the ^(AR)son of wickedness afflict him.
23"But I shall ^(AS)crush his adversaries before him,
And strike those who hate him.
24"My ^(AT)faithfulness and My lovingkindness will accompany him,
And in My name his ^(AU)horn will receive exaltation.
25"I shall also set his hand ^(AV)on the sea
And his right hand on the rivers.
26"He will cry to Me, 'I acknowledge You as my Father,
My God, and the ^(AX)rock of my salvation.'
27"I also shall make him My ^(AY)firstborn,
The ^(AZ)highest of the kings of the earth.
28"My ^(BA)lovingkindness I will keep for him forever,

And My ^(BB)covenant shall have confirmation in him.
29" So I will establish his ^(BC)descendants forever
And his ^(BD)throne ^(BE)as the days of heaven.
30" If his sons ^(BF)forsake My law
And do not walk in My judgments,
31" If they ^(E)violate My statutes
And do not keep My commandments,
32" Then I will punish their transgression with the ^(BG)rod
And their iniquity with stripes.
33" But I will not break off ^(BH)My lovingkindness from him,
Nor deal falsely in My faithfulness.
34" My ^(BI)covenant I will not violate,
Nor will I ^(BJ)alter the utterance of My lips.
35" ^(f)Once I have ^(BK)sworn by My holiness;
I will not lie to David.
36" His ^(BL)descendants shall endure forever
And his ^(BM)throne ^(BN)as the sun before Me.
37" It shall have security forever ^(BO)like the moon,
And the ^(BP)witness in the sky remains faithful." Selah.
38" But You have ^(BQ)cast off and ^(BR)rejected,
You have shown wrath against Your ^(BS)anointed.
39" You have ^(BT)spurned the covenant of Your servant;
You have ^(BU)profaned ^(BV)his crown in the dust.
40" You have ^(BW)broken down all his walls;
You have ^(BX)brought his strongholds to ruin.
41" ^(BY)All who pass along the way plunder him;
He has become a ^(BZ)reproach to his neighbors.
42" You have ^(CA)exalted the right hand of his adversaries;
You have ^(CB)made all his enemies rejoice.
43" You also turn back the edge of his sword
And have ^(CC)not made him stand in battle.
44" You have made his ^(CD)splendor to cease
And cast his throne to the ground.
45" You have ^(CE)shortened the days of his youth;
You have ^(CF)covered him with shame. Selah.
46" ^(CG)How long, O LORD?
Will You hide Yourself forever?
Will Your ^(CH)wrath burn like fire?

47^(CI)Remember what my span of life seems;
For what ^(CJ)vanity You have created all the sons of men!
48^(CK)What man can live and not ^(CK)see death?
Can he ^(CL)deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? Selah.
49^(CM)Where can we see Your former lovingkindnesses, O Lord,
Which You ^(CM)swore to David in Your faithfulness?
50^(CN)Remember, O Lord, the ^(CN)reproach of Your servants;
How I bear in my bosom the reproach of all the many peoples,
51^(CO)With which ^(CO)Your enemies have reproached, O LORD,
With which they have reproached the footsteps of ^(CP)Your anointed.
52^(CP) We bless the name of the LORD forever!
Amen and Amen.

Psalm 90

NASB E-Prime DFM

God's Eternity and Man's Transitoriness.

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

BOOK 4

¹Lord, we have dwelled in You in all generations.
²Before ^(B)the mountains came into existence
Or You ^(C)gave birth to the earth and the world,
Even ^(D)from everlasting to everlasting, we acknowledge You as God.
³You ^(E)turn man back into dust
And say, "Return, O children of men."
⁴For ^(F)a thousand years in Your sight
resemble ^(G)yesterday when it passes by,
Or as a ^(H)watch in the night.

- ⁵You ^(I)have swept them away like a flood, they ^(J)fall asleep;
In the morning they resemble ^(K)grass which sprouts anew.
- ⁶In the morning it ^(L)flourishes and sprouts anew;
Toward evening it ^(M)fades and ^(N)withers away.
- ⁷For You have consumed us by Your anger
And by Your wrath we have become dismayed.
- ⁸You have ^(P)placed our iniquities before You,
Our ^(Q)secret sins in the light of Your presence.
- ⁹For ^(R)all our days have declined in Your fury;
We have finished our years like a sigh.
- ¹⁰As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years,
Or if due to strength, ^(S)eighty years,
Yet their pride contains ^(T)labor and sorrow;
For soon it disappears and we ^(U)fly away.
- ¹¹Who understands the ^(V)power of Your anger
And Your fury, according to the ^(W)fear that we owe You?
- ¹²So ^(X)teach us to number our days,
That we may ^(Y)present to You a heart of wisdom.
- ¹³Do ^(Z)return, O LORD; ^(AA)how long will it take?
And feel ^(AB)sorry for Your servants.
- ¹⁴O ^(AC)satisfy us in the morning with Your lovingkindness,
That we may ^(AD)sing for joy and show gladness in all our days.
- ¹⁵^(AE)Make us glad according to the days You have afflicted us,
And the ^(AF)years we have seen ^[b]evil.
- ¹⁶Let Your ^(AG)work appear to Your servants
And Your ^(AH)majesty to their children.
- ¹⁷Let the ^(AI)favor of the Lord our God fall upon us;
And ^[c]^(AJ)confirm for us the work of our hands;
Yes, confirm the work of our hands.

Psalm 91

NASB E-Prime DFM

Security of the One Who Trusts in the LORD.

- ¹He who dwells in the ^(A)shelter of the Most High
Will abide in the ^(B)shadow of the Almighty.
- ²I will say to the LORD, "My ^(C)refuge and my ^(D)fortress,
My God, in whom I ^(E)trust!"
- ³For He delivers you from the ^(F)snare of the trapper
And from the deadly ^(G)pestilence.
- ⁴He will ^(H)cover you with His pinions,
And ^(I)under His wings you may seek refuge;
His ^(J)faithfulness resembles a ^(K)shield and bulwark.
- ⁵You ^(L)will have no fear of the ^(M)terror by night,
Or of the ^(N)arrow that flies by day;
- ⁶Of the ^(O)pestilence that stalks in darkness,
Or of the ^(P)destruction that lays waste at noon.
- ⁷A thousand may fall at your side
And ten thousand at your right hand,
But ^(Q)it shall not approach you.
- ⁸You will only look on with your eyes
And ^(R)see the recompense of the wicked.
- ⁹For you have made the LORD, ^(S)my refuge,
Even the Most High, ^(T)your dwelling place.
- ¹⁰^(U)No evil will befall you,
Nor will any plague come near your tent.
- ¹¹For He will give ^(V)His angels charge concerning you,
To guard you in all your ways.
- ¹²They will ^(W)bear you up in their hands,
That you do not strike your foot against a stone.
- ¹³You will ^(X)tread upon the lion and cobra,
The young lion and the serpent you will trample down.
- ¹⁴"^(Y)Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him;
I will ^(Z)set him securely on high, because he has ^(AA)known My name.
- ¹⁵"He will ^(AB)call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I will remain with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and ^(AC)honor him.
16"With a ^(AD)long life I will satisfy him
And ^(AE)let him see My salvation."

Psalm 92

NASB E-Prime DFM

Praise for the LORD'S Goodness.

A Psalm, a Song for the Sabbath day.

¹We find it ^(A)good to give thanks to the LORD
And to ^(B)sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
²To ^(C)declare Your lovingkindness in the morning
And Your ^(D)faithfulness by night,
³With the ^(E)ten-stringed lute and with the ^(E)harp,
With resounding music upon the ^(G)lyre.
⁴For You, O LORD, have made me glad by what You ^(H)have done,
I will ^(I)sing for joy at the ^(J)works of Your hands.
⁵How we regard Your works as ^(K)great, O LORD!
Your ^(L)thoughts I acknowledge as very ^(M)deep.
⁶A ^(N)senseless man has no knowledge,
Nor does a ^(O)stupid man understand this:
⁷That when the wicked ^(P)sprouted up like grass
And all ^(Q)who did iniquity flourished,

They flourished only that they might suffer destruction forevermore.
8But You, O LORD, dwell on high forever.
9For, behold, Your enemies, O LORD,
For, behold, (I)Your enemies will perish;
All who do iniquity will become scattered.
10But You have exalted my (V)horn like that of the wild ox;
You have (W)anointed me with fresh oil.
11And my eye has (X)looked exultantly upon my foes,
My ears hear of the evildoers who rise up against me.
12The (Y)righteous man will flourish like the palm tree,
He will grow like a (Z)cedar in Lebanon.
13(AA)Planted in the house of the LORD,
They will flourish (AB)in the courts of our God.
14They will still (AC)yield fruit in old age;
They shall have an abundance of sap and grow very green,
15To declare that we regard the LORD as upright;
I regard Him as my (AE)rock, and we find no unrighteousness in Him.

Psalm 93

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Majesty of the LORD.

1(A)The LORD reigns, He (B)clothes Himself with majesty;
The LORD has (C)clothed and girded Himself with strength;
Indeed, the Lord firmly established the world, it will not move.
2You have established Your throne from of old;
You continue from everlasting.
3The (G)floods have lifted up, O LORD,
The floods have lifted up their voice,
The floods lift up their pounding waves.
4More than the sounds of many waters,
Than the mighty breakers of the sea,
The LORD (H)on high has might.

⁵Your ^(I)testimonies we fully confirmed;
^(J)Holiness befits Your house,
O LORD, forevermore.

Psalm 94

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD Implored to Avenge His People.

¹O LORD, God of ^(A)vengeance,
God of vengeance, ^(B)shine forth!
²^(C)Rise up, O ^(D)Judge of the earth,
Render recompense ^(E)to the proud.
³How long shall the wicked, O LORD,
How long shall the ^(F)wicked exult?
⁴They pour forth words, they ^(G)speak arrogantly;
All who do wickedness ^(H)vaunt themselves.
⁵They ^(I)crush Your people, O LORD,
And ^(J)afflict Your heritage.
⁶They ^(K)slay the widow and the stranger
And murder the orphans.
⁷^(L)They have said, "The LORD does not see,
Nor does the God of Jacob pay heed."
⁸Pay heed, you ^(M)senseless among the people;
And when will you understand, ^(N)stupid ones?

⁹He who ^(Q)planted the ear, does He not hear?
He who formed the eye, does He not see?
¹⁰He who ^(P)chastens the nations, will He not rebuke,
Even He who ^(Q)teaches man knowledge?
¹¹The LORD ^(R)knows the thoughts of man,
That they resemble a mere breath.
¹²The man whom You chasten receives blessings, O LORD,
And ^(I)whom You teach out of Your law;
¹³That You may grant him ^(U)relief from the ^(V)days of adversity,
Until You dig a pit for the wicked.
¹⁴For ^(X)the LORD will not abandon His people,
Nor will He ^(Y)forsake His inheritance.
¹⁵For ^(Z)judgment will again consist of righteousness,
And all the upright in heart will follow it.
¹⁶Who will ^(AA)stand up for me against evildoers?
Who will take his stand for me ^(AB)against those who do wickedness?
¹⁷If ^(AC)the LORD had not helped me,
My soul would soon have dwelt in the abode of silence.
¹⁸If I should say, "^(AD)My foot has slipped,"
Your lovingkindness, O LORD, will hold me up.
¹⁹When my anxious thoughts multiply within me,
Your ^(AE)consolations delight my soul.
²⁰Can a ^(AF)throne of destruction join itself with You,
One ^(AG)which devises mischief by decree?
²¹They ^(AH)band themselves together against the life of the righteous
And ^(AI)condemn the innocent to death.
²²But the LORD has remained my ^(AJ)stronghold,
And my God the ^(AK)rock of my refuge.
²³He has ^(AL)brought back their wickedness upon them
And will ^(AM)destroy them in their evil;
The LORD our God will destroy them.

Psalm 95

NASB E-Prime DFM

Praise to the LORD, and Warning against Unbelief.

- ¹O come, let us ^(A)sing for joy to the LORD,
Let us shout joyfully to ^(B)the rock of our salvation.
- ²Let us ^(C)come before His presence ^(D)with thanksgiving,
Let us shout joyfully to Him ^(E)with psalms.
- ³For we acknowledge the LORD as a ^(F)great God
And a great King ^(G)above all gods,
- ⁴In whose hand reside the ^(H)depths of the earth,
The peaks of the mountains belong to Him also.
- ⁵The sea belongs to Him, for He made it,
And His hands formed the dry land.
- ⁶Come, let us ^(J)worship and bow down,
Let us ^(K)kneel before the LORD our ^(L)Maker.
- ⁷For we acknowledge Him as our God,
And ^(M)we consider ourselves the people of His ^(N)pasture and the
sheep of His hand
^(O)Today, if you would hear His voice,
- ⁸Do not harden your hearts, as at ^[a]^(P)Meribah,
As in the day of ^[b]^(Q)Massah in the wilderness,
- ⁹"When your fathers ^(R)tested Me,
They tried Me, though they had seen My work.
- ¹⁰"For ^(S)forty years I loathed that generation,
And said this people err in their heart,
And they do not know My ways.
- ¹¹"Therefore I ^(T)swore in My anger,
Truly they shall not enter into My ^(U)rest."

Psalm 96

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Call to Worship the LORD the Righteous Judge.

- ¹(A) Sing to the LORD a (B) new song;
Sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ²Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
(C) Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.
- ³Tell of (D) His glory among the nations,
His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.
- ⁴For We acknowledge the LORD as great and praise Him greatly ;
We fear Him above all gods.
- ⁵For (I) all the gods of the peoples consist of idols,
But (J) the LORD made the heavens.
- ⁶(K) Splendor and majesty dwell before Him,
Strength and beauty reside in His sanctuary.
- ⁷[a] Ascribe to the LORD, O (L) families of the peoples,
(M) Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ⁸[b] Ascribe to the LORD the (N) glory of His name;
Bring an (O) offering and come into His courts.
- ⁹(P) Worship the LORD in [c] holy attire;
(Q) Tremble before Him, all the earth.
- ¹⁰Say among the nations, "(R) The LORD reigns;
Indeed, the Lord firmly establishes the earth, it will not move;
He will (T) judge the peoples with [d] equity."
- ¹¹Let the (U) heavens show gladness, and let the (V) earth rejoice;
Let (W) the sea roar, and all it contains;
- ¹²Let the (X) field exult, and everything in it
Then all the (Y) trees of the forest will sing for joy
- ¹³Before the LORD, (Z) for He comes,
For He comes to judge the earth
(AA) He will judge the world in righteousness
And the peoples in His faithfulness.

Psalm 97

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD'S Power and Dominion.

- ¹(A)The LORD reigns, let the ^(B)earth rejoice;
Let the many ^[a](C)islands show gladness.
- ²(D)Clouds and thick darkness surround Him;
^(E)Righteousness and justice have become the foundation of His throne.
- ³(F)Fire goes before Him
And ^(G)burns up His adversaries round about.
- ⁴His ^(H)lightnings lit up the world;
The earth saw and ^(I)trembled.
- ⁵The mountains ^(J)melted like wax at the presence of the LORD,
At the presence of the ^(K)Lord of the whole earth.
- ⁶The ^(L)heavens declare His righteousness,
And ^(M)all the peoples have seen His glory.
- ⁷Let all those feel ashamed who serve ^(N)graven images,
Who boast themselves of ^(O)idols;
^(P)Worship Him, all you gods.
- ⁸Zion heard this and felt glad,
And the daughters of Judah have rejoiced
Because of Your judgments, O LORD.
- ⁹We regard You as the LORD ^(R)Most High over all the earth;
You have exaltation far ^(S)above all gods.
- ¹⁰(T)Hate evil, you who love the LORD,
Who ^(U)preserves the souls of His godly ones;
He ^(V)delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- ¹¹God sows light like seed for the righteous
And ^(X)gladness for the upright in heart.
- ¹²Show gladness in the LORD, you righteous ones,
And ^(Z)give thanks to His holy name.

Psalm 98

NASB E-Prime DFM

A Call to Praise the LORD for His Righteousness.

A Psalm.

¹O sing to the LORD a ^(A)new song,
For He has done ^(B)wonderful things,
His ^(C)right hand and His ^(D)holy arm have ^[a]gained the victory for
Him.

²^(E)The LORD has made known His salvation;
He has ^(E)revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

³He has ^(G)remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness to the
house of Israel;

^(H)All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴^(I)Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;
^(J)Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises.

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the ^(K)lyre,
With the lyre and the ^(L)sound of melody.

⁶With ^(M)trumpets and the sound of the horn
^(N)Shout joyfully before ^(O)the King, the LORD.

⁷Let the ^(P)sea roar and all it contains,
The ^(Q)world and those who dwell in it.

⁸Let the ^(R)rivers clap their hands,
Let the ^(S)mountains sing together for joy

⁹Before the LORD, for He comes to ^(T)judge the earth;
He will judge the world with righteousness
And ^(U)the peoples with equity.

Psalm 99

NASB E-Prime DFM

Praise to the LORD for His Fidelity to Israel.

- ¹(A) The LORD reigns, let the peoples tremble;
He has His throne above the cherubim, let the earth shake!
- ²The LORD appears great in Zion,
And He receives exaltation above all the peoples.
- ³Let them praise Your (E) great and awesome name;
We acknowledge Him as Holy.
- ⁴The strength of the King (G) loves [a] justice;
You have established (H) equity;
You have (I) executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- ⁵(J) Exalt the LORD our God
And (K) worship at His footstool;
We acknowledge Him as Holy.
- ⁶(M) Moses and Aaron served among His (N) priests,
And (O) Samuel dwelled among those who (P) called on His name;
They (Q) called upon the LORD and He answered them.
- ⁷He (R) spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
They (S) kept His testimonies
And the statute that He gave them.
- ⁸O LORD our God, You (T) answered them;
You forgave them,
And yet You avenged them of their evil deeds.
- ⁹Exalt the LORD our God
And worship at His holy hill,
For we acknowledge the LORD our God as Holy.

Psalm 100

NASB E-Prime DFM

All Men Exhorted to Praise God.

A Psalm for Thanksgiving.

¹(A) Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.

²(B) Serve the LORD with gladness;

(C) Come before Him with joyful singing.

³Know that (D) the LORD Himself we acknowledge as God;

We know He who has (E) made us, and [a] not we ourselves;

We acknowledge ourselves His people and the sheep of His pasture.

⁴Enter His gates (G) with thanksgiving

And His courts with praise

Give thanks to Him, (H) bless His name.

⁵For (I) the LORD does good;

(J) His lovingkindness remains forever

And His (K) faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 101

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Psalmist's Profession of Uprightness.

A Psalm of David.

¹I will (A) sing of lovingkindness and justice,

To You, O LORD, I will sing praises.

²I will ^(B)give heed to the ^[a]blameless way
When will You come to me?
I will walk within my house in the ^(C)integrity of my heart.

³I will set no ^(D)worthless thing before my eyes;
I hate the work of those who ^(E)fall away;
It shall not fasten its grip on me.

⁴A ^(F)perverse heart shall depart from me;
I will know no evil.

⁵Whoever secretly ^(G)slanders his neighbor, him I will destroy;
No one who has a ^(H)haughty look and an arrogant heart will I endure.

⁶My eyes shall fix upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with
me;
He who walks in a ^[b]^(I)blameless way who ministers to me.

⁷He who ^(J)practices deceit shall not dwell within my house;
He who speaks falsehood ^(K)shall not maintain his position before me.

⁸^(L)Every morning I will ^[c]^(M)destroy all the wicked of the land,
So as to ^(N)cut off from the ^(O)city of the LORD all those who do
iniquity.

Psalm 102

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer of an Afflicted Man for Mercy on Himself and on Zion.

A Prayer of the Afflicted when he faints and pours out his complaint before the LORD.

¹^(A)Hear my prayer, O LORD!
And let my cry for help ^(B)come to You.

²^(C)Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress;
^(D)Incline Your ear to me;
In the day when I call ^(E)answer me quickly.

³For my days ^(F)have consumed in smoke,
And my ^(G)bones have scorched like a hearth.

⁴My heart ^(H)has felt smitten like grass and has ^(I)withered away,
Indeed, I ^(J)forget to eat my bread.

⁵Because of the loudness of my groaning
My ^(K)bones cling to my flesh.

⁶I resemble a ^(L)pelican of the wilderness;
I have become like an owl of the waste places.

⁷I ^(M)lie awake,
I have become like a lonely bird on a housetop.

⁸My enemies ^(N)have reproached me all day long;
Those who ^(O)deride me have used my name as a ^(P)curse.

⁹For I have eaten ashes like bread
And ^(Q)mingled my drink with weeping

¹⁰^(R)Because of Your indignation and Your wrath,
For You have ^(S)lifted me up and cast me away.

¹¹My days resemble a ^(T)lengthened shadow,
And I ^(U)wither away like grass.

¹²But You, O LORD, ^(V)abide forever,
And Your ^(W)name to all generations.

¹³You will ^(X)arise and have ^(Y)compassion on Zion;
For ^(Z)it has become time to show graciousness to her,
For the ^(AA)appointed time has come.

¹⁴Surely Your servants find pleasure in her stones
And feel pity for her dust.

¹⁵So the ^(AB)nations will fear the name of the LORD
And ^(AC)all the kings of the earth Your glory.

¹⁶For the LORD has ^(AD)built up Zion;
He has ^(AE)appeared in His glory.

¹⁷He has ^(AF)regarded the prayer of the destitute
And has not despised their prayer.

¹⁸This will appear in print for the ^(AH)generation to come,
That ^(AI)a people not yet created may praise the LORD.

¹⁹For He ^(AJ)looked down from His holy height;
^(AK)From heaven the LORD gazed upon the earth,

²⁰To hear the ^(AL)groaning of the prisoner,
To ^(AM)set free those who had received a death sentence,

²¹That men may ^(AN)tell of the name of the LORD in Zion
And His praise in Jerusalem,

²²When ^(AO)the peoples gather together,
And the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

²³He has weakened my strength in the way;

He has ^(AP)shortened my days.
24 I say, "O my God, ^(AQ)do not take me away in the midst of my days,
Your ^(AR)years extend throughout all generations.
25 "Of old You ^(AS)founded the earth,
And the ^(AT)heavens exist as the work of Your hands.
26 "Even they will ^(AU)perish, but You endure;
And all of them will wear out like a garment;
Like clothing You will change them and they will change.
27 "But You remain ^(AV)the same,
And Your years will not come to an end.
28 "The ^(AW)children of Your servants will continue,
And their ^(AX)descendants will dwell before You."

Psalm 103

NASB E-Prime DFM

Praise for the LORD'S Mercies.

A Psalm of David.

1^(A) Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And all that dwells within me, bless His ^(B)holy name.
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And ^(C)forget none of His benefits;
3 Who ^(D)pardons all your iniquities,
Who ^(E)heals all your diseases;
4 Who ^(E)redeems your life from the pit,
Who ^(G)crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion;
5 Who ^(H)satisfies your ^[a]years with good things,
So that your youth renews like the eagle.
6 The LORD ^(J)performs righteous deeds
And judgments for all who feel oppressed.
7 He ^(L)made known His ways to Moses,
His ^(M)acts to the sons of Israel.
8 The LORD shows compassion and graciousness,
^(O)Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.

⁹He ^(P)will not always strive with us,
Nor will He ^(Q)keep His anger forever.

¹⁰He has ^(R)not dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as high ^(S)as the heavens extend high above the earth,
So great does He demonstrate His lovingkindness toward those who
^[b]fear Him.

¹²As far as the east extends from the west,
So far has He ^(T)removed our transgressions from us.

¹³Just ^(U)as a father has compassion on his children,
So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

¹⁴For ^(V)He Himself knows ^[c]our frame;
He ^(W)is mindful that we consist of dust.

¹⁵As for man, his days resemble the brevity of grass;
As a ^(Z)flower of the field, so he flourishes.

¹⁶When the ^(AA)wind has passed over it, it exists no more,
And its ^(AB)place acknowledges it no longer.

¹⁷But the ^(AC)lovingkindness of the LORD extends from everlasting to
everlasting on those who ^[d]fear Him,
And His righteousness ^(AD)to children's children,

¹⁸To ^(AE)those who keep His covenant
And remember His precepts to do them.

¹⁹The LORD has established His ^(AF)throne in the heavens,
And His ^[e]^(AG)sovereignty rules over all.

²⁰Bless the LORD, you ^(AH)His angels,
^(AI)Mighty in strength, who ^(AJ)perform His word,
^(AK)Obeying the voice of His word!

²¹Bless the LORD, all you ^(AL)His hosts,
You ^(AM)who serve Him, doing His will.

²²Bless the LORD, ^(AN)all you works of His,
In all places of His dominion;
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Psalm 104

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD'S Care over All His Works.

- ^{1(A)}Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, We acknowledge your greatness;
You clothe yourself with splendor and majesty,
²Covering Yourself with ^(C)light as with a cloak,
^(D)Stretching out heaven like a tent curtain.
- ^{3[a]}He ^(E)lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters;
He makes the ^(E)clouds His chariot;
He walks upon the ^(G)wings of the wind;
- ⁴He makes ^{[b](H)}the winds His messengers,
^[c]Flaming ^(I)fire His ministers.
- ⁵He ^(J)established the earth upon its foundations,
So that it will not ^[d]totter forever and ever.
- ⁶You ^(K)covered it with the deep as with a garment;
The waters stood above the mountains.
- ⁷At Your ^(L)rebuke they fled,
At the ^(M)sound of Your thunder they hurried away.
- ⁸The mountains rose; the valleys sank down
To the ^(N)place which You established for them.
- ⁹You set a ^(O)boundary that they may not pass over,
So that they will not return to cover the earth.
- ¹⁰He sends forth ^(P)springs in the valleys;
They flow between the mountains;
- ¹¹They ^(Q)give drink to every beast of the field;
The ^(R)wild donkeys quench their thirst.
- ¹²Beside them the birds of the heavens ^(S)dwell;
They lift up their voices among the branches.
- ¹³He ^(T)waters the mountains from His upper chambers;
^(U)The earth becomes satisfied with the fruit of His works.

14 He causes the (V) grass to grow for the cattle,
And (W) vegetation for the labor of man,
So that he may bring forth food (X) from the earth,
15 And (Y) wine which makes man's heart glad,
(Z) So that he may make his face glisten with oil,
And food which (AA) sustains man's heart.
16 The trees of the LORD drink their fill,
The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,
17 Where the (AB) birds build their nests,
And the (AC) stork, who builds its home in the fir trees.
18 The high mountains provide refuge for the (AD) wild goats;
The (AE) cliffs provide a refuge for the (AF) shepherds.
19 He made the moon (AG) for the seasons;
The (AH) sun knows the place of its setting.
20 You (AI) appoint darkness and it becomes night,
In which all the (AJ) beasts of the forest prowl about.
21 The (AK) young lions roar after their prey
And (AL) seek their food from God.
22 When the sun rises they withdraw
And lie down in their (AM) dens.
23 Man goes forth to (AN) his work
And to his labor until evening.
24 O LORD, how (AO) many works You do!
In (AP) wisdom You have made them all;
The (AQ) earth has become full of Your [e] possessions.
25 There is the (AR) sea, great and broad,
In which dwell swarms without number,
Animals both small and great.
26 There the (AS) ships move along,
And [f](AT) Leviathan, which You have formed to sport in it.
27 They all (AU) wait for You
To (AV) give them their food in [g] due season.
28 You give to them, they gather it up;
You (AW) open Your hand, they have satisfaction with good.
29 You (AX) hide Your face, they feel dismayed;
You (AY) take away their [h] spirit, they expire
And (AZ) return to their dust.
30 You send forth Your [i](BA) Spirit, You create;

And You renew the face of the ground.
31 Let the ^(BB)glory of the LORD endure forever;
Let the LORD show gladness in His works;
32 He ^(BD)looks at the earth, and it ^(BE)trembles;
He ^(BF)touches the mountains, and they smoke.
33 I will sing to the LORD ^(BG)as long as I live;
I will ^(BH)sing praise to my God while I have my being.
34 Let Him show pleasure in my ^(BI)meditation ;
As for me, I shall have gladness in the LORD.
35 Let God consume sinners from the earth
And let the ^(BL)wicked exist no more
^(BM)Bless the LORD, O my soul
^(BN)Praise the LORD!

Psalm 105

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The LORD'S Wonderful Works in Behalf of Israel.

1 Oh ^(A)give thanks to the LORD, ^(B)call upon His name;
^(C)Make known His deeds among the peoples.
2 Sing to Him, ^(D)sing praises to Him;
^[a]^(E)Speak of all His wonders.
3 Glory in His holy name;
Let the ^(E)heart of those who seek the LORD have gladness.
4 Seek the LORD and ^(G)His strength;
^(H)Seek His face continually.
5 Remember His ^(I)wonders which He has done,
His marvels and the ^(J)judgments uttered by His mouth,
6 O seed of ^(K)Abraham, His servant,
O sons of ^(L)Jacob, His ^(M)chosen ones!
7 We acknowledge Him as the LORD our God;
His ^(N)judgments are in all the earth.
8 He has ^(O)remembered His covenant forever,

The word which He commanded to a ^(P)thousand generations,
9The ^(Q)covenant which He made with Abraham,
And His ^(R)oath to Isaac.
10Then He ^(S)confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,
To Israel as an everlasting covenant,
11Saying, "^(T)To you I will give the land of Canaan
As the ^(U)portion of your inheritance,"
12When they numbered only a few men,
Very few, and ^(W)strangers in it.
13And they wandered about from nation to nation,
From one kingdom to another people.
14He ^(X)permitted no man to oppress them,
And He ^(Y)reproved kings for their sakes:
15"^(Z)Do not touch My anointed ones,
And do My prophets no harm."
16And He ^(AA)called for a famine upon the land;
He ^(AB)broke the whole staff of bread.
17He ^(AC)sent a man before them,
Joseph, whose brothers sold him as a slave.
18They afflicted his ^(AE)feet with fetters,
His captors placed him in irons;
19Until the time that his ^(AF)word came to pass,
The word of the LORD ^(AG)tested him.
20The ^(AH)king sent and released him,
The ruler of peoples, and set him free.
21He ^(AI)made him lord of his house
And ruler over all his possessions,
22To imprison his princes ^(AJ)at will,
That he might teach his elders wisdom.
23^(AK)Israel also came into Egypt;
Thus Jacob ^(AL)sojourned in the land of Ham.
24And He ^(AM)caused His people to show fruitfulness,
And made them stronger than their adversaries.
25He ^(AN)turned their heart to hate His people,
To ^(AO)deal craftily with His servants.
26He ^(AP)sent Moses His servant,
And ^(AQ)Aaron, whom He had chosen.
27They ^(AR)performed His wondrous acts among them,

And miracles in the land of Ham.
28 He (AS) sent darkness and made it dark;
And they did not (AT) rebel against His words.
29 He (AU) turned their waters into blood
And caused their fish to die.
30 Their land swarmed with (AV) frogs
Even in the (AW) chambers of their kings.
31 He spoke, and there came a (AX) swarm of flies
And (AY) gnats in all their territory.
32 He gave them (AZ) hail for rain,
And flaming fire in their land.
33 He (BA) struck down their vines also and their fig trees,
And shattered the trees of their territory.
34 He spoke, and (BB) locusts came,
And young locusts, even without number,
35 And ate up all vegetation in their land,
And ate up the fruit of their ground.
36 He also (BC) struck down all the firstborn in their land,
The (BD) first fruits of all their vigor.
37 Then He brought them out with (BE) silver and gold,
And among His tribes existed not one who stumbled.
38 Egypt felt (BF) glad when they departed,
For the (BG) dread of them had fallen upon them.
39 He spread a (BH) cloud for a [b] covering,
And (BI) fire to illumine by night.
40 They (BJ) asked, and He brought (BK) quail,
And satisfied them with the (BL) bread of heaven.
41 He opened the rock and (BM) water flowed out;
It ran in the dry places like a river.
42 For He (BN) remembered His holy word
With Abraham His servant;
43 And He brought forth His people with joy,
His chosen ones with a joyful (BO) shout.
44 He (BP) gave them also the lands of the nations,
That they (BQ) might take possession of the fruit of the peoples' labor,
45 So that they might (BR) keep His statutes
And observe His laws,
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 106

NASB E-Prime DFM

Israel's Rebelliousness and the LORD'S Deliverances.

- ¹Praise the LORD!
Oh ^(A)give thanks to the LORD, for we acknowledge His goodness;
For ^(C)His lovingkindness extends eternally.
- ²Who can speak of the ^(D)mighty deeds of the LORD,
Or can show forth all His praise?
- ³How God blesses those who keep justice,
Who ^(E)practice righteousness at all times!
- ⁴Remember me, O LORD, in Your ^(E)favor toward Your people;
Visit me with Your salvation,
- ⁵That I may see the ^(G)prosperity of Your chosen ones,
That I may ^(H)rejoice in the gladness of Your nation,
That I may ^(I)glory with Your ^[a]inheritance.
- ⁶^(J)We have sinned ^(K)like our fathers,
We have committed iniquity, we have behaved wickedly.
- ⁷Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders;
They ^(L)did not remember Your abundant kindnesses,
But ^(M)rebelled by the sea, at the ^[b]Red Sea.
- ⁸Nevertheless He saved them ^(N)for the sake of His name,
That He might ^(O)make His power known.
- ⁹Thus He ^(P)rebuked the ^[c]Red Sea and it ^(Q)dried up,
And He ^(R)led them through the deeps, as through the wilderness.
- ¹⁰So He ^(S)saved them from the hand of the one who hated them,
And ^(T)redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
- ¹¹^(U)The waters covered their adversaries;
Not one of them remained.
- ¹²Then they ^(V)believed His words;
They ^(W)sang His praise.
- ¹³They quickly ^(X)forgot His works;

They ^(Y)did not wait for His counsel,
14But ^(Z)craved intensely in the wilderness,
And ^(AA)tempted God in the desert.
15So He ^(AB)gave them their request,
But ^(AC)sent a wasting disease among them.
16When they became ^(AD)envious of Moses in the camp,
And of Aaron, the holy one of the LORD,
17The ^(AE)earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,
And engulfed the company of Abiram.
18And a ^(AF)fire blazed up in their company;
The flame consumed the wicked.
19They ^(AG)made a calf in Horeb
And worshiped a molten image.
20Thus they ^(AH)exchanged their glory
For the image of an ox that eats grass.
21They ^(AI)forgot God their Savior,
Who had done ^(AJ)great things in Egypt,
22^(AK)Wonders in the land of Ham
And awesome things by the ^[d]Red Sea.
23Therefore ^(AL)He said that He would destroy them,
Had not ^(AM)Moses His chosen one stood in the breach before Him,
To turn away His wrath from destroying them.
24Then they ^(AN)despised the ^(AO)pleasant land;
They ^(AP)did not believe in His word,
25But ^(AQ)grumbled in their tents;
They did not listen to the voice of the LORD.
26Therefore He ^(AR)swore to them
That He would cast them down in the wilderness,
27And that He would ^(AS)cast their seed among the nations
And ^(AT)scatter them in the lands.
28They ^(AU)joined themselves also to Baal-peor,
And ate ^(AV)sacrifices offered to the dead.
29Thus they ^(AW)provoked Him to anger with their deeds,
And the plague broke out among them.
30Then Phinehas ^(AX)stood up and interposed,
And so God withdrew the ^(AY)plague .
31And God reckoned it to him for righteousness,
To all generations forever.

32 They also (BA) provoked Him to wrath at the waters of [e] Meribah,
So that it (BB) went hard with Moses on their account;

33 Because they rebelled against His Spirit,
He spoke rashly with his lips.

34 They (BD) did not destroy the peoples,
As (BE) the LORD commanded them,

35 But (BF) they mingled with the nations
And learned their practices,

36 And (BG) served their idols,
(BH) Which became a snare to them.

37 They even (BI) sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the (BJ) demons,
38 And shed (BK) innocent blood,
The blood of their (BL) sons and their daughters,
Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan;
And they polluted with the blood.

39 Thus they became (BN) unclean in their practices,
And (BO) played the harlot in their deeds.

40 Therefore the (BP) anger of the LORD kindled against His people
And He (BQ) abhorred His (BR) inheritance.

41 Then (BS) He gave them into the hand of the nations,
And those who hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies also (BT) oppressed them,
And they subdued them under their power.

43 Many times He would (BU) deliver them;
They, however, rebelled in their (BV) counsel,
And so (BW) sank down in their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless He looked upon their distress
When He (BX) heard their cry;

45 And He (BY) remembered His covenant for their sake,
And (BZ) relented (CA) according to the greatness of His lovingkindness.

46 He also made them (CB) objects of compassion
In the presence of all their captors.

47 (CC) Save us, O LORD our God,
And (CD) gather us from among the nations,
To give thanks to Your holy name
And (CE) glory in Your praise.

48 (CF) We bless the LORD, the God of Israel,
From everlasting even to everlasting.

And let all the people say, "Amen."
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 107

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD Delivers Men from Manifold Troubles.

BOOK 5

- ¹Oh ^(A)give thanks to the LORD, for we acknowledge His goodness,
For His lovingkindness extends eternally.
- ²Let ^(C)the redeemed of the LORD say so,
Whom He has ^(D)redeemed from the hand of the adversary
- ³And ^(E)gathered from the lands,
From the east and from the west,
From the north and from the south.
- ⁴They ^(E)wandered in the wilderness in a desert region;
They did not find a way to an inhabited ^(G)city.
- ⁵They felt hungry and thirsty;
Their ^(H)soul fainted within them.
- ⁶Then they ^(I)cried out to the LORD in their trouble;
He delivered them out of their distresses.
- ⁷He led them also by a ^(J)straight way,
To go to ^(K)an inhabited city.
- ^{8(L)}Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness,
And for His wonders to the sons of men!
- ⁹For He has ^(M)satisfied the thirsty soul,
And the ^(N)hungry soul He has filled with goodness.
- ¹⁰There existed those who ^(O)dwelt in darkness and in the shadow of death,
^(P)Prisoners in misery and chains,
- ¹¹Because they had ^(Q)rebelled against the words of God
And ^(R)spurned the ^(S)counsel of the Most High.
- ¹²Therefore He humbled their heart with labor;
They stumbled and no one helped.

13 Then they ^(U)cried out to the LORD in their trouble;
He saved them out of their distresses.

14 He ^(V)brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death
And ^(W)broke their bands apart.

15 ^(X)Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness,
And for His wonders to the sons of men!

16 For He has ^(Y)shattered gates of bronze
And cut bars of iron asunder.

17 Fools, because of their rebellious way,
And ^(Z)because of their iniquities, suffered affliction.

18 Their ^(AA)soul abhorred all kinds of food,
And they ^(AB)drew near to the ^(AC)gates of death.

19 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble;
He saved them out of their distresses.

20 He ^(AD)sent His word and ^(AE)healed them,
And ^(AF)delivered them from their ^[a]destructions.

21 ^(AG)Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness,
And for His wonders to the sons of men!

22 Let them also offer ^(AH)sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And ^(AI)tell of His works with joyful singing.

23 Those who ^(AJ)go down to the sea in ships,
Who do business on great waters;

24 They have seen the works of the LORD,
And His wonders in the deep.

25 For He ^(AK)spoke and raised up a ^(AL)stormy wind,
Which ^(AM)lifted up the waves of the sea.

26 They rose up to the heavens, they went down to the depths;
Their soul ^(AN)melted away in their misery.

27 They reeled and ^(AO)staggered like a drunken man,
And felt at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
And He brought them out of their distresses.

29 He ^(AP)caused the storm to cease,
So that the waves of the sea quieted.

30 Then they felt glad because they quieted themselves,
So He guided them to their desired haven.

31 ^(AQ)Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness,
And for His ^(AR)wonders to the sons of men!

32 Let them ^(AS) extol Him also ^(AT) in the congregation of the people,
And ^(AU) praise Him at the seat of the elders.

33 He ^(AV) changes rivers into a wilderness
And springs of water into a thirsty ground;

34 A ^(AW) fruitful land into a ^(AX) salt waste,
Because of the wickedness of those who dwell in it.

35 He ^(AY) changes a wilderness into a pool of water
And a dry land into springs of water;

36 And there He makes the hungry to dwell,
So that they may establish ^(AZ) an inhabited city,

37 And sow fields and ^(BA) plant vineyards,
And gather a fruitful harvest.

38 Also He blesses them and they ^(BB) multiply greatly,
And He ^(BC) does not let their cattle decrease.

39 When they suffer loss and become ^(BE) bowed down
Through oppression, misery and sorrow,

40 He ^(BF) pours contempt upon princes
And ^(BG) makes them wander ^(BH) in a pathless waste.

41 But He ^(BI) sets the needy securely on high away from affliction,
And ^(BJ) makes his families like a flock.

42 The ^(BK) upright see it and receive gladness;
But all ^(BL) unrighteousness shuts its mouth.

43 Who has wisdom? Let him give heed to these things,
And consider the ^(BN) lovingkindnesses of the LORD.

Psalm 108

NASB E-Prime DFM

God Praised and Supplicated to Give Victory.

A Song, a Psalm of David.

- ^{1(A)} My heart remains steadfast, O God;
I will sing, I will sing praises, even with my soul.
- ² Awake, harp and lyre;
I will awaken the dawn!
- ³ I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples,
And I will sing praises to You among the nations.
- ⁴ For Your ^(B)lovingkindness rises great ^(C)above the heavens,
And Your truth reaches to the skies.
- ^{5(D)} We exalt you, O God, above the heavens,
And Your glory above all the earth.
- ^{6(E)} That Your beloved may receive deliverance,
Save with Your right hand, and answer me!
- ⁷ God has spoken in His ^[a]holiness:
"I will exult, I will portion out Shechem
And measure out the valley of Succoth.
- ⁸"Gilead belongs to Me, Manasseh belongs to Me;
Ephraim I consider the helmet of My head;
^(E)Judah serves as My ^[b]scepter.
- ⁹"Moab serves as My washbowl;
Over Edom I shall throw My shoe;
Over Philistia I will shout aloud."
- ^{10(G)} Who will bring me into the besieged city?
Who will lead me to Edom?
- ¹¹ Have not You Yourself, O God, ^(H)rejected us?
And will You not go forth with our armies, O God?
- ¹² Oh give us help against the adversary,
For ^(I)deliverance by man seems futile.
- ¹³ Through God we will do valiantly,
And He shall tread down our adversaries.

Psalm 109

NASB E-Prime DFM

Vengeance Invoked upon Adversaries.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- ¹O (A) God of my praise,
 (B) Do not remain silent!
- ²For they have opened the wicked and (C) deceitful mouth against me;
 They have spoken against me with a (D) lying tongue.
- ³They have also surrounded me with words of hatred,
 And fought against me (E) without cause.
- ⁴In return (F) for my love they act as my accusers;
 But (G) I pray to You.
- ⁵Thus they have (H) repaid me evil for good
 And (I) hatred for my love.
- ⁶Appoint a wicked man over him,
 And let an (J) accuser stand at his right hand.
- ⁷When You judge him, let him (K) come forth guilty,
 And let his (L) prayer become sin.
- ⁸Let (M) his days be few;
 Let (N) another take his office.
- ⁹Let his (O) children remain fatherless
 And his (P) wife a widow.
- ¹⁰Let his (Q) children wander about and beg;
 And let them (R) seek sustenance far from their ruined homes.
- ¹¹Let (S) the creditor seize all that he has,
 And let (T) strangers plunder the product of his labor.
- ¹²Let no one (U) extend lovingkindness to him,
 Nor (V) any show graciousness to his fatherless children.
- ¹³Let his (W) posterity cease;
 In a following generation let their (X) name cease to exist.
- ¹⁴Let (Y) the Lord remember the iniquity of his fathers ,
 And do not let him forget the sin of his mother.
- ¹⁵Let (AA) them remain before the LORD continually,
 That He may (AB) cut off their memory from the earth;

¹⁶Because he did not remember to show lovingkindness,
But persecuted the ^(AC)afflicted and needy man,
And the ^(AD)despondent in heart, to ^(AE)put them to death.

¹⁷He also loved cursing, so ^(AF)it came to him;
And he did not delight in blessing, so it stayed far from him.

¹⁸But he ^(AG)clothed himself with cursing as with his garment,
And it ^(AH)entered into his body like water
And like oil into his bones.

¹⁹Let it seem to him as ^(AI)a garment with which he covers himself,
And for a belt with which he constantly ^(AJ)girds himself.

²⁰Let this remain the ^(AK)reward of my accusers from the LORD,
And of those who ^(AL)speak evil against my soul.

²¹But You, O GOD, the Lord, deal kindly with me ^(AM)for Your name's sake;
Because we acknowledge Your lovingkindness and goodness, You will
deliver me;

²²For ^(AO)I suffer affliction and neediness,
And my heart feels wounded within me.

²³I pass ^(AQ)like a shadow when it lengthens;
I have become shaken off ^(AR)like the locust.

²⁴My ^(AS)knees feel weak from ^(AT)fasting,
And my flesh has grown lean, without fatness.

²⁵I also have become a ^(AU)reproach to them;
When they see me, they ^(AV)wag their head.

²⁶^(AW)Help me, O LORD my God;
Save me according to Your lovingkindness.

²⁷And let them ^(AX)know that You have these things under Your control;
You, LORD, have done it.

²⁸^(AY)Let them curse, but You bless;
When they arise, they shall suffer shame,
But Your ^(AZ)servant shall have gladness.

²⁹Let ^(BA)my accusers clothe themselves with dishonor,
And let them ^(BB)cover themselves with their own shame as with a
robe.

³⁰With my mouth I will give thanks abundantly to the LORD;
And in the midst of many ^(BC)I will praise Him.

³¹For He stands ^(BD)at the right hand of the needy,
To save him from those who ^(BE)judge his soul.

Psalm 110

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD Gives Dominion to the King.

A Psalm of David.

- ^{1(A)}The LORD says to my Lord:
 "^(B)Sit at My right hand
 Until I make ^(C)Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."
- ²The LORD will stretch forth Your strong ^(D)scepter from Zion, saying,
 "^(E)Rule in the midst of Your enemies."
- ³Your ^(E)people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power;
 ^(G)In holy array, from the womb of the dawn,
 Your youth seem to You as the ^(H)dew.
- ^{4(I)}The LORD has sworn and will ^(J)not change His mind,
 "You have become a ^(K)priest forever
 According to the order of Melchizedek."
- ⁵The Lord strengthens Your right hand;
 He will ^(M)shatter kings in the ^(N)day of His wrath.
- ⁶He will ^(O)judge among the nations,
 He will fill them with ^(P)corpses,
 He will ^(Q)shatter the chief men over a broad country.
- ⁷He will ^(R)drink from the brook by the wayside;
 Therefore He will ^(S)lift up His head.

Psalm 111

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD Praised for His Goodness.

¹Praise the LORD!

I ^(A)will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart,
In the ^(B)company of the upright and in the assembly.

²^(C)We consider the works of the LORD as great;
Those who study them who delight in them.

³^(E)Splendid and majestic we consider His work,
And ^(E)His righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has made His wonders for people to remember;
The LORD shows ^(G)graciousness and compassion.

⁵He has ^(H)given food to those who ^[a]fear Him;
He will ^(I)remember His covenant forever.

⁶He has made known to His people the power of His works,
In giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷The works of His hands show ^(J)truth and justice;
All His precepts remain sure.

⁸We uphold them forever and ever;
We perform them in ^(M)truth and uprightness.

⁹He has sent ^(N)redemption to His people;
He has ordained His covenant forever;
^(O)We regard His name as Holy and awesome.

¹⁰The ^[b]^(P)fear of the LORD we consider the beginning of wisdom;
A ^(Q)good understanding have all those who do His commandments;
His ^(R)praise endures forever.

Psalm 112

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prosperity of the One Who Fears the LORD.

¹Praise the LORD!

How God blesses the man who fears Him ,
Who greatly ^(B)delights in His commandments.

²His ^(a)^(C)descendants will have prominence on earth;
The generation of the ^(D)upright will receive blessings.

³^(E)Wealth and riches dwell in his house,
And his righteousness endures forever.

⁴Light arises in the darkness ^(E)for the upright;
He shows graciousness, compassion, and righteousness.

⁵It bodes well with the man who shows graciousness and lends;
He will maintain his cause in judgment.

⁶For he will ^(I)never suffer unsettlement;
People will remember the ^(J)righteous forever.

⁷He will not fear ^(K)evil tidings;
His ^(L)heart remains steadfast, ^(M)trusting in the LORD.

⁸God upholds His ^(N)heart , he ^(O)will not fear,
Until he ^(P)looks with satisfaction on his adversaries.

⁹He ^(Q)has given freely to the poor,
His righteousness endures forever;
His ^(R)horn will have exaltation in honor.

¹⁰The ^(S)wicked will see it and suffer vexation,
He will ^(T)gnash his teeth and ^(U)melt away;
The ^(V)desire of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 113

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD Exalts the Humble.

¹Praise the LORD!

^(A)Praise, O ^(B)servants of the LORD,
Praise the name of the LORD.

^{2(C)} We bless the name of the LORD
From this time forth and forever.

^{3(D)} From the rising of the sun to its setting
We need to praise the ^(E)name of the LORD .

⁴The LORD dwells ^(E)high above all nations;
His ^(G)glory rises above the heavens.

^{5(H)} Who compared to the LORD our God,
Who enthrones Himself on high,

⁶Who ^(J)humbles Himself to behold
The things that exist in heaven and in the earth?

⁷He ^(K)raises the poor from the dust
And lifts the needy from the ash heap,

⁸To make them ^(L)sit with princes,
With the princes of His people.

⁹He ^(M)makes the barren woman abide in the house
As a joyful mother of children.
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 114

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God's Deliverance of Israel from Egypt.

- ¹When Israel went forth ^(A)from Egypt,
The house of Jacob from a people of ^(B)strange language,
²Judah became ^(C)His sanctuary,
Israel, ^(D)His dominion.
³The ^(E)sea looked and fled;
The ^(F)Jordan turned back.
⁴The mountains ^(G)skipped like rams,
The hills, like lambs.
⁵What ^(H)ails you, O sea, that you flee?
O Jordan, that you turn back?
⁶O mountains, that you skip like rams?
O hills, like lambs?
⁷^(I)Tremble, O earth, before the Lord,
Before the God of Jacob,
⁸Who ^(J)turned the rock into a ^(K)pool of water,
The ^(L)flint into a fountain of water.

Psalm 115

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Heathen Idols Contrasted with the LORD.

- ¹^(A)Not to us, O LORD, not to us,
But ^(B)to Your name give glory
Because of Your lovingkindness, because of Your truth.
²^(C)Why should the nations say,
"^(D)Where, now, does their God exist?"
³But our ^(E)God resides in the heavens;
He ^(F)does whatever He pleases.
⁴Their ^(G)idols consist of silver and gold,

The ^(H)work of man's hands.
5 They have mouths, but they ^(I)cannot speak;
They have eyes, but they cannot see;
6 They have ears, but they cannot hear;
They have noses, but they cannot smell;
7 They have hands, but they cannot feel;
They have feet, but they cannot walk;
They cannot make a sound with their throat.
8 ^(J)Those who make them will become like them,
Everyone who trusts in them.
9 O ^(K)Israel, ^(L)trust in the LORD;
He helps them and protects them as a shield.
10 O house of ^(N)Aaron, trust in the LORD;
He helps them and protects them.
11 You who ^(O)fear the LORD, trust in the LORD;
He helps them and protects them like a shield.
12 The LORD ^(P)has had us in mind; He will bless us;
He will bless the house of Israel;
He will bless the house of Aaron.
13 He will ^(Q)bless those who ^(b)fear the LORD,
^(R)The small together with the great.
14 May the LORD ^(S)give you increase,
You and your children.
15 May you receive blessings from the LORD,
^(T)Maker of heaven and earth.
16 The heavens belong to the LORD,
But ^(V)the earth He has given to the sons of men.
17 The ^(W)dead do not praise the LORD,
Nor do any who go down into ^(X)silence;
18 But as for us, we will ^(Y)bless the LORD
From this time forth and forever.
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 116

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Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death.

- ¹(A) I love the LORD, because He ^(B)hears
My voice and my supplications.
- ²Because He has ^(C)inclined His ear to me,
Therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live.
- ³The ^(D)cords of death encompassed me
And the terrors of Sheol came upon me;
I found distress and sorrow.
- ⁴Then ^(E)I called upon the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I beseech You, ^(E)save my life!"
- ⁵The Lord acts graciously and ^(H)righteously;
Yes, our God shows compassion.
- ⁶The LORD preserves ^(J)the simple;
I tumbled very low, and He saved me.
- ⁷Return to your ^(L)rest, O my soul,
For the LORD has ^(M)dealt bountifully with you.
- ⁸For You have ^(N)rescued my soul from death,
My eyes from tears,
My feet from stumbling.
- ⁹I shall walk before the LORD
In the ^(O)land of the living.
- ¹⁰I ^(P)believed when I said,
"I have suffered great affliction."
- ¹¹I ^(R)said in my alarm,
"^(S)All men lie."
- ¹²What shall I ^(T)render to the LORD
For all His ^(U)benefits toward me?
- ¹³I shall lift up the ^(V)cup of salvation
And ^(W)call upon the name of the LORD.
- ¹⁴I shall ^(X)pay my vows to the LORD,
Oh may it occur in the presence of all His people.
- ¹⁵The Lord regards as precious in His sight
the death of His godly ones.
- ¹⁶O LORD, surely I serve You,

I regard myself as Your servant, the ^(AB)son of Your handmaid,
You have ^(AC)loosed my bonds.

¹⁷To You I shall offer ^(AD)a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And ^(AE)call upon the name of the LORD.

¹⁸I shall ^(AF)pay my vows to the LORD,
Oh may it occur in the presence of all His people,

¹⁹In the ^(AG)courts of the LORD'S house,
In the midst of you, O ^(AH)Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 117

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A Psalm of Praise.

^{1(A)}Praise the LORD, all nations;
Laud Him, all peoples!

²For He greatly demonstrates His ^(B)lovingkindness toward us,
And the ^(C)truth of the LORD extends into eternity.
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 118

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Thanksgiving for the LORD'S Saving Goodness.

^{1(A)}Give thanks to the LORD, for ^(B)He does good things;
For His lovingkindness extends into eternity.

²Oh let ^(C)Israel say,
"His lovingkindness exists forever."

³Oh let the ^(D)house of Aaron say,
"His lovingkindness exists forever."

⁴Oh let those ^(E)who ^[a]fear the LORD say,
"His lovingkindness exists forever."
⁵From my ^(E)distress I called upon the LORD;
The LORD answered me and ^(G)set me in a large place.
⁶The LORD supports me; I will ^(I)not fear;
^(J)What can man do to me?
⁷The LORD supports me ^(K)among those who help me;
Therefore I will ^(L)look with satisfaction on those who hate me.
⁸ I find it better to take refuge in the LORD
Than to trust in man.
⁹I find it better to take refuge in the LORD
Than to trust in princes.
¹⁰All nations ^(O)surrounded me;
In the name of the LORD I will surely ^(P)cut them off.
¹¹They ^(Q)surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me;
In the name of the LORD I will surely cut them off.
¹²They surrounded me ^(R)like bees;
They burned up as a ^(S)fire of thorns;
In the name of the LORD I will surely cut them off.
¹³You ^(T)pushed me violently so that I fell,
But the LORD ^(U)helped me.
¹⁴^(V)The LORD provides my strength and song,
And He has become ^(W)my salvation.
¹⁵The sound of ^(X)joyful shouting and salvation resounds through the tents
of the righteous;
The ^(Y)right hand of the LORD does valiantly.
¹⁶The ^(Z)right hand of the LORD shows exaltation;
The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.
¹⁷I ^(AA)will not die, but live,
And ^(AB)tell of the works of the LORD.
¹⁸The LORD has ^(AC)disciplined me severely,
But He has ^(AD)not given me over to death.
¹⁹^(AE)Open to me the gates of righteousness;
I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰ We have come to the gate of the LORD;
The ^(AF)righteous will enter through it.
²¹I shall give thanks to You, for You have ^(AG)answered me,
And You have ^(AH)become my salvation.

- ²²The ^(AI)stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief corner stone.
- ²³The Lord does this;
Our eyes regard it as marvelous .
- ²⁴The LORD has made this day;
Let us ^(AJ)rejoice and show gladness in it.
- ²⁵O LORD, ^(AK)do save, we beseech You;
O LORD, we beseech You, do send ^(AL)prosperity!
- ²⁶The Lord blesses the one who comes in His name;
We have ^(AN)blessed you from the house of the LORD.
- ²⁷We acknowledge the LORD as God, and He has given us ^(AP)light;
Bind the festival sacrifice with cords to the ^(AQ)horns of the altar.
- ²⁸I acknowledge You as my God, and I give thanks to You;
I acknowledge You as my God, ^(AS)I extol You.
- ²⁹^(AT)Give thanks to the LORD, for He does good;
For His lovingkindness extends forever.

Psalm 119

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Meditations and Prayers Relating to the Law of God.

A Aleph.

- ¹ God blesses those who behave blamelessly,
Who ^(B)walk in the law of the LORD.
- ² God blesses those who ^(C)observe His testimonies,
Who ^(D)seek Him ^(E)with all their heart.
- ³They also ^(F)do no unrighteousness;
They walk in His ways.
- ⁴You have ^(G)ordained Your precepts,
That we should keep them diligently.
- ⁵Oh that I may establish my ^(H)ways
To ^(I)keep Your statutes!
- ⁶Then I ^(J)shall not feel ashamed

When I look upon all Your commandments.
7 I shall ^(K)give thanks to You with uprightness of heart,
When I learn Your righteous judgments.
8 I shall keep Your statutes;
Do not ^(L)forsake me utterly!

B Beth.

9 How can a young man keep his way pure?
By ^(M)keeping it according to Your word.
10 With ^(N)all my heart I have sought You;
Do not let me ^(O)wander from Your commandments.
11 Your word I have ^(P)treasured in my heart,
That I may not sin against You.
12 We bless You, O LORD;
^(Q)Teach me Your statutes.
13 With my lips I have ^(R)told of
All the ^(S)ordinances of Your mouth.
14 I have ^(T)rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,
As much as in all riches.
15 I will ^(U)meditate on Your precepts
And regard ^(V)Your ways.
16 I shall ^(W)delight in Your statutes;
I shall ^(X)not forget Your word.

G Gimel.

17 ^(Y)Deal bountifully with Your servant,
That I may live and keep Your word.
18 Open my eyes, that I may behold
Wonderful things from Your law.
19 I feel like a ^(Z)stranger in the earth;
Do not hide Your commandments from me.
20 My soul feels crushed ^(AA)with longing
After Your ordinances at all times.
21 You ^(AB)rebuke the arrogant, the ^(AC)cursed,
Who ^(AD)wander from Your commandments.
22 ^(AE)Take away reproach and contempt from me,
For I ^(AF)observe Your testimonies.
23 Even though ^(AG)princes sit and talk against me,
Your servant ^(AH)meditates on Your statutes.
24 I delight myself in Your testimonies;
I regard them as my counselors.

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- ²⁵My ^(AJ)soul cleaves to the dust;
^(AK)Revive me ^(AL)according to Your word.
- ²⁶I have told of my ways, and You have answered me;
^(AM)Teach me Your statutes.
- ²⁷Make me understand the way of Your precepts,
So I will ^(AN)meditate on Your wonders.
- ²⁸My ^(AO)soul weeps because of grief;
^(AP)Strengthen me according to Your word.
- ²⁹Remove the false way from me,
And graciously grant me Your law.
- ³⁰I have chosen the faithful way;
I have placed Your ordinances before me.
- ³¹I ^(AQ)cling to Your testimonies;
O LORD, do not put me to shame!
- ³²I shall run the way of Your commandments,
For You will ^(AR)enlarge my heart.

H He.

- ³³^(AS)Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes,
And I shall observe it to the end.
- ³⁴^(AT)Give me understanding, that I may ^(AU)observe Your law
And keep it ^(AV)with all my heart.
- ³⁵Make me walk in the ^(AW)path of Your commandments,
For I ^(AX)delight in it.
- ³⁶^(AY)Incline my heart to Your testimonies
And not to ^(AZ)dishonest gain.
- ³⁷Turn away my ^(BA)eyes from looking at vanity,
And ^(BB)revive me in Your ways.
- ³⁸^(BC)Establish Your word to Your servant,
As that which produces reverence for You.
- ³⁹^(BD)Turn away my reproach which I dread,
For Your ordinances bring goodness.
- ⁴⁰Behold, I ^(BE)long for Your precepts;
Revive me through Your righteousness.

V Vav.

- ⁴¹May Your ^(BF)lovingkindnesses also come to me, O LORD,
Your salvation ^(BG)according to Your word;
- ⁴²So I will have an ^(BH)answer for him who ^(BI)reproaches me,
For I trust in Your word.
- ⁴³And do not take the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,

For I ^(BJ)wait for Your ordinances.
44 So I will ^(BK)keep Your law continually,
Forever and ever.
45 And I will ^(BL)walk at liberty,
For I ^(BM)seek Your precepts.
46 I will also speak of Your testimonies ^(BN)before kings
And shall not feel ashamed.
47 I shall ^(BO)delight in Your commandments,
Which I ^(BP)love.
48 And I shall lift up my hands to Your commandments,
Which I ^(BQ)love;
And I will ^(BR)meditate on Your statutes.

Z Zayin.

49 Remember the word to Your servant,
In which You have made me hope.
50 This serves as my ^(BS)comfort in my affliction,
That Your word has revived me.
51 The arrogant ^(BT)utterly deride me,
Yet I do not ^(BU)turn aside from Your law.
52 I have ^(BV)remembered Your ordinances from ^[b]of old, O LORD,
And comfort myself.
53 Burning ^(BW)indignation has seized me because of the wicked,
Who ^(BX)forsake Your law.
54 Your statutes have become my songs
In the house of my ^(BY)pilgrimage.
55 O LORD, I ^(BZ)remember Your name ^(CA)in the night,
And keep Your law.
56 This has become mine,
That I ^(CB)observe Your precepts.

C Heth.

57 I regard the LORD as my ^(CC)portion;
I have promised to ^(CD)keep Your words.
58 I ^(CE)sought Your favor ^(CF)with all my heart;
Show graciousness to me ^(CH)according to Your word.
59 I ^(CI)considered my ways
And turned my feet to Your testimonies.
60 I hastened and did not delay
To keep Your commandments.
61 The ^(CJ)cords of the wicked have encircled me,
But I have ^(CK)not forgotten Your law.

- 62 At (CL) midnight I shall rise to give thanks to You
Because of Your (CM) righteous ordinances.
- 63 I regard myself a (CN) companion of all those who fear You,
And of those who keep Your precepts.
- 64 You have filled the earth with Your lovingkindness, O LORD;
(CP) Teach me Your statutes.

T Teth.

- 65 You have dealt well with Your servant,
O LORD, according to Your word.
- 66 Teach me good (CO) discernment and knowledge,
For I believe in Your commandments.
- 67 (CR) Before I suffered affliction, I went astray,
But now I keep Your word.
- 68 You consist of goodness and (CT) doing good;
(CU) Teach me Your statutes.
- 69 The arrogant [c] have (CV) forged a lie against me;
With all my heart I will (CW) observe Your precepts.
- 70 Their heart becomes (CX) covered with fat,
But I (CY) delight in Your law.
- 71 I feel it (CZ) good for me that I suffered affliction,
That I may learn Your statutes.
- 72 I regard the (DA) law of Your mouth as better to me
Than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Y Yodh.

- 73 (DB) Your hands made me and [d] fashioned me;
(DC) Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.
- 74 May those who fear You (DD) see me and have gladness,
Because I (DE) wait for Your word.
- 75 I know, O LORD, that You judge righteously,
And that (DG) in faithfulness You have afflicted me.
- 76 O may Your lovingkindness comfort me,
According to Your word to Your servant.
- 77 May (DH) Your compassion come to me that I may live,
For I delight in Your law.
- 78 May (DJ) the arrogant feel ashamed, for they subvert me (DK) with a lie;
But I shall (DL) meditate on Your precepts.
- 79 May those who fear You turn to me,
Even those who know Your testimonies.

⁸⁰May my heart remain blameless in Your statutes,
So that I will not fall into disgrace.

K Kaph.

⁸¹My ^(DO)soul languishes for Your salvation;
I ^(DP)wait for Your word.
⁸²My ^(DQ)eyes fail with longing for Your word,
While I say, "When will You comfort me?"
⁸³Though I have ^(DR)become like a wineskin in the smoke,
I do ^(DS)not forget Your statutes.
⁸⁴How many days does Your servant have?
When will You ^(DU)execute judgment on those who persecute me?
⁸⁵The arrogant have ^(DV)dug pits for me,
Men who do not agree with Your law.
⁸⁶All Your commandments demonstrate dependability;
They have ^(DX)persecuted me with a lie; ^(DY)help me!
⁸⁷They almost destroyed me on earth,
But as for me, I ^(DZ)did not forsake Your precepts.
⁸⁸Revive me according to Your lovingkindness,
So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.

L Lamedh.

⁸⁹^(EA)Forever, O LORD,
Your word resides in heaven.
⁹⁰Your ^(EB)faithfulness continues throughout all generations;
You ^(EC)established the earth, and it ^(ED)stands.
⁹¹They stand this day according to Your ^(EE)ordinances,
For ^(EF)all things serve You.
⁹²If I had not delighted in Your law,
Then I would have perished ^(EH)in my affliction.
⁹³I will ^(EI)never forget Your precepts,
For by them You have ^(EJ)revived me.
⁹⁴I belong to You, ^(EK)save me;
For I have ^(EL)sought Your precepts.
⁹⁵The wicked ^(EM)wait for me to destroy me;
I shall diligently consider Your testimonies.
⁹⁶I have seen a limit to all perfection;
Your commandment has tremendous breadth.

M Mem.

⁹⁷O how I ^(EN)love Your law!
I meditate on it all the day.

98 Your ^(EP)commandments make me wiser than my enemies,
 For they belong to me always.
 99 I have more insight than all my teachers,
 For I meditate on Your testimonies.
 100 I understand ^(ER)more than the aged,
 Because I have ^(ES)observed Your precepts.
 101 I have ^(ET)restrained my feet from every evil way,
 That I may keep Your word.
 102 I have not ^(EU)turned aside from Your ordinances,
 For You Yourself have taught me.
 103 How ^(EV)sweet Your words taste to me!
 Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
 104 From Your precepts I ^(EW)get understanding;
 Therefore I ^(EX)hate every false way.

N Nun.

105 I consider Your word as a ^(EY)lamp to my feet
 And a light to my path.
 106 I have ^(EZ)sworn and I will confirm it,
 That I will keep Your righteous ordinances.
 107 I have suffered extensive affliction;
^(FB)Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.
 108 O accept the ^(FC)freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD,
 And ^(FD)teach me Your ordinances.
 109 My ^(EE)life remains continually ^[f]in my hand,
 Yet I do not ^(EF)forget Your law.
 110 The wicked have ^(EG)laid a snare for me,
 Yet I have not ^(FH)gone astray from Your precepts.
 111 I have ^(FI)inherited Your testimonies forever,
 For they give my heart joy .
 112 I have ^(FK)inclined my heart to perform Your statutes
 Forever, even ^(FL)to the end.

S Samekh.

113 I hate those who behave ^(FM)double-mindedly,
 But I love Your ^(FN)law.
 114 I regard you as my ^(FO)hiding place and my ^(FP)shield;
 I ^(FQ)wait for Your word.
 115 ^(FR)Depart from me, evildoers,
 That I may ^(FS)observe the commandments of my God.
 116 ^(FT)Sustain me according to Your word, that I may live;
 And ^(FU)do not let me suffer shame for my hope.

117 Uphold me that I may feel safe,
That I may ^(FW)have regard for Your statutes continually.
118 You have rejected all those ^(FX)who wander from Your statutes,
For their deceitfulness proves useless.
119 You have removed all the wicked of the earth like ^(FY)dross;
Therefore I ^(FZ)love Your testimonies.
120 My flesh ^(GA)trembles for fear of You,
And I fear Your judgments.

W Ayin.

121 I have ^(GC)done justice and righteousness;
Do not leave me to my oppressors.
122 Be ^(GD)surety for Your servant for good;
Do not let the arrogant ^(GE)oppress me.
123 My ^(GF)eyes fail with longing for Your salvation
And for Your righteous word.
124 Deal with Your servant ^(GG)according to Your lovingkindness
And ^(GH)teach me Your statutes.
125 ^(GI)I consider myself Your servant; ^(GJ)give me understanding,
That I may know Your testimonies.
126 It is The time has come for the LORD to ^(GK)act,
For they have broken Your law.
127 Therefore I ^(GL)love Your commandments
Above gold, yes, above fine gold.
128 Therefore I esteem right all Your ^(GM)precepts concerning everything,
I ^(GN)hate every false way.

F Pe.

129 I consider Your testimonies wonderful;
Therefore my soul ^(GP)observes them.
130 The ^(GQ)unfolding of Your words gives light;
It gives ^(GR)understanding to the simple.
131 I ^(GS)opened my mouth wide and ^(GT)panted,
For I ^(GU)longed for Your commandments.
132 ^(GV)Turn to me and show graciousness to me,
After Your manner with those who love Your name.
133 Establish my ^(GW)footsteps in Your word,
And do not let any iniquity ^(GX)have dominion over me.
134 ^(GY)Redeem me from the oppression of man,
That I may keep Your precepts.
135 ^(GZ)Make Your face shine upon Your servant,
And ^(HA)teach me Your statutes.

136 My eyes shed ^(HB)streams of water,
Because they ^(HC)do not keep Your law.

Q Tsadhe.

137 I acknowledge You, O LORD,
And consider Your judgments upright.
138 You have commanded Your testimonies in ^(HE)righteousness
And exceeding ^(HF)faithfulness.
139 My ^(HG)zeal has consumed me,
Because my adversaries have forgotten Your words.
140 I regard Your ^(HH)word as very pure,
Therefore Your servant ^(HI)loves it.
141 I feel small and ^(HJ)despised,
Yet I do not ^(HK)forget Your precepts.
142 Your righteousness extends forever,
And ^(HL)Your law produces truth.
143 Trouble and anguish have come upon me,
Yet I regard Your commandments as my ^(HM)delight.
144 Your ^(HN)testimonies remain righteous forever;
^(HO)Give me understanding that I may live.

J Qoph.

145 I cried ^(HP)with all my heart; answer me, O LORD!
I will ^(HQ)observe Your statutes.
146 I cried to You; ^(HR)save me
And I shall keep Your testimonies.
147 I ^(HS)rise before dawn and cry for help;
I wait for Your words.
148 My eyes anticipate the ^(HT)night watches,
That I may ^(HU)meditate on Your word.
149 Hear my voice ^(HV)according to Your lovingkindness;
^(HW)Revive me, O LORD, according to Your ordinances.
150 Those who follow after wickedness draw near;
They run far from Your law.
151 You draw near, O LORD,
And all Your commandments bring truth.
152 Of old I have ^(HZ)known from Your testimonies
That You have founded them ^(IA)forever.

R Resh.

153 ^(IB)Look upon my ^(IC)affliction and rescue me,
For I do not ^(ID)forget Your law.

154^(IE) Plead my cause and ^(IF) redeem me;
Revive me according to Your word.
155 Salvation eludes the wicked,
For they ^(IH) do not seek Your statutes.
156 You show great mercies, O LORD;
Revive me according to Your ordinances.
157 I have many persecutors and my adversaries,
Yet I do not ^(IK) turn aside from Your testimonies.
158 I behold the ^(IL) treacherous and ^(IM) loathe them,
Because they do not keep Your word.
159 Consider how I ^(IN) love Your precepts;
^(IO) Revive me, O LORD, according to Your lovingkindness.
160 Truth constitutes the sum of Your word,
And every one of Your righteous ordinances extends forever.

E Shin.

161^(IS) Princes persecute me without cause,
But my heart ^(IT) stands in awe of Your words.
162 I ^(IU) rejoice at Your word,
As one who ^(IV) finds great spoil.
163 I ^(IW) hate and despise falsehood,
But I ^(IX) love Your law.
164 Seven times a day I praise You,
Because of Your ^(IY) righteous ordinances.
165 Those who love Your law have ^(IZ) great peace,
And ^(JA) nothing causes them to stumble.
166 I ^(JB) hope for Your salvation, O LORD,
And do Your commandments.
167 My ^(JC) soul keeps Your testimonies,
And I ^(JD) love them exceedingly.
168 I ^(JE) keep Your precepts and Your testimonies,
For You observe all my ^(JF) ways .

: Tav.

169 Let my ^(JG) cry come before You, O LORD;
^(JH) Give me understanding ^(JI) according to Your word.
170 Let my ^(JJ) supplication come before You;
^(JK) Deliver me according to Your word.
171 Let my ^(JL) lips utter praise,
For You ^(JM) teach me Your statutes.
172 Let my ^(JN) tongue sing of Your word,

For all Your ^(JO)commandments constitute righteousness.
173 Let Your ^(JP)hand show readiness to help me,
For I have ^(JQ)chosen Your precepts.
174 I ^(JR)long for Your salvation, O LORD,
And I delight in Your law.
175 Let my ^(JT)soul live that it may praise You,
And let Your ordinances help me.
176 I have ^(JU)gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant,
For I do ^(JV)not forget Your commandments.

Psalm 120

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Prayer for Deliverance from the Treacherous.

A Song of Ascents.

1^(A)In my trouble I cried to the LORD,
And He answered me.
2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from ^(B)lying lips,
From a ^(C)deceitful tongue.
3 What shall we give to you, and what more shall we do to you,
You ^(D)deceitful tongue?
4^(E)Sharp arrows of the warrior,
With the burning ^(E)coals of the broom tree.
5 I feel woe, for I sojourn in ^(G)Meshech,
For I dwell among the ^(H)tents of ^(I)Kedar!
6 Too long has my soul had its dwelling
With those who ^(J)hate peace.
7 I champion peace, but when I speak,
They desire war.

Psalm 121

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD the Keeper of Israel.

A Song of Ascents.

- ¹I will ^(A)lift up my eyes to ^(B)the mountains;
From where shall my help come?
- ²My ^(C)help comes from the LORD,
Who ^(D)made heaven and earth.
- ³He will not ^(E)allow your foot to slip;
He who ^(E)keeps you will not slumber.
- ⁴Behold, He who keeps Israel
Will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵The LORD keeps you;
The LORD serves as your ^(H)shade on your right hand.
- ⁶The ^(I)sun will not smite you by day,
Nor the moon by night.
- ⁷The LORD will ^{[a](J)}protect you from all evil;
He will keep your soul.
- ⁸The LORD will ^{[b](K)}guard your going out and your coming in
^(L)From this time forth and forever.

Psalm 122

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

- ¹I felt glad when they said to me,
"Let us ^(A)go to the house of the LORD."
²Our feet stand

Within your ^(B)gates, O Jerusalem,
³Jerusalem, that its founders have built
As a city that has ^(D)compactness together;
⁴To which the tribes ^(E)go up, even the tribes of the LORD--
An ordinance for Israel--
To give thanks to the name of the LORD.
⁵For their ^(F)thrones became established for judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.
⁶Pray for the ^(G)peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who ^(H)love you.
⁷"May peace remain within your ^(I)walls,
And prosperity within your ^(J)palaces."
⁸For the sake of my ^(K)brothers and my friends,
I will now say, "^(L)May peace remain within you."
⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will ^(M)seek your good.

Psalm 123

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for the LORD'S Help.

A Song of Ascents.

¹To You I ^(A)lift up my eyes,
O You who has His throne in the heavens!
²Behold, as the eyes of ^(C)servants look to the hand of their master,
As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our ^(D)eyes look to the LORD our God,
Until He has shown graciousness to us.
³Show graciousness to us, O LORD, show graciousness to us,
For we have great contempt.
⁴Our soul has endured
the ^(G)scoffing of ^(H)those who feel at ease,
And with the ^(I)contempt of the proud.

Psalm 124

NASB E-Prime DFM

Praise for Rescue from Enemies.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

- ¹"^(A)Had the LORD not remained on our side,"
 ^(B)Let Israel now say,
²"Had the LORD not remained on our side
 When men rose up against us,
³Then they would have ^(C)swallowed us alive,
 When their ^(D)anger kindled against us;
⁴Then the ^(E)waters would have engulfed us,
 The stream would have swept over our soul;
⁵Then the ^(E)raging waters would have swept over our soul."
⁶We bless the name of LORD,
 Who has not given us to suffer tearing by their teeth.
⁷Our soul has ^(H)escaped ^(I)as a bird out of the ^(J)snare of the trapper;
 The snare has broken and we have escaped.
⁸Our ^(K)help remains in the name of the LORD,
 Who ^(L)made heaven and earth.

Psalm 125

NASB E-Prime DFM

The LORD Surrounds His People.

A Song of Ascents.

- ¹Those who trust in the LORD
 resemble Mount Zion, which people cannot move but ^(B)abides
forever.

²As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
So ^(C)the LORD surrounds His people
^(D)From this time forth and forever.

³For the ^(E)scepter of wickedness shall not rest upon the land of the
righteous,
So that the righteous ^(E)will not put forth their hands to do wrong.

⁴^(G)Do good, O LORD, to those who do good
And to those who have ^(H)upright hearts.

⁵But as for those who ^(I)turn aside to their ^(J)crooked ways,
The LORD will lead them away with the ^(K)doers of iniquity
^(L)Peace dwell upon Israel.

Psalm 126

NASB E-Prime DFM

Thanksgiving for Return from Captivity.

A Song of Ascents.

¹When the LORD ^(A)brought back the captive ones of Zion,
We resembled those who dream.

²Then our ^(C)mouth filled with laughter
And our ^(D)tongue with joyful shouting;
Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has ^(E)done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us;
We feel ^(E)glad.

⁴Restore our captivity, O LORD,
As the ^(G)streams in the South.

⁵Those who sow in ^(H)tears shall reap with ^(I)joyful shouting.

⁶He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying his bag of seed,
Shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves with
him.

Psalm 127

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prosperity Comes from the LORD.

A Song of Ascents, of Solomon.

- ¹Unless the LORD (A) builds the house,
They labor in vain who build it;
Unless the LORD (B) guards the city,
The watchman keeps awake in vain.
- ²In vain you rise up early,
To retire late,
To (C) eat the bread of painful labors;
For He gives to His (D) beloved (E) even in his sleep.
- ³Behold, the Lord gives children as a gift,
The Lord rewards the fruit of the womb .
- ⁴Like arrows in the hand of a (H) warrior,
So one can consider the children of one's youth.
- ⁵How the Lord blesses the man who has a quiver full of them;
(J) They will not suffer shame
When they (K) speak with their enemies (L) in the gate.

Psalm 128

NASB E-Prime DFM

Blessedness of the Fear of the LORD.

A Song of Ascents.

- ¹ God blesses everyone who fears Him,
Who (B) walks in His ways.
- ²When you shall (C) eat of the [a](D) fruit of your hands,
You will have happiness and well-being.

³Your wife shall resemble a ^(E)fruitful vine
 Within your house,
 Your children resemble ^(G)olive plants
 Around your table.

⁴Behold, for thus shall the man receive blessings
 Who fears the LORD.

⁵^(H)The LORD bless you ^(I)from Zion,
 And may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

⁶Indeed, may you see your ^(J)children's children
 ^(K)Peace dwell upon Israel!

Psalm 129

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for the Overthrow of Zion's Enemies.

A Song of Ascents.

¹"Many times they have ^(A)persecuted me from my ^(B)youth up,"
 ^(C)Let Israel now say,

²"Many times they have persecuted me from my youth up;
 Yet they have ^(D)not prevailed against me.

³"The plowers plowed upon my back;
 They lengthened their furrows."

⁴The LORD has dealt righteously;
 He has cut in two the ^(E)cords of the wicked.

⁵May all who ^(G)hate Zion
 fall into shame and turn backward;

⁶Let them resemble ^(I)grass upon the housetops,
 Which withers before it grows up;

⁷With which the reaper does not fill his hand,
 Or the binder of sheaves his ^(J)bosom;

⁸Nor do those who pass by say,
 "The ^(K)blessing of the LORD rest upon you;
 We bless you in the name of the LORD."

Psalm 130

NASB E-Prime DFM

Hope in the LORD'S Forgiving Love.

A Song of Ascents.

¹Out of the ^(A)depths I have cried to You, O LORD.

²Lord, ^(B)hear my voice!

Let ^(C)Your ears show attentiveness
To the ^(D)voice of my supplications.

³If You, LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could ^(E)stand?

⁴But You do forgive,
That we may fear You.

⁵I wait for the LORD, my ^(H)soul does wait,
And ^(I)in His word do I hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord
More than the watchmen ^(J)for the morning;
Indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning.

⁷O Israel, ^(K)hope in the LORD;
For the LORD demonstrated ^(L)lovingkindness,
And has abundantly redeemed us.

⁸And He will ^(N)redeem Israel
From all his iniquities.

Psalm 131

NASB E-Prime DFM

Childlike Trust in the LORD.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

¹O LORD, my heart has not demonstrated pride, nor my eyes shown haughtiness;

Nor do I involve myself in ^(C)great matters,
Or in things ^(D)too difficult for me.

²Surely I have ^(E)composed and quieted my soul;
Like a weaned ^(E)child rests against his mother,
My I wean my soul like a child within me.

³O Israel, ^(G)hope in the LORD
^(H)From this time forth and forever.

Psalm 132

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for the LORD'S Blessing upon the Sanctuary.

A Song of Ascents.

¹Remember, O LORD, on David's behalf,
All ^(A)his affliction;

²How he swore to the LORD
And vowed to ^(B)the Mighty One of Jacob,

³"Surely I will not enter ^(C)my house,
Nor lie on my bed;

⁴I will not ^(D)give sleep to my eyes
Or slumber to my eyelids,

⁵Until I find a ^(E)place for the LORD,
A dwelling place for ^(E)the Mighty One of Jacob."

⁶Behold, we heard of it in ^(G)Ephrathah,
We found it in the ^(H)field of Jaar.

⁷Let us go into His ^(I)dwelling place;
Let us ^(J)worship at His ^(K)footstool.

^{8(L)}Arise, O LORD, to Your ^(M)resting place,
You and the ark of Your ^(N)strength.

⁹Let Your priests clothe themselves with righteousness,
And let Your ^(P)godly ones sing for joy.

¹⁰For the sake of David Your servant,
Do not turn away the face of Your ^(Q)anointed.

¹¹The LORD has ^(R)sworn to David
A truth from which He will not turn back:
"^(S)Of the fruit of your body I will set upon your throne.

¹²"If your sons will keep My covenant
And My testimony which I will teach them,
Their sons also shall ^(T)sit upon your throne forever."

¹³For the LORD has ^(U)chosen Zion;
He has ^(V)desired it for His habitation.

¹⁴"This has become My ^(W)resting place forever;
Here I will ^(X) dwell, for I have desired it.

¹⁵"I will abundantly ^(Y) bless her provision;
I will ^(Z) satisfy her needy with bread.

¹⁶"Her ^(AA) priests also I will clothe with salvation,
And her ^(AB) godly ones will sing aloud for joy.

¹⁷"There I will cause the ^(AC) horn of David to spring forth;
I have prepared a ^(AD) lamp for Mine anointed.

¹⁸"His enemies I will ^(AE) clothe with shame,
But upon himself his ^(AF) crown shall shine."

Psalm 133

NASB E-Prime DFM

The Excellency of Brotherly Unity.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

- ¹Behold, how good and how pleasant it seems
For ^(A)brothers to dwell together in unity!
- ²It resembles the precious ^(B)oil upon the head,
Coming down upon the beard,
Even Aaron's beard,
Coming down upon the ^(C)edge of his robes.
- ³It resembles the ^(D)dew of ^(E)Hermon
Coming down upon the ^(F)mountains of Zion;
For there the LORD ^(G)commanded the blessing--^(H)life forever.

Psalm 134

NASB E-Prime DFM

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Greetings of Night Watchers.

A Song of Ascents.

- ¹Behold, ^(A)bless the LORD, all ^(B)servants of the LORD,
Who ^(C)serve ^(D)by night in the house of the LORD!
- ²^(E)Lift up your hands to the ^(F)sanctuary
And bless the LORD.
- ³May the LORD ^(G)bless you from Zion,
He who ^(H)made heaven and earth.

Psalm 135

NASB E-Prime DFM

Praise the LORD'S Wonderful Works. Vanity of Idols.

- ^{1(A)}Praise the LORD!
Praise the name of the LORD;
Praise Him, O ^(B)servants of the LORD,
²You who stand in the house of the LORD,
In the ^(C)courts of the house of our God!
³Praise the LORD, for ^(D)the LORD does good;
^(E)Sing praises to His name, ^(F)for it has a lovely sound.
⁴For the LORD has ^(G)chosen Jacob for Himself,
Israel for His ^(H)own possession.
⁵For I acknowledge the LORD as great
And that our Lord dwells ^(I)above all gods.
^{6(K)}Whatever the LORD pleases, He does,
In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps.
⁷He ^(L)causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth;
Who ^(M)makes lightnings for the rain,
Who ^(N)brings forth the wind from His treasuries.
⁸He ^(O)smote the firstborn of Egypt,
Both of man and beast.
⁹He sent ^(P)signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt,
Upon ^(Q)Pharaoh and all his servants.
^{10(R)}He ^(S)smote many nations
And slew mighty kings,
^{11(T)}Sihon, king of the Amorites,
And ^(U)Og, king of Bashan,
And ^(V)all the kingdoms of Canaan;
¹²And He ^(W)gave their land as a heritage,
A heritage to Israel His people.
¹³Your ^(X)name, O LORD extends forever,
Your remembrance, O LORD, throughout all generations.
¹⁴For the LORD will ^(Y)judge His people
And ^(Z)will have compassion on His servants.
¹⁵The ^(AA)idols of the nations consist of silver and gold,

The work of man's hands.

¹⁶They have mouths, but they do not speak;

They have eyes, but they do not see;

¹⁷They have ears, but they do not hear,

Nor do they have any breath at all in their mouths.

¹⁸Those who make them will resemble them,

Yes, everyone who trusts in them.

¹⁹O house of ^(AB)Israel, bless the LORD;

O house of Aaron, bless the LORD;

²⁰O house of Levi, bless the LORD;

You ^(AC)who ^[a]revere the LORD, bless the LORD.

²¹We bless the LORD ^(AD)from Zion,

Who ^(AE)dwells in Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

Psalm 136

NASB E-Prime DFM

Thanks for the LORD'S Goodness to Israel.

¹^(A)Give thanks to the LORD, for ^(B)He radiates goodness,
For ^(C)His lovingkindness lasts forever.

²Give thanks to the ^(D)God of gods,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever.

³Give thanks to the ^(E)Lord of lords,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever.

⁴To Him who ^(F)alone does great wonders,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever;

⁵To Him who ^(G)made the heavens ^(H)with skill,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever;

⁶To Him who ^(I)spread out the earth above the waters,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever;

⁷To Him who ^(J)made the great lights,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever:

⁸The ^(K)sun to rule by day,

For His lovingkindness lasts forever,
9The (L) moon and stars to rule by night,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever.
10To Him who (M) smote the Egyptians in their firstborn,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever,
11And (N) brought Israel out from their midst,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever,
12With a (O) strong hand and an (P) outstretched arm,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever.
13To Him who (Q) divided the Red Sea asunder,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever,
14And (R) made Israel pass through the midst of it,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever;
15But (S) He overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever.
16To Him who (T) led His people through the wilderness,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever;
17To Him who (U) smote great kings,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever,
18And (V) slew mighty kings,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever:
19(W) Sihon, king of the Amorites,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever,
20And (X) Og, king of Bashan,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever,
21And (Y) gave their land as a heritage,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever,
22Even a heritage to Israel His (Z) servant,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever.
23Who (AA) remembered us in our low estate,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever,
24And has (AB) rescued us from our adversaries,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever;
25Who (AC) gives food to all flesh,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever.
26Give thanks to the (AD) God of heaven,
For His lovingkindness lasts forever.

Psalm 137

NASB E-Prime DFM

An Experience of the Captivity.

- ¹By the ^(A)rivers of Babylon,
There we sat down and ^(B)wept,
When we remembered Zion.
- ²Upon the ^(C)willows in the midst of it
We ^(D)hung our harps.
- ³For there our captors ^(E)demanded of us songs,
And ^(E)our tormentors mirth, saying,
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
- ⁴How can we sing ^(G)the LORD'S song
In a foreign land?
- ⁵If I ^(H)forget you, O Jerusalem,
May my right hand forget her skill.
- ⁶May my ^(I)tongue cling to the roof of my mouth
If I do not remember you,
If I do not ^(J)exalt Jerusalem
Above my chief joy.
- ⁷Remember, O LORD, against the sons of ^(K)Edom
The day of Jerusalem,
Who said, "Raze it, raze it
^(L)To its very foundation."
- ⁸O daughter of Babylon, you ^(M)devastated one,
How You will bless the one who ^(N)repays you
With the recompense with which you have repaid us.
- ⁹How You will bless the one who seizes and ^(O)dashes your little ones
Against the rock.

Psalm 138

NASB E-Prime DFM

Thanksgiving for the LORD'S Favor.

A Psalm of David.

- ^{1(A)}I will give You thanks with all my heart;
I will sing praises to You before the ^(B)gods.
- ²I will bow down ^(C)toward Your holy temple
And ^(D)give thanks to Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth;
For You have ^(E)magnified Your word according to all Your name.
- ³On the day I ^(F)called, You answered me;
You made me bold with ^(G)strength in my soul.
- ^{4(H)}All the kings of the earth will give thanks to You, O LORD,
When they have heard the words of Your mouth.
- ⁵And they will ^(I)sing of the ways of the LORD,
For ^(J)great we regard the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶For ^(K)though we exalt the LORD ,
Yet He ^(L)regards the lowly,
But the ^(M)haughty He knows from afar.
- ⁷Though I ^(N)walk in the midst of trouble, You will ^(O)revive me;
You will ^(P)stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
And Your right hand will ^(Q)save me.
- ⁸The LORD will ^(R)accomplish what concerns me;
Your ^(S)lovingkindness, O LORD, lasts forever;
^(T)Do not forsake the ^(U)works of Your hands.

Psalm 139

NASB E-Prime DFM

God's Omnipresence and Omniscience.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

¹O LORD, You have ^(A)searched me and known me.
²You ^(B)know when I sit down and when I rise up;
 You ^(C)understand my thought from afar.
³You ^(D)scrutinize my path and my lying down,
 And you have become intimately acquainted with all my ways.
⁴Even before a word exists on my tongue,
 Behold, O LORD, You ^(E)know it all.
⁵You have ^(F)enclosed me behind and before,
 And ^(G)laid Your hand upon me.
⁶Such ^(H)knowledge seems ^(I)too wonderful for me;
 It seems too high, I cannot attain to it.
⁷^(J)Where can I go from Your Spirit?
 Or where can I flee from Your presence?
⁸^(K)If I ascend to heaven, You dwell there;
 If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, ^(L)You dwell there.
⁹If I take the wings of the dawn,
 If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,
¹⁰Even there Your hand will ^(M)lead me,
 And Your right hand will lay hold of me.
¹¹If I say, "Surely the ^(N)darkness will overwhelm me,
 And the light around me will seem equivalent to night,"
¹²Even the ^(O)darkness does not seem dark to You,
 And the night shines as bright as the day
 ^(P)Darkness and light You regard as equivalent.
¹³For You ^(Q)formed my inward parts;
 You ^(R)wove me in my mother's womb.
¹⁴I will give thanks to You, for You have fearfully and wonderfully made
me;
 ^(S)We regard Your works as wonderful,
 And my soul knows it very well.

- ¹⁵I cannot hide my ^(T)frame from You,
When You made me in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the ^(U)depths of the earth;
- ¹⁶Your ^(V)eyes have seen my unformed substance;
And in ^(W)Your book You wrote all the details
The ^(X)days that you ordained for me,
When as yet they had not occurred.
- ¹⁷How precious I regard Your ^(Y)thoughts to me, O God!
How vast have they totaled!
- ¹⁸If I should count them, they would ^(Z)outnumber the sand
When ^(AA)I awake, I still reside with You.
- ¹⁹O that You would ^(AB)slay the wicked, O God;
^(AC)Depart from me, therefore, ^(AD)men of bloodshed.
- ²⁰For they ^(AE)speak against You wickedly,
And Your enemies ^(AF)take Your name in vain.
- ²¹Do I not ^(AG)hate those who hate You, O LORD?
And do I not ^(AH)loathe those who rise up against You?
- ²²I hate them with the utmost hatred;
They have become my enemies.
- ²³^(AI)Search me, O God, and know my heart;
^(AJ)Try me and know my anxious thoughts;
- ²⁴And see if any ^(AK)hurtful way exists in me,
And ^(AL)lead me in the ^(AM)everlasting way.

Psalm 140

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Protection against the Wicked.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- ¹(A) Rescue me, O LORD, from evil men;
Preserve me from (B) violent men
- ²Who (C) devise evil things in their hearts;
They (D) continually stir up wars.
- ³They (E) sharpen their tongues as a serpent;
(E) Poison of a viper lurks under their lips. Selah.
- ⁴(G) Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked;
(H) Preserve me from violent men
Who have purposed to [a](I) trip up my feet.
- ⁵The proud have (J) hidden a trap for me, and cords;
They have spread a (K) net by the wayside;
They have set (L) snares for me. Selah.
- ⁶I (M) said to the LORD, "I acknowledge you as my God;
(N) Give ear, O LORD, to the (O) voice of my supplications.
- ⁷"O GOD the Lord, (P) the strength of my salvation,
You have (Q) covered my head in the day of battle.
- ⁸"Do not grant, O LORD, the (R) desires of the wicked;
Do not promote (S) his evil device, that they may not feel exalted.

Selah.

- ⁹"As for the head of those who surround me,
May the (T) mischief of their lips cover them.
- ¹⁰"May (U) burning coals fall upon them;
May You cast them into the fire,
Into deep pits from which they (W) cannot rise.
- ¹¹"May a slanderer not remain in the earth;
(X) May evil hunt the violent man [b] speedily."
- ¹²I know that the LORD will (Y) maintain the cause of the afflicted
And (Z) justice for the poor.
- ¹³Surely the (AA) righteous will give thanks to Your name;
The (AB) upright will dwell in Your presence.

Psalm 141

NASB E-Prime DFM

An Evening Prayer for Sanctification and Protection.

A Psalm of David.

- ¹O LORD, I call upon You; ^(A)hasten to me!
^(B)Give ear to my voice when I call to You!
- ²May You count my prayer as ^(C)incense before You;
The ^(D)lifting up of my hands as the ^(E)evening offering.
- ³Set a ^(F)guard, O LORD, over my mouth;
Keep watch over the ^(G)door of my lips.
- ⁴^(H)Do not incline my heart to any evil thing,
To practice deeds of wickedness
With men who ^(I)do iniquity;
And ^(J)do not let me eat of their delicacies.
- ⁵Let the ^(K)righteous smite me in kindness and reprove me;
It is ^(L)oil upon the head;
Do not let my head refuse it,
For still I pray against their wicked deeds.
- ⁶ You throw their judges down by the sides of the rock,
And they hear my words, for they seem pleasant.
- ⁷As when one ^(O)plows and breaks open the earth,
Our ^(P)bones have become scattered at the ^(Q)mouth of Sheol.
- ⁸For my ^(R)eyes fix on You, O GOD, the Lord;
In You I ^(S)take refuge; ^(T)do not leave me defenseless.
- ⁹Keep me from the ^(U)jaws of the trap which they have set for me,
And from the ^(V)snares of those who do iniquity.
- ¹⁰Let the wicked ^(W)fall into their own nets,
While I pass by ^(X)safely.

Psalm 142

NASB E-Prime DFM

Prayer for Help in Trouble.

Maskil of David, when he hid in the cave. A Prayer.

- ¹I ^(A)cry aloud with my voice to the LORD;
I ^(B)make supplication with my voice to the LORD.
- ²I ^(C)pour out my complaint before Him;
I declare my ^(D)trouble before Him.
- ³When ^(E)my spirit felt overwhelmed within me,
You knew my path
In the way where I walk
They have ^(E)hidden a trap for me.
- ⁴Look to the right and see;
For no one who regards me;
There appears no ^(H)escape for me;
^(I)No one cares for my soul.
- ⁵I cried out to You, O LORD;
I said, "I consider you ^(J)my refuge,
My ^(K)portion in the ^(L)land of the living.
- ⁶"^(M)Give heed to my cry,
For I have fallen very low;
Deliver me from my persecutors,
For they seem too ^(O)strong for me.
- ⁷"^(P)Bring my soul out of prison,
So that I may give thanks to Your name;
The righteous will surround me,
For You will ^(Q)deal bountifully with me."

Psalm 143

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Prayer for Deliverance and Guidance.

A Psalm of David.

- ¹Hear my prayer, O LORD,
 ^(A)Give ear to my supplications!
 Answer me in Your ^(B)faithfulness, in Your ^(C)righteousness!
- ²And ^(D)do not enter into judgment with Your servant,
 For in Your sight ^(E)no man living acts righteously.
- ³For the enemy has persecuted my soul;
 He has crushed my life ^(E)to the ground;
 He ^(G)has made me dwell in dark places, like those who have long
died.
- ⁴Therefore ^(H)my spirit feels overwhelmed within me;
 My heart feels appalled within me.
- ⁵I ^(J)remember the days of old;
 I ^(K)meditate on all Your doings;
 I ^(L)muse on the work of Your hands.
- ⁶I ^(M)stretch out my hands to You;
 My ^(N)soul longs for You, as a parched land. Selah.
- ⁷^(O)Answer me quickly, O LORD, my ^(P)spirit fails;
 ^(Q)Do not hide Your face from me,
 Or I will become like ^(R)those who go down to the pit.
- ⁸Let me hear Your ^(S)lovingkindness ^(T)in the morning;
 For I trust ^(U)in You;
 Teach me the ^(V)way in which I should walk;
 For to You I ^(W)lift up my soul.
- ⁹^(X)Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;
 I take refuge in You.
- ¹⁰^(Y)Teach me to do Your will,
 For I acknowledge You as my God;
 Let ^(Z)Your good Spirit ^(AA)lead me on level ground.

- ¹¹(AB) For the sake of Your name, O LORD, (AC) revive me
(AD) In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.
- ¹²And in Your lovingkindness, (AE) cut off my enemies
And (AF) destroy all those who afflict my soul,
For (AG) I regard myself as Your servant.

Psalm 144

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Prayer for Rescue and Prosperity.

A Psalm of David.

- ¹I bless the LORD, (A) my rock,
Who (B) trains my hands for war,
And my fingers for battle;
- ²My lovingkindness and (C) my fortress,
My (D) stronghold and my deliverer,
My (E) shield and He in whom I take refuge,
Who (E) subdues my people under me.
- ³O LORD, (G) why do You take knowledge of man?
Or the son of man, that You think of him?
- ⁴(H) Man resembles a mere breath;
His (I) days resemble a passing shadow.
- ⁵(J) Bow Your heavens, O LORD, and (K) come down;
(L) Touch the mountains, that they may smoke.
- ⁶Flash forth (M) lightning and scatter them;
Send out Your (N) arrows and confuse them.
- ⁷Stretch forth Your hand (O) from on high;
Rescue me and (P) deliver me out of great waters,
Out of the hand of (Q) aliens
- ⁸Whose mouths (R) speak deceit,
And whose (S) right hand shows falsehood.
- ⁹I will sing a (T) new song to You, O God;
Upon a (U) harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You,
- ¹⁰Who (V) gives salvation to kings,

Who ^(W)rescues David His servant from the evil sword.
11Rescue me and deliver me out of the hand of ^(X)aliens,
Whose mouth ^(Y)speaks deceit
And whose ^(Z)right hand shows falsehood.
12Let our sons in their youth resemble grown-up plants,
And our daughters as ^(AB)corner pillars fashioned as for a palace;
13Fill our ^(AC)granaries I, furnishing every kind of produce,
And our flocks bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields;
14Let our ^(AD)cattle bear
Without ^(AE)mishap and without ^(AF)loss,
Let no ^(AG)outcry occur in our streets!
15How God blesses the people who have become so situated;
How God blesses the people who regard Him as the LORD!

Psalm 145

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The LORD Extolled for His Goodness.

A Psalm of Praise, of David.

1I will ^(A)extol You, ^(B)my God, O King,
And I will ^(C)bless Your name forever and ever.
2Every day I will bless You,
And I will ^(D)praise Your name forever and ever.
3^(E)Gwe acknowledge the LORD as Great and highly praiseworthy,
And His ^(F)greatness we cannot search.
4One ^(G)generation shall praise Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts.
5On the ^(H)glorious splendor of Your majesty
And ^(I)on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.
6Men shall speak of the power of Your ^(J)awesome acts,
And I will ^(K)tell of Your greatness.
7They shall eagerly utter the memory of Your ^(L)abundant goodness
And will ^(M)shout joyfully of Your righteousness.
8The LORD shows graciousness and mercy;

Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.

⁹The LORD does ^(Q)good to all,

And His ^(P)mercies extend over all His works.

¹⁰^(Q)All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,

And Your ^(R)godly ones shall bless You.

¹¹They shall speak of the ^(S)glory of Your kingdom

And talk of Your power;

¹²To ^(T)make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts

And the ^(U)glory of the majesty of Your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom lasts forever,

And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

¹⁴The LORD ^(W)sustains all who fall

And ^(X)raises up all who fall down.

¹⁵The eyes of all look to You,

And You ^(Y)give them their food in due time.

¹⁶You ^(Z)open Your hand

And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷The LORD acts righteously in all His ways

And kind in all His deeds.

¹⁸The LORD remains near to all who call upon Him,

To all who call upon Him ^(AC)in truth.

¹⁹He will ^(AD)fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;

He will also ^(AE)hear their cry and will save them.

²⁰The LORD ^(AF)keeps all who love Him,

But all the ^(AG)wicked He will destroy.

²¹My ^(AH)mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

And ^(AI)all flesh will ^(AJ)bless His holy name forever and ever.

Psalm 146

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The LORD an Abundant Helper.

¹Praise the LORD!

(A)Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD (B)while I live;

I will (C)sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³(D)Do not trust in princes,

In mortal (E)man, in whom (E)no salvation exists.

⁴His (G)spirit departs, he (H)returns to the earth;

In that very day his (I)thoughts perish.

⁵How (J)He blesses those who trusts the God of Jacob,

Who (K)hopes in the LORD his God,

⁶Who (L)made heaven and earth,

The (M)sea and all that lives in them;

Who (N)keeps faith forever;

⁷Who (O)executes justice for the oppressed;

Who (P)gives food to the hungry

The LORD (Q)sets the prisoners free.

⁸The LORD (R)opens the eyes of the blind;

The LORD (S)raises up those who have become bowed down;

The LORD (T)loves the righteous;

⁹The LORD (U)protects the strangers;

He (V)supports the fatherless and the widow,

But He thwarts (W)the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD will (X)reign forever,

Your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

Psalm 147

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Praise for Jerusalem's Restoration and Prosperity.

- ¹Praise the LORD!
For ^(A)it seems good to sing praises to our God;
For ^[a]it feels pleasant and praise seems ^(B)becoming.
- ²The LORD ^(C)builds up Jerusalem;
He ^(D)gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- ³He heals the ^(E)brokenhearted
And ^(E)binds up their ^[b]wounds.
- ⁴He ^(G)counts the number of the stars;
He ^(H)gives names to all of them.
- ⁵^(I) We regard our Lord as great and abundant in strength;
His ^(J)understanding extends to infinity.
- ⁶The LORD ^[c]^(K)supports the afflicted;
He brings down the wicked to the ground.
- ⁷^(L) Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
Sing praises to our God on the lyre,
- ⁸Who ^(M)covers the heavens with clouds,
Who ^(N)provides rain for the earth,
Who ^(O)makes grass to grow on the mountains.
- ⁹He ^(P)gives to the beast its food,
And to the ^(Q)young ravens which cry.
- ¹⁰He does not delight in the strength of the ^(R)horse;
He ^(S)does not take pleasure in the legs of a man.
- ¹¹The LORD ^(T)favors those who fear Him,
^(U)Those who wait for His lovingkindness.
- ¹²Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
- ¹³For He has strengthened the ^(V)bars of your gates;
He has ^(W)blessed your sons within you.
- ¹⁴He ^(X)makes peace in your borders;
He ^(Y)satisfies you with ^(Z)the finest of the wheat.
- ¹⁵He sends forth His ^(AA)command to the earth;
His ^(AB)word runs very swiftly.

- ¹⁶He gives ^(AC)snow like wool;
He scatters the ^(AD)frost like ashes.
- ¹⁷He casts forth His ^(AE)ice as fragments;
Who can stand before His ^(AF)cold?
- ¹⁸He ^(AG)sends forth His word and melts them;
He ^(AH)causes His wind to blow and the waters to flow.
- ¹⁹He ^(AI)declares His words to Jacob,
His ^(AJ)statutes and His ordinances to Israel.
- ²⁰He ^(AK)has not dealt thus with any nation;
And as for His ordinances, they have ^(AL)not known them.
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 148

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The Whole Creation Invoked to Praise the LORD.

- ¹Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD ^(A)from the heavens;
Praise Him ^(B)in the heights!
- ²Praise Him, ^(C)all His angels;
Praise Him, ^(D)all His hosts!
- ³Praise Him, sun and moon;
Praise Him, all stars of light!
- ⁴Praise Him, ^(E)highest heavens,
And the ^(E)waters that appear above the heavens!
- ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
For ^(G)He commanded and created them.
- ⁶He has also ^(H)established them forever and ever;
He has made a ^(I)decree which will not pass away.
- ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
^(J)Sea monsters and all ^(K)deeps;
- ⁸^(L)Fire and hail, ^(M)snow and ^(N)clouds;
^(O)Stormy wind, ^(P)fulfilling His word;
- ⁹^(Q)Mountains and all hills;

Fruit ^(R)trees and all cedars;
10^(S)Beasts and all cattle;
^(I)Creeping things and winged fowl;
11^(U)Kings of the earth and all peoples;
Princes and all judges of the earth;
12Both young men and virgins;
Old men and children.
13Let them praise the name of the LORD,
For We exalt His ^(V)name alone ;
His ^(W)glory rises above earth and heaven.
14And He has ^(X)lifted up a horn for His people,
^(Y)Praise for all His godly ones;
Even for the sons of Israel, a people ^(Z)near to Him.
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 149

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Israel Invoked to Praise the LORD.

1Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a ^(A)new song,
And His praise ^(B)in the congregation of the godly ones.
2Let Israel show gladness in ^(C)his Maker;
Let the sons of Zion rejoice in their ^(D)King.
3Let them praise His name with ^(E)dancing;
Let them sing praises to Him with ^(E)timbrel and lyre.
4For the LORD ^(G)takes pleasure in His people;
He will ^(H)beautify the afflicted ones with salvation.
5Let the ^(I)godly ones exult in glory;
Let them ^(J)sing for joy on their beds.
6Let the ^(K)high praises of God resound in their mouth,
And a ^(L)two-edged ^(M)sword in their hand,
7To ^(N)execute vengeance on the nations
And punishment on the peoples,

⁸To bind their kings ^(O)with chains
And their ^(P)nobles with fetters of iron,
⁹To ^(Q)execute on them the judgment written;
This constitutes an ^(R)honor for all His godly ones.
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 150

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Entirely in E-Prime

A Psalm of Praise.

¹Praise the LORD!
Praise God in His ^(A)sanctuary;
Praise Him in His mighty ^(B)expanse.
²Praise Him for His ^(C)mighty deeds;
Praise Him according to His excellent ^(D)greatness.
³Praise Him with ^(E)trumpet sound;
Praise Him with ^(F)harp and lyre.
⁴Praise Him with ^(G)timbrel and dancing;
Praise Him with ^(H)stringed instruments and ^(I)pipe.
⁵Praise Him with loud ^(J)cymbals;
Praise Him with resounding cymbals.
⁶Let ^(K)everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD!

Proverbs 1 -31

Rendered into E-Prime by Dr. David F. Maas

The Usefulness of Proverbs

- ¹The (A)proverbs of Solomon (B)the son of David, king of Israel:
²To know (C)wisdom and instruction,
 To discern the sayings of (D)understanding,
³To (E)receive instruction in wise behavior,
 (E)Righteousness, justice and equity;
⁴To give (G)prudence to the naive,
 To the youth (H)knowledge and discretion,
⁵A wise man will hear and (I)increase in learning,
 And a (J)man of understanding will acquire wise counsel,
⁶To understand a proverb and a figure,
 The words of the wise and their (K)riddles.
⁷(L)When people fear of the LORD, they begin to receive knowledge;
 Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

The Enticement of Sinners

- ⁸(M)Hear, my son, your father's instruction
 And (N)do not forsake your mother's teaching;
⁹Indeed, they will seem like a (O)graceful wreath to your head
 And (P)ornaments about your neck.
¹⁰My son, if sinners (Q)entice you,
 (R)Do not consent.
¹¹If they say, "Come with us,
 Let us (S)lie in wait for blood,
 Let us (T)ambush the innocent without cause;
¹²Let us (U)swallow them alive like Sheol,
 Even whole, as those who (V)go down to the pit;
¹³We will find all kinds of precious wealth,
 We will fill our houses with spoil;
¹⁴Throw in your lot with us,
 We shall all have one purse,"
¹⁵My son, (W)do not walk in the way with them
 (X)Keep your feet from their path,
¹⁶For (Y)their feet run to evil
 And they hasten to shed blood.
¹⁷Indeed, they would find it useless to spread the baited net
 In the sight of any bird;
¹⁸But they (Z)lie in wait for their own blood;

They ambush their own lives.

¹⁹T Those who practice the ways of attaining gains by violence will discover that it takes away the life of its possessors.

Wisdom Warns

- ²⁰(AB) Wisdom shouts in the street,
She lifts her voice in the square;
- ²¹At the head of the noisy streets she cries out;
At the entrance of the gates in the city she utters her sayings:
- ²²"How long, O (AC) naive ones, will you love acting simple-minded?
And (AD) scoffers delight themselves in scoffing
And fools (AE) hate knowledge?"
- ²³"Turn to my reproof,
Behold, I will (AF) pour out my spirit on you;
I will make my words known to you.
- ²⁴"Because (AG) I called and you (AH) refused,
I (AI) stretched out my hand and no one paid attention;
- ²⁵And you (AJ) neglected all my counsel
And did not (AK) want my reproof;
- ²⁶I will also (AL) laugh at your (AM) calamity;
I will mock when your (AN) dread comes,
- ²⁷When your dread comes like a storm
And your calamity comes like a (AO) whirlwind,
When distress and anguish come upon you.
- ²⁸"Then they will (AP) call on me, but I will not answer;
They will (AQ) seek me diligently but they will not find me,
- ²⁹Because they (AR) hated knowledge
And did not choose the fear of the LORD.
- ³⁰"They (AS) would not accept my counsel,
They spurned all my reproof.
- ³¹"So they shall (AT) eat of the fruit of their own way
And become) satiated with their own devices.
- ³²"For the (AV) waywardness of the naive will kill them,
And the complacency of fools will destroy them.
- ³³"But (AW) he who listens to me shall live securely
And will dwell at ease from the dread of evil."

Proverbs 2

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The Pursuit of Wisdom Brings Security

- ¹My son, if you will (A)receive my words
And (B)treasure my commandments within you,
²(C)Make your ear attentive to wisdom,
Incline your heart to understanding;
³For if you cry for discernment,
Lift your voice for understanding;
⁴If you seek her as (D)silver
And search for her as for (E)hidden treasures;
⁵Then you will discern the (E)fear of the LORD
And discover the knowledge of God.
⁶For (G)the LORD gives wisdom;
From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.
⁷He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
He resembles a (H)shield to those who walk in integrity,
⁸Guarding the paths of justice,
And He (I)preserves the way of His godly ones.
⁹Then you will discern (J)righteousness and justice
And equity and every (K)good course.
¹⁰For (L)wisdom will enter your heart
And (M)knowledge will seem pleasant to your soul;
¹¹Discretion will (N)guard you,
Understanding will watch over you,
¹²To (O)deliver you from the way of evil,
From the man who speaks (P)perverse things;
¹³From those who (Q)leave the paths of uprightness
To walk in the (R)ways of darkness;
¹⁴Who (S)delight in doing evil
And rejoice in the perversity of evil;
¹⁵Whose paths have become (T)crooked,
And who act deviously in their ways;
¹⁶To (U)deliver you from the strange woman,
From the (V)adulteress who flatters with her words;

¹⁷That leaves the (W)companion of her youth
And forgets the (X)covenant of her God;
¹⁸For (Y)her house sinks down to death
And her tracks lead to the dead;
¹⁹None (Z)who go to her return again,
Nor do they reach the (AA)paths of life.
²⁰So you will (AB)walk in the way of good men
And keep to the (AC)paths of the righteous.
²¹For (AD)the upright will live in the land
And (AE)the blameless will remain in it;
²²But (AF)God will cut the wicked off from the land
And will uproot the treacherous from it.

Proverbs 3

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The Rewards of Wisdom

¹My son, (A)do not forget my teaching,
But let your heart (B)keep my commandments;
²For (C)length of days and years of life
And peace they will add to you.
³Do not let (D)kindness and truth leave you;
(E)Bind them around your neck,
(E)Write them on the tablet of your heart.
⁴So you will (G)find favor and (H)good repute
In the sight of God and man.
⁵(I)Trust in the LORD with all your heart
And (J)do not lean on your own understanding.
⁶In all your ways (K)acknowledge Him,
And He will (L)make your paths straight.
⁷(M)Do not think yourself wise in your own eyes;
(N)Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.
⁸It will provide (O)healing to your body
And (P)refreshment to your bones.
⁹(Q)Honor the LORD from your wealth
And from the (R)first of all your produce;
¹⁰So the Lord will fill your (S)barns with plenty

And your ^(T)vats will overflow with new wine.
11^(U) My son, do not reject the discipline of the LORD
Or loathe His reproof,
12 For ^(V)whom the LORD loves He reproveth,
Even ^(W)as a father corrects the son in whom he delights.
13 The Lord blesses the man who finds wisdom
And the man who gains understanding.
14 For her ^(Y)profit yields more than the profit of silver
And her gain better than fine gold.
15 She has more value than jewels;
And nothing you desire compares with her.
16^(AA) Long life rests in her right hand;
In her left hand reside ^(AB)riches and honor.
17 Her ^(AC)ways have a pleasant aspect
And all her paths lead to ^(AD)peace.
18 She resembles a ^(AE)tree of life to those who take hold of her,
And happiness attain all who hold her fast.
19 The LORD ^(AF)by wisdom founded the earth,
By understanding He ^(AG)established the heavens.
20 By His knowledge He broke up the ^(AH)deeps
And the ^(AI)skies drip with dew.
21 My son, ^(AJ)let them not vanish from your sight;
Keep sound wisdom and discretion,
22 So they will bring ^(AK)life to your soul
And ^(AL)adornment to your neck.
23 Then you will ^(AM)walk in your way securely
And your foot will not ^(AN)stumble.
24 When you ^(AO)lie down, you will not have fear;
When you lie down, you will sleep sweetly.
25^(AP) Do not have sudden fear
Nor of the ^(AQ)onslaught of the wicked when it comes;
26 For the LORD will serve as your confidence
And will ^(AR)keep your foot from entrapment.
27^(AS) Do not withhold good from those to whom you owe it,
When you have the power to do it.
28^(AT) Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back,
And tomorrow I will give it,"
When you have it with you.
29^(AU) Do not devise harm against your neighbor,
While he lives securely beside you.
30^(AV) Do not contend with a man without cause,
If he has done you no harm.
31^(AW) Do not envy a man of violence
And do not choose any of his ways.

³²For those who behave ^(AX)deviously have become an abomination to the LORD;

But He desires ^(AY)intimacy with the upright.

³³The ^(AZ)curse of the LORD lands on the house of the wicked,

But He ^(BA)blesses the dwelling of the righteous.

³⁴Though ^(BB)He scoffs at the scoffers,

Yet ^(BC)He gives grace to the afflicted.

³⁵^(BD)The wise will inherit honor,

But fools display dishonor.

Proverbs 4

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A Father's Instruction

¹Hear, O sons, the ^(A)instruction of a father,

And ^(B)give attention that you may gain understanding,

²For I give you sound ^(C)teaching;

^(D)Do not abandon my instruction.

³As a young son to my father,

^(E)Tender and ^(F)the only son in the sight of my mother,

⁴Then he ^(G)taught me and said to me,

"Let your heart ^(H)hold fast my words;

^(I)Keep my commandments and live;

⁵^(J)Acquire wisdom! ^(K)Acquire understanding!

Do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth.

⁶"Do not forsake her, and she will guard you;

^(L)Love her, and she will watch over you.

⁷^(M)The beginning of wisdom consists of acquiring wisdom;

And with all your acquiring, get understanding.

⁸^(O)Prize her, and she will exalt you;

She will honor you if you embrace her.

⁹"She will place ^(P)on your head a garland of grace;

She will present you with a crown of beauty."

¹⁰Hear, my son, and ^(Q)accept my sayings

And the ^(R)years of your life will greatly increase.

¹¹I have ^(S)directed you in the way of wisdom;

- I have led you in upright paths.
- ¹²When you walk, your ^(I)steps will not have threats of any impediments;
And if you run, you ^(U)will not stumble.
- ¹³^(V)Take hold of instruction; do not let go
Guard her, for she will guard your ^(W)life.
- ¹⁴^(X)Do not enter the path of the wicked
And do not proceed in the way of evil men.
- ¹⁵Avoid it, do not pass by it;
Turn away from it and pass on.
- ¹⁶For they ^(Y)cannot sleep unless they do evil;
And they become robbed of sleep unless they make someone stumble.
- ¹⁷For they ^(Z)eat the bread of wickedness
And drink the wine of violence.
- ¹⁸But the ^(AA)path of the righteous resembles the ^(AB)light of dawn,
That ^(AC)shines brighter and brighter until the ^(AD)full day.
- ¹⁹The ^(AE)way of the wicked resembles darkness;
They do not know over what they ^(AF)stumble.
- ²⁰My son, ^(AG)give attention to my words;
^(AH)Incline your ear to my sayings.
- ²¹^(AI)Do not let them depart from your sight;
^(AJ)Keep them in the midst of your heart.
- ²²For they bring ^(AK)life to those who find them
And ^(AL)health to all their body.
- ²³Watch over your heart with all diligence,
For ^(AM)from it flow the springs of life.
- ²⁴Put away from you a ^(AN)deceitful mouth
And ^(AO)put devious speech far from you.
- ²⁵Let your eyes look directly ahead
And let your gaze fix straight in front of you.
- ²⁶^(AP)Watch the path of your feet
And all your ^(AQ)ways will find security.
- ²⁷^(AR)Do not turn to the right nor to the left;
^(AS)Turn your foot from evil.

Proverbs 5

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Pitfalls of Immorality

- ¹My son, ^(A)give attention to my wisdom,
^(B)Incline your ear to my understanding;
- ²That you may ^(C)observe discretion
And your ^(D)lips may reserve knowledge.
- ³For the lips of an ^(E)adulteress ^(F)drip honey
And ^(G)smoother than oil seems her speech;
- ⁴But in the end she will become ^(H)bitter as wormwood,
^(I)Sharp as a two-edged sword.
- ⁵Her feet ^(J)go down to death,
Her steps take hold of Sheol.
- ⁶She does not ponder the ^(K)path of life;
Her ways prove ^(L)unstable, she ^(M)does not know it.
- ⁷^(N)Now then, my sons, listen to me
And ^(O)do not depart from the words of my mouth.
- ⁸^(P)Keep your way far from her
And do not go near the ^(Q)door of her house,
- ⁹Or you will give your vigor to others
And your years to the cruel one;
- ¹⁰And strangers will consume your strength
And your hard-earned goods will go to the house of an alien;
- ¹¹And you groan at your final end,
When your flesh and your body have become consumed;
- ¹²And you say, "How I have ^(R)hated instruction!
And my heart ^(S)spurned reproof!
- ¹³"I have not listened to the voice of my ^(T)teachers,
Nor inclined my ear to my instructors!
- ¹⁴"I almost ruined myself utterly
In the midst of the assembly and congregation."
- ¹⁵Drink water from your own cistern
And fresh water from your own well.

¹⁶Should your ^(U)springs disperse abroad,
Streams of water in the streets?
¹⁷Make them yours alone
And not for strangers with you.
¹⁸Let your ^(V)fountain receive blessings,
And ^(W)rejoice in the ^(X)wife of your youth.
¹⁹As a loving ^(Y)hind and a graceful doe,
Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;
Have exhilaration always with her love.
²⁰For why should you, my son, become enraptured with an ^(Z)adulteress
And embrace the bosom of a ^(AA)foreigner?
²¹For the ^(AB)ways of a man present themselves before the eyes of the
LORD,
And He ^(AC)watches all his paths.
²²His ^(AD)own iniquities will capture the wicked,
And he will ensnare himself with the cords of his sin.
²³He will ^(AE)die for lack of instruction,
And in the greatness of his folly he will go astray.

Proverbs 6

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Parental Counsel

¹My son, if you have become ^(A)surety for your neighbor,
Have given a pledge for a stranger,
²If you have snared yourself with the words of your mouth,
Have ensnared yourself with the words of your mouth,
³Do this then, my son, and deliver yourself;
Since you have come into the hand of your neighbor,
Go, humble yourself, and importune your neighbor.
⁴Give no ^(B)sleep to your eyes,
Nor slumber to your eyelids;
⁵Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hunter's hand
And like a ^(C)bird from the hand of the fowler.

⁶Go to the ^(D)ant, O ^(E)sluggard,
Observe her ways and receive wisdom,
⁷Which, having ^(E)no chief,
Officer or ruler,
⁸Prepares her food ^(G)in the summer
And gathers her provision in the harvest.
⁹How long will you lie down, O sluggard?
When will you arise from your sleep?
¹⁰"^(H)A little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to rest"--
¹¹^(I)Your poverty will come in like a vagabond
And your need like an armed man.
¹²A ^(J)worthless person, a wicked man,
walks with a ^(K)perverse mouth,
¹³Who ^(L)winks with his eyes, who signals with his feet,
Who points with his fingers;
¹⁴Who with ^(M)perversity in his heart continually ^(N)devises evil,
Who ^(O)spreads strife.
¹⁵Therefore ^(P)his calamity will come suddenly;
^(Q)Instantly he will face destruction and no healing will come to him.
¹⁶We identify six things which the LORD hates,
Yes, seven which He abhors:
¹⁷^(S)Haughty eyes, a ^(T)lying tongue,
And hands that ^(U)shed innocent blood,
¹⁸A heart that devises ^(V)wicked plans,
^(W)Feet that run rapidly to evil,
¹⁹A ^(X)false witness who utters lies,
And one who ^(Y)spreads strife among brothers.
²⁰^(Z)My son, observe the commandment of your father
And do not forsake the teaching of your mother;
²¹^(AA)Bind them continually on your heart;
Tie them around your neck.
²²When you ^(AB)walk about, they will guide you;
When you sleep, they will watch over you;
And when you awake, they will talk to you.
²³For ^(AC)the commandment resembles a lamp and the teaching resembles
light;
And reproofs for discipline lead to life
²⁴To ^(AD)keep you from the evil woman,
From the smooth tongue of the adulteress.
²⁵^(AE)Do not desire her beauty in your heart,
Nor let her capture you with her ^(AF)eyelids.
²⁶For ^(AG)on account of a harlot one reduces himself to a loaf of bread,
And an adulteress ^(AH)hunts for the precious life.

- ²⁷Can a man take fire in his bosom
And his clothes not catch on fire?
- ²⁸Or can a man walk on hot coals
And his feet not burn?
- ²⁹Similarly the one who ^(A)goes in to his neighbor's wife;
Whoever touches her ^(A)will not go unpunished.
- ³⁰Men do not despise a thief if he steals
To ^(AK)satisfy himself when he hungers;
- ³¹But when people discover his theft, he must ^(AL)repay sevenfold;
He must give all the substance of his house.
- ³²The one who commits adultery with a woman lacks sense;
He who would ^(AN)destroy himself does it.
- ³³Wounds and disgrace he will find,
And his reproach will never cease.
- ³⁴For ^(AO)jealousy enrages a man,
And he will not spare in the ^(AP)day of vengeance.
- ³⁵He will not accept any ransom,
Nor will he relent though you give many gifts.

Proverbs 7

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The Wiles of the Harlot

- ¹My son, ^(A)keep my words
And treasure my commandments within you.
- ²^(B)Keep my commandments and live,
And my teaching ^(C)as the apple of your eye.
- ³^(D)Bind them on your fingers;
^(E)Write them on the tablet of your heart.
- ⁴Say to wisdom, "I consider you my sister,"
And call understanding your intimate friend;
- ⁵That they may keep you from an adulteress,
From the foreigner who flatters with her words.
- ⁶For ^(F)at the window of my house
I looked out ^(G)through my lattice,
- ⁷And I saw among the ^(H)naive,

And discerned among the youths
A young man ^(I)lacking sense,
8 Passing through the street near ^(J)her corner;
And he takes the way to ^(K)her house,
9 In the ^(L)twilight, in the evening,
In the middle of the night and in the darkness.
10 And behold, a woman comes to meet him,
^(M)Dressed as a harlot and cunning of heart.
11 She acts ^(N)boisterous and rebellious,
Her ^(O)feet do not remain at home;
12 She now walks in the streets, now ^(P)in the squares,
And ^(Q)lurks by every corner.
13 So she seizes him and kisses him
And with a ^(R)brazen face she says to him:
14 "I planned to offer ^(S)peace offerings;
Today I have ^(T)paid my vows.
15 "Therefore I have come out to meet you,
To seek your presence earnestly, and I have found you.
16 "I have spread my couch with ^(U)coverings,
With colored ^(V)linens of Egypt.
17 "I have sprinkled my bed
With ^(W)myrrh, aloes and ^(X)cinnamon.
18 "Come, let us drink our fill of love until morning;
Let us delight ourselves with caresses.
19 "For my husband has gone away from home,
He has gone on a long journey;
20 He has taken a ^(Y)bag of money with him,
At the full moon he will come home."
21 With her many persuasions she entices him;
With her ^(Z)flattering lips she seduces him.
22 Suddenly he follows her
As an ox goes to the slaughter,
Or as one in fetters to the discipline of a fool,
23 Until an arrow pierces through his liver;
As a ^(AA)bird hastens to the snare,
So he does not know that it will cost him his life.
24 Now therefore, my sons, ^(AB)listen to me,
And pay attention to the words of my mouth.

²⁵Do not let your heart ^(AC)turn aside to her ways,
Do not stray into her paths.

²⁶For many have allowed themselves to become the victims she has cast
down,

And ^(AD)numerous have gone to her slaughter.

²⁷Her ^(AE)house locates on the way to Sheol,
Descending to the chambers of death.

Proverbs 8

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The Commendation of Wisdom

¹Does not ^(A)wisdom call,

And understanding lift up her voice?

²On top of ^(B)the heights beside the way,

Where the paths meet, she takes her stand;

³Beside the ^(C)gates, at the opening to the city,

At the entrance of the doors, she cries out:

⁴"To you, O men, I call,

And I extend my voice to the sons of men.

⁵"O ^(D)naive ones, understand prudence;

And, O ^(E)fools, understand wisdom.

⁶"Listen, for I will speak ^(F)noble things;

And the opening of my lips will reveal ^(G)right things.

⁷"For my ^(H)mouth will utter truth;

And I consider wickedness an abomination to my lips.

⁸"All the utterances of my mouth I maintain righteousness;

I will allow nothing ^(I)crooked or perverted in them.

⁹"They all prove ^(J)straightforward to him who understands,

And right to those who ^(K)find knowledge.

¹⁰"Take my ^(L)instruction and not silver,

And knowledge rather than choicest gold.
11" For wisdom proves more valuable than jewels;
And (N) all desirable things cannot compare with her.
12" I, wisdom, (Q) dwell with prudence,
And I find (P) knowledge and discretion.
13" The (Q) fear of the LORD leads one to hate evil;
(R) Pride and arrogance and (S) the evil way
And the (T) perverted mouth, I hate.
14" (U) Counsel belongs to me and (V) sound wisdom;
I embody understanding, (W) power belongs to me.
15" By me (X) kings reign,
And rulers decree justice.
16" By me princes rule, and nobles,
All who judge rightly.
17" I (Y) love those who love me;
And (Z) those who diligently seek me will find me.
18" (AA) Riches and honor reside with me,
Enduring (AB) wealth and righteousness.
19" My fruit has more value than gold, even pure gold,
And my yield better than (AD) choicest silver.
20" I walk in the way of righteousness,
In the midst of the paths of justice,
21" To endow those who love me with wealth,
That I may (AE) fill their treasuries.
22" The LORD possessed me (AF) at the beginning of His way,
Before His works of old.
23" From everlasting He established me,
From the beginning, (AH) from the earliest times of the earth.
24" When no depths existed He brought me forth,
When no springs abounded with water.
25" (AJ) Before He settled the mountains ,
Before the hills He brought me forth;
26" While He had not yet made the earth and the fields,
Nor the first dust of the world.
27" When He (AK) established the heavens, I accompanied Him,
When (AL) He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep,
28" When He made firm the skies above,
When the springs of the deep became fixed,

29 When (AM) He set for the sea its boundary
So that the water would not transgress His command,
When He marked out (AN) the foundations of the earth;
30 Then (AO) I stood beside Him, as a master workman;
And He considered me daily His delight,
Rejoicing always before Him,
31 Rejoicing in the world, His earth,
And having (AP) my delight in the sons of men.
32 "Now therefore, O sons, (AQ) listen to me,
For (AR) blessings accrue on those who keep my ways.
33 (AS) Heed instruction and grow in wisdom,
And do not neglect it.
34 (AT) The man who listens to me will receive blessings,
Watching daily at my gates,
Waiting at my doorposts.
35 "For (AU) he who finds me finds life
And (AV) obtains favor from the LORD.
36 "But he who sins against me (AW) injures himself;
All those who (AX) hate me (AY) love death."

Proverbs 9

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Wisdom's Invitation

1 Wisdom has (A) built her house,
She has hewn out her seven pillars;
2 She has (B) prepared her food, she has (C) mixed her wine;
She has also (D) set her table;
3 She has (E) sent out her maidens, she (E) calls
From the (G) tops of the heights of the city:
4 (H) "Whoever acts naively, let him turn in here!"
To him who (I) lacks understanding she says,
5 "Come, (J) eat of my food

And drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶"Forsake your folly and ^(K)live,

And ^(L)proceed in the way of understanding."

⁷He who ^(M)corrects a scoffer gets dishonor for himself,

And he who reproveth a wicked man gets insults for himself.

⁸^(N)Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you,

^(O)Reprove a wise man and he will love you.

⁹Give instruction to a wise man and he will increase in wisdom,

Teach a righteous man and he will ^(P)increase his learning.

¹⁰The ^(Q)fear of the LORD begins the process of wisdom,

And the knowledge of the Holy One brings understanding.

¹¹For ^(R)by me your days will multiply,

And years of life will accrue to you.

¹²If you have wisdom, you have wisdom for yourself,

And if you ^(I)scoff, you alone will bear it.

¹³The woman of folly behaves boisterously,

She behaves naively and ^(V)knows nothing.

¹⁴She sits at the doorway of her house,

On a seat by ^(W)the high places of the city,

¹⁵Calling to those who pass by,

Who make their paths straight:

¹⁶^(X)Whoever acts naively, let him turn in here,"

And to him who lacks understanding she says,

¹⁷"Stolen water tastes sweet;

And ^(Y)bread eaten in secret tastes pleasant."

¹⁸But he does not know that the dead reside there,

That her guests fall into the ^(Z)depths of Sheol.

Proverbs 10

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Contrast of the Righteous and the Wicked

- ¹The ^(A)proverbs of Solomon
 ^(B)A wise son makes a father glad,
 But ^(C)a foolish son brings grief to his mother.
- ²^(D)Ill-gotten gains do not profit,
 But righteousness delivers from death.
- ³The LORD ^(E)will not allow the righteous to hunger,
 But He ^(F)will reject the craving of the wicked.
- ⁴Poor is he who works with a negligent hand,
 But the ^(G)hand of the diligent makes rich.
- ⁵The son who gathers in summer acts wisely,
 But the son who sleeps in harvest acts shamefully.
- ⁶^(H)God blesses the head of the righteous,
 But ^(I)the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
- ⁷The ^(J)memory of the righteous remains a blessing,
 But ^(K)the name of the wicked will rot.
- ⁸The ^(L)wise of heart will receive commands,
 But a babbling fool will suffer ruin.
- ⁹He ^(M)who walks in integrity walks securely,
 But people will soon discover the one who perverts his ways.
- ¹⁰He ^(O)who winks the eye causes trouble,
 And ^(P)a babbling fool will come to ruin.
- ¹¹The ^(Q)mouth of the righteous resembles a fountain of life,
 But ^(R)the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
- ¹²Hatred stirs up strife,
 But ^(S)love covers all transgressions.
- ¹³On ^(T)the lips of the discerning, we find wisdom ,
 But ^(U) we use a rod for the back of him who lacks understanding.
- ¹⁴Wise men ^(V)store up knowledge,
 But with ^(W)the mouth of the foolish, ruin comes to fruition.
- ¹⁵The ^(X)rich man considers his wealth his fortress,
 The ^(Y)ruin of the poor consists of their poverty.
- ¹⁶The righteous receive the wages of life,

The income of the wicked, punishment.
17 He follows on the path of life who heeds instruction,
But he who ignores reproof goes astray.
18 He ^(AB) who conceals hatred has lying lips,
And he who spreads slander behaves foolishly.
19 When many words abound, transgression seems unavoidable,
But ^(AD) he who restrains his lips acts wisely.
20 The tongue of the righteous resembles ^(AE) choice silver,
The heart of the wicked shows little worth.
21 The ^(AF) lips of the righteous feed many,
But fools ^(AG) die for lack of understanding.
22 The ^(AH) blessing of the LORD makes rich,
And He adds no sorrow to it.
23 Doing wickedness feels like ^(AI) sport to a fool,
And so does wisdom to a man of understanding.
24 What ^(AJ) the wicked fears will come upon him,
But the ^(AK) desire of the righteous will come to him.
25 When the ^(AL) whirlwind passes, the wicked exists no more,
But the ^(AM) righteous has an everlasting foundation.
25 The ^(AN) lazy one to those who send him resembles vinegar to the
teeth and smoke to the eyes.
27 The ^(AO) fear of the LORD prolongs life,
But the ^(AP) years of the wicked will truncate.
28 The ^(AQ) hope of the righteous leads to gladness,
But the ^(AR) expectation of the wicked perishes.
29 The ^(AS) way of the LORD proves a stronghold to the upright,
But ^(AT) ruin to the workers of iniquity.
30 The ^(AU) righteous will never feel shaken,
But ^(AV) the wicked will not dwell in the land.
31 The ^(AW) mouth of the righteous flows with wisdom,
But God will cut out the ^(AX) perverted tongue.
32 The lips of the righteous bring forth acceptable words.,
But the ^(AZ) mouth of the wicked perverts words.

Proverbs 11

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Contrast the Upright and the Wicked

- ¹The Lord considers a false balance an abomination,
But considers a ^(B)just weight His delight.
- ²When ^(C)pride comes, then comes dishonor,
But with the humble comes wisdom.
- ³The ^(D)integrity of the upright will guide them,
But the ^(E)crookedness of the treacherous will destroy them.
- ⁴^(F)Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,
But ^(G)righteousness delivers from death.
- ⁵The ^(H)righteousness of the blameless will smooth his way,
But ^(I)the wicked will fall by his own wickedness.
- ⁶The righteousness of the upright will deliver them,
But the treacherous will catch themselves in their own greed.
- ⁷When a wicked man dies, his ^(K)expectation will perish,
And the ^(L)hope of strong men perishes.
- ⁸God delivers the righteous from trouble,
But the wicked takes his place.
- ⁹With his ^(M)mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor,
But through knowledge the ^(N)righteous will deliver themselves.
- ¹⁰When it ^(O)goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices,
And when the wicked perish, people shout joyfully.
- ¹¹By the blessing of the upright God exalts a city ,
But the mouth of the wicked tears it down.
- ¹²He who despises his neighbor lacks sense,
But a man of understanding keeps silent.
- ¹³He ^(P)who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets,
But he who remains trustworthy ^(Q)conceals a matter.
- ¹⁴Where no one exercises ^(R)guidance the people fall,
But in abundance of counselors the people find victory.
- ¹⁵He who becomes a ^(S)guarantor for a stranger will surely suffer for it,
But he who hates entanglements remains secure.
- ¹⁶A ^(T)gracious woman attains honor,
And ruthless men attain riches.

- 17 The (U)merciful man does himself good,
But the cruel man does himself harm.
- 18 The wicked earns deceptive wages,
But he who (V)sows righteousness gets a true reward.
- 19 He who remains steadfast in (W)righteousness will attain to life,
And (X)he who pursues evil will bring about his own death.
- 20 The Lord considers the perverse in heart an abomination ,
But the (Y)blameless walk in His (Z)delight.
- 21 Assuredly, the evil man will not go unpunished,
But God will deliver the descendants of the righteous .
- 22 A beautiful woman who lacks [a]discretion resembles a ring of gold in a
swine's snout.
- 23 The righteous desire only good,
But the wicked expect wrath.
- 24 One scatters, and yet increases all the more,
And one withholds what he owes, and yet it results only in want.
- 25 The (AC)generous man will prosper,
And he who (AD)waters will himself receive watering.
- 26 He who withholds grain, the (AE)people will curse him,
But (AF)God bestows blessings on the head of him who (AG)sells it.
- 27 He who diligently seeks good seeks favor,
But (AH)he who seeks evil, evil will come to him.
- 28 He who (AI)trusts in his riches will fall,
But (AJ)the righteous will flourish like the green leaf.
- 29 He who (AK)troubles his own house will (AL)inherit wind,
And (AM)the foolish will end up the servant to the wisehearted.
- 30 The fruit of the righteous comes from the tree of life,
And (AO)he who exercises wisdom wins souls.
- 31 If (AP)the righteous will receive a reward in the earth,
How much more the wicked and the sinner!

Proverbs 12

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Contrast the Upright and the Wicked

- ¹Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,
But he who hates reproof acts stupidly.
- ²A ^(A)good man will obtain favor from the LORD,
But He will condemn a man who devises evil.
- ³A man will ^(B)not establish himself by wickedness,
But the root of the ^(C)righteous will not move.
- ⁴An ^(D)excellent wife resembles a crown to her husband,
But she who shames him resembles ^(E)rottenness in his bones.
- ⁵The thoughts of the righteous remain just,
But the counsels of the wicked deceive.
- ⁶The ^(F)words of the wicked lie in wait for blood,
But the ^(G)mouth of the upright will deliver them.
- ⁷God overthrows the wicked and they exist no more,
But the ^(I)house of the righteous will stand.
- ⁸A man will receive praise according to his insight,
But one of perverse mind will receive scorn.
- ⁹Of more value seems one who esteems himself lightly and has a servant
Than he who honors himself and lacks bread.
- ¹⁰A ^(J)righteous man has regard for the life of his animal,
But even the compassion of the wicked seems cruel.
- ¹¹He ^(K)who tills his land will have plenty of bread,
But he who pursues worthless things lacks sense.
- ¹²The ^(L)wicked man desires the booty of evil men,
But the root of the righteous ^(M)yields fruit.
- ¹³An evil man ensnares himself by the transgression of his lips,
But the ^(N)righteous will escape from trouble.
- ¹⁴A man will receive satisfaction by the fruit of his words,
And the ^(P)deeds of a man's hands will return to him.
- ¹⁵The ^(Q)way of a fool appears right in his own eyes,
But a wise man listens to counsel.
- ¹⁶A ^(R)fool displays his anger at once,

- But a prudent man conceals dishonor.
- ¹⁷He who speaks truth tells the right thing,
But a false witness, deceit.
- ¹⁸One ^(S)speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword,
But the ^(T)tongue of the wise brings healing.
- ¹⁹Truthful lips will find permanence,
But a ^(U)lying tongue lasts only for a moment.
- ²⁰Deceit resides in the heart of those who devise evil,
But counselors of peace have joy.
- ²¹^(V)No harm befalls the righteous,
But the wicked become filled with trouble.
- ²²^(W)The Lord considers lying lips an abomination,
But regards those who deal faithfully His delight.
- ²³A ^(X)prudent man conceals knowledge,
But the heart of fools proclaims folly.
- ²⁴The hand of the diligent will rule,
But the slack hand will end up in forced labor.
- ²⁵^(Z)Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down,
But a ^(AA)good word makes it glad.
- ²⁶The righteous guides his neighbor,
But the way of the wicked leads them astray.
- ²⁷A lazy man does not roast his prey,
But a man's most ^(AB)precious possession consists of diligence.
- ²⁸^(AC) The way of righteousness leads to life,
And its pathway does not lead to death.

Proverbs 13

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Contrast the Upright and the Wicked

- ¹A ^(A)wise son accepts his father's discipline,
But a ^(B)scoffer does not listen to rebuke.
- ²From the fruit of a man's mouth he ^(C)enjoys good,
But the treacherous desires ^(D)violence.

- ³The one who (E) guards his mouth preserves his life;
The one who (E) opens wide his lips comes to ruin.
- ⁴The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing,
But the soul of the diligent becomes fat.
- ⁵A righteous man (G) hates falsehood,
But a wicked man (H) acts disgustingly and shamefully.
- ⁶Righteousness (I) guards the blameless one,
But wickedness subverts the sinner.
- ⁷One who (J) pretends to have riches, but has nothing;
Another pretends to suffer poverty, but has great wealth.
- ⁸The rich man considers his wealth his ransom ,
But the poor hears no rebuke.
- ⁹The (L) light of the righteous [a] rejoices,
But the (M) lamp of the wicked goes out.
- ¹⁰Through insolence comes nothing but strife,
But wisdom stays with those who receive counsel.
- ¹¹Wealth obtained by fraud dwindles,
But the one who gathers by labor increases it.
- ¹²Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
But desire fulfilled resembles a tree of life.
- ¹³The one who (N) despises the word will become indebted to it,
But the one who fears the commandment will receive a reward.
- ¹⁴The teaching of the wise resembles a (P) fountain of life,
To turn aside from the (Q) snares of death.
- ¹⁵(R) Good understanding produces favor,
But the way of the treacherous seems hard.
- ¹⁶Every (S) prudent man acts with knowledge,
But a fool displays folly.
- ¹⁷A wicked messenger falls into adversity,
But (T) a faithful envoy brings healing.
- ¹⁸Poverty and shame will come to him who (U) neglects discipline,
But he who regards reproof will receive honor.
- ¹⁹Desire realized tastes sweet to the soul,
But a fool considers it an abomination to turn away from evil.
- ²⁰(V) He who walks with wise men will become wise,
But the companion of fools will suffer harm.
- ²¹(W) Adversity pursues sinners,
But the (X) righteous will receive prosperity as their reward.

- ²²A good man ^(Y)leaves an inheritance to his children's children,
And the ^(Z)wealth of the sinner accumulates for the righteous.
- ²³^(AA)Abundant food rests in the fallow ground of the poor,
But becomes swept away by injustice.
- ²⁴He who ^(AB)withholds his rod hates his son,
But he who loves him ^(AC)disciplines him diligently.
- ²⁵The ^(AD)righteous has enough to satisfy his appetite,
But the stomach of the ^(AE)wicked suffers need.

Proverbs 14

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Contrast the Upright and the Wicked

- ¹The ^(A)wise woman builds her house,
But the foolish tears it down with her own hands.
- ²He who ^(B)walks in his uprightness fears the LORD,
But he who acts ^(C)deviously despises Him.
- ³The mouth of the foolish calls for a rod for his back,
But ^(D)the lips of the wise will protect them.
- ⁴Where no oxen reside, the manger stays clean,
But much revenue comes by the strength of the ox.
- ⁵A ^(E)trustworthy witness will not lie,
But a ^(F)false witness ^(G)utters lies.
- ⁶A scoffer seeks wisdom and finds none,
But knowledge comes easily to one who has understanding.
- ⁷Leave the ^(H)presence of a fool,
Or you will not discern words of knowledge.
- ⁸The wisdom of the sensible leads him to understand his way,
But ^(I)the foolishness of fools leads to deceit.
- ⁹Fools mock at sin,
But ^(J)among the upright one finds good will.
- ¹⁰The heart knows its own ^(K)bitterness,
And a stranger does not share its joy.

- 11The (L)house of the wicked will suffer destruction,
But the tent of the upright will flourish.
- 12A way seems right to a man,
But its (N)end leads to death.
- 13Even in laughter the heart may suffer pain,
And the (O)end of joy may turn into grief.
- 14The backslider in heart will have his (P)fill of his own ways,
But a good man will find satisfaction with his.
- 15The naive believes everything,
But the sensible man considers his steps.
- 16A wise man displays caution and (R)turns away from evil,
But a fool acts arrogantly and carelessly.
- 17A quick-tempered man acts foolishly,
And people hate a man of evil devices.
- 18The naive inherit foolishness,
But the sensible receive the crown of knowledge.
- 19The (S)evil will bow down before the good,
And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
- 20The (I)poor receives hatred from his neighbor,
But many love the rich .
- 21He who (U)despises his neighbor sins,
But people find happiness who show graciousness to the poor.
- 22Will they not go astray who (W)devise evil?
But kindness and truth will come to those who devise good.
- 23In all labor one finds profit,
But mere talk leads only to poverty.
- 24The (X)crown of the wise consists of their riches,
But the folly of fools consists of their foolishness.
- 25A truthful witness saves lives,
But he who (Y)utters lies acts treacherously.
- 26In the [a](Z)fear of the LORD one finds strong confidence,
And his children will have refuge.
- 27The [b]fear of the LORD resembles a fountain of life,
That one may avoid the snares of death.
- 28In a multitude of people one sees a king's glory,
But in the dearth of people a prince finds his ruin.
- 29He who shows patience has great understanding,
But he who has a quick-temper exalts folly.

- ³⁰A ^(AB)tranquil heart gives life to the body,
But passion brings rottenness to the bones.
- ³¹He ^(AD)who oppresses the poor taunts ^(AE)his Maker,
But he who shows grace to the needy honors Him.
- ³²The wicked becomes ^(AF)thrust down by his wrongdoing,
But the ^(AG)righteous has a refuge when he dies.
- ³³Wisdom rests in the heart of one who has understanding,
But the hearts of fools reveals its folly.
- ³⁴Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin disgraces any people.
- ³⁵The kings favors a ^(AH)servant who acts wisely,
But displays his anger toward him who acts shamefully.

Proverbs 15

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Contrast the Upright and the Wicked

- ¹A ^(A)gentle answer turns away wrath,
But a ^(B)harsh word stirs up anger.
- ²The ^(C)tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable,
But the ^(D)mouth of fools spouts folly.
- ³The ^(E)eyes of the LORD move in every place,
Watching the evil and the good.
- ⁴A soothing tongue resembles a tree of life,
But perversion in it crushes the spirit.
- ⁵A fool rejects his father's discipline,
But he who regards reproof acts sensibly.
- ⁶Great wealth comes to the house of the ^(E)righteous,
But the income of the wicked consists of trouble.
- ⁷The lips of the wise spread knowledge,
But the hearts of fools do not .

- ⁸ The Lord regards the sacrifice of the wicked an abomination ,
But He delights in prayer of the upright .
- ⁹ The Lord regards the way of the wicked as an abomination ,
But He loves one who ^(I)pursues righteousness.
- ¹⁰ Grievous punishment will come to him who forsakes the way;
He who hates reproof will die.
- ¹¹^(J) Sheol and Abaddon lie open before the LORD,
How much more the ^(K)hearts of men!
- ¹²A ^(L) scoffer does not love one who reproves him,
He will not go to the wise.
- ¹³A ^(M) joyful heart makes a cheerful face,
But when the heart saddens, the ^(O)spirit breaks.
- ¹⁴The ^(P)mind of the intelligent seeks knowledge,
But the mouth of fools feeds on folly.
- ¹⁵ All the days of the afflicted seem bad,
But a cheerful heart has a continual feast.
- ¹⁶^(Q) One finds it better with a little accompanied by the fear of the LORD
Than great treasure and turmoil with it.
- ¹⁷^(R) Better a dish of vegetables where love resides
Than a ^(S)fattened ox served with hatred.
- ¹⁸A ^(T)hot-tempered man stirs up strife,
But the ^(U)slow to anger ^(V)calms a dispute.
- ¹⁹ The way of the lazy resembles a hedge of thorns,
But the path of the upright resembles a highway.
- ²⁰A ^(W)wise son makes a father glad,
But a foolish man ^(X)despises his mother.
- ²¹ Folly seems joyful to him who lacks sense,
But a man of understanding ^(Y)walks straight.
- ²² Without consultation, plans end up frustrated,
But with many counselors they succeed.
- ²³A ^(Z)man has joy in an apt answer,
And how delightful in giving a timely ^(AA)word!
- ²⁴The ^(AB)path of life leads upward for the wise
That he may keep away from Sheol below.
- ²⁵The LORD will ^(AC)tear down the house of the proud,
But He will ^(AD)establish the boundary of the ^(AE)widow.
- ²⁶ The Lord considers the plans of the evil man an abomination

- But regards pleasant words as pure.
- ²⁷He who ^(AF)profits illicitly troubles his own house,
But he who ^(AG)hates bribes will live.
- ²⁸The heart of the righteous ^(AH)ponders how to answer,
But the ^(AI)mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.
- ²⁹The LORD stays far from the wicked,
But He ^(AK)hears the prayer of the righteous.
- ³⁰Bright eyes gladden the heart;
Good news puts fat on the bones.
- ³¹He whose ear listens to the life-giving reproof
Will dwell among the wise.
- ³²He who ^(AL)neglects discipline ^(AM)despises himself,
But he who ^(AN)listens to reproof acquires understanding.
- ³³The fear of the LORD brings the instruction for wisdom,
And before honor comes humility.

Proverbs 16

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Contrast the Upright and the Wicked

- ¹The ^(A)plans of the heart belong to man,
But the answer of the tongue come from the LORD.
- ²All the ways of a man appear clean in his own sight,
But the ^(B)LORD weighs the motives.

³(C) Commit your works to the LORD
And you will establish your plans .

⁴The LORD (D) has made everything for its own purpose,
Even the (E) wicked for the day of evil.

⁵Everyone who feels proud in heart becomes an abomination to the LORD;
Assuredly, he will not avoid punishment.

⁶By (E) lovingkindness and truth iniquity becomes atoned for,
And by the (G) fear of the LORD one keeps away from evil.

⁷When a man's ways please to the LORD,
He (H) makes even his enemies to remain at peace with him.

⁸ Better a little with righteousness
Than great income with injustice.

⁹The mind of (I) man plans his way,
But (J) the LORD directs his steps.

¹⁰A divine (K) decision rests in the lips of the king;
His mouth should not err in judgment.

¹¹A (L) just balance and scales belong to the LORD;
All the weights of the bag concern Him.

¹² A king acts abominably when he commits wicked acts,
For a (M) throne becomes established on righteousness.

¹³Righteous lips delight the kings,
And he who speaks rightly receives love.

¹⁴The fury of a king resembles messengers of death,
But a wise man will appease it.

¹⁵In the light of a king's face glows life,
And his favor resembles a cloud with the (N) spring rain.

¹⁶We find it preferable to get wisdom than gold!
And choosing understanding we find preferable to silver.

¹⁷The (P) highway of the upright departs from evil;
He who watches his way preserves his life.

¹⁸(Q) Pride goes before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before stumbling.

¹⁹It is we should prefer humbleness in spirit with the lowly
Than to (S) divide the spoil with the proud.

²⁰He who gives attention to the word will (T) find good,
And (U) blessings will come to he who trusts in the LORD.

²¹The (V) wise in heart will receive understanding,

- And sweetness of speech ^(W)increases persuasiveness.
- ²²Understanding resembles a fountain of life to one who has it,
But the discipline of fools results in folly.
- ²³The ^(X)heart of the wise instructs his mouth
And adds persuasiveness to his lips.
- ²⁴^(Y)Pleasant words resemble a honeycomb,
Sweet to the soul and ^(Z)healing to the bones.
- ²⁵⁽We find a way which seems right to a man,
But it ends in death.
- ²⁶A worker's appetite works for him,
For his hunger urges him on.
- ²⁷A ^(AB)worthless man digs up evil,
While his words resemble a ^(AC)scorching fire.
- ²⁸A perverse man spreads strife,
And a slanderer separates intimate friends.
- ²⁹A man of violence ^(AD)entices his neighbor
And leads him in a way that does not produce good.
- ³⁰He who winks his eyes does so to devise perverse things;
He who compresses his lips brings evil to pass.
- ³¹A ^(AE)gray head constitutes a crown of glory;
if it results from the way of righteousness.
- ³²He who rises slowly to anger has more value than the mighty,
And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.
- ³³The ^(AG)lot is cast into the lap,
But its every ^(AH)decision comes from the LORD.

Proverbs 17

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Contrast the Upright and the Wicked

- ¹⁽We find a dry morsel and quietness with it more preferable
Than a house full of feasting with strife.
- ²A servant who acts wisely will rule over a son who acts shamefully,

- And will share in the inheritance among brothers.
- ³The (B)refining pot processes silver and the furnace refines gold,
But (C)the LORD tests hearts.
- ⁴An (D)evildoer listens to wicked lips;
A liar pays attention to a destructive tongue.
- ⁵He who mocks the (E)poor taunts his Maker;
He who (F)rejoices at calamity will not go unpunished.
- ⁶(G)Gold men consider grandchildren their crown ,
And sons find glory in their fathers.
- ⁷(I)Excellent speech does not befit a fool,
Much less when a prince lies.
- ⁸A (K)bribe serves as a charm in the sight of its owner;
Wherever he turns, he prospers.
- ⁹He who (L)conceals a transgression seeks love,
But he who repeats a matter (M)separates intimate friends.
- ¹⁰A rebuke goes deeper into one who has understanding
Than a hundred blows into a fool.
- ¹¹A rebellious man seeks only evil,
So a cruel messenger will come against him.
- ¹²Let a (N)man meet a (O)bear robbed of her cubs,
Rather than a fool in his folly.
- ¹³He who (P)returns evil for good,
(Q)Evil will not depart from his house.
- ¹⁴The beginning of strife resembles letting out water,
So (R)abandon the quarrel before it breaks out.
- ¹⁵He who (S)justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous,
Both of them alike will appear as an abomination to the LORD.
- ¹⁶Why do you put a price in the hand of a fool to (T)buy wisdom,
When he has no sense?
- ¹⁷A (U)friend loves at all times,
And a brother seems designed for adversity.
- ¹⁸A man lacking in sense (V)pledges
And becomes guarantor in the presence of his neighbor.
- ¹⁹He who (W)loves transgression loves strife;
He who (X)raises his door seeks destruction.
- ²⁰He who has a crooked mind (Y)finds no good,
And he who uses perverted language falls into evil.
- ²¹He who (AA)sires a fool does so to his sorrow,

And the father of a fool has no joy.
22A (AB)joyful heart works like good medicine,
But a broken spirit (AC)dries up the bones.
23A wicked man receives a (AD)bribe from the bosom
To (AE)pervert the ways of justice.
24Wisdom emanates from the presence of the one who has understanding,
But the (AF)eyes of a fool move to the ends of the earth.
25A (AG)foolish son brings grief to his father
And (AH)bitterness to her who bore him.
26It also does no good to (AI)fine the righteous,
Nor to strike the noble for their uprightness.
27He who (AJ)restrains his words has knowledge,
And he who has a (AK)cool spirit reveals himself as a man of
understanding.
28Even a fool, when he (AL)keeps silent, people consider wise;
When he closes his lips, people consider him prudent.

Proverbs 18

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Contrast the Upright and the Wicked

1He who separates himself seeks his own desire,
He (A)quarrels against all sound wisdom.
2A fool does not delight in understanding,
But only (B)in revealing his own mind.
3When a wicked man comes, contempt also comes,
And with dishonor comes scorn.
4The words of a man's mouth resemble (C)deep waters;
The fountain of wisdom resemble a bubbling brook.
5To (D)show partiality to the wicked does not bode well,
Nor to (E)thrust aside the righteous in judgment.
6A fool's lips bring strife,
And his mouth calls for (E)blows.

- 7 A (G) fool's mouth brings his ruin,
And his lips snare his soul.
- 8 The words of a whisperer resemble dainty morsels,
And they go down into the innermost parts of the body.
- 9 He also who works with slackness
makes himself a brother to him who destroys.
- 10 The (J) name of the LORD serves as a (K) strong tower;
The righteous runs into it and finds safety.
- 11 A (M) rich man considers wealth his strong city,
And like a high wall in his own imagination.
- 12 (N) Before destruction the heart of man becomes haughty,
But (O) humility goes before honor.
- 13 He who (P) gives an answer before he hears,
It becomes folly and shame to him.
- 14 The (Q) spirit of a man can endure his sickness,
But as for a (R) broken spirit who can bear it?
- 15 The (S) mind of the prudent acquires knowledge,
And the (T) ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
- 16 A man's (U) gift makes room for him
And brings him before great men.
- 17 The first to plead his case seems right,
Until another comes and examines him.
- 18 The cast (V) lot puts an end to strife
And decides between the mighty ones.
- 19 We find a brother offended harder to win than a strong city,
And contentions resemble the bars of a citadel.
- 20 With the (W) fruit of a man's mouth his stomach will find satisfaction ;
(X) He will find satisfaction in the product of his lips.
- 21 (Y) Death and life reside in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its (Z) fruit.
- 22 He who finds a (AA) wife finds a good thing
And (AB) obtains favor from the LORD.
- 23 The (AC) poor man utters supplications,
But the (AD) rich man (AE) answers roughly.
- 24 A man of too many friends comes to ruin,
But one finds (AF) a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 19

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On Life and Conduct

- ¹(A) We consider a poor man who (B) walks in his integrity
more preferable than one perverse in speech and acting like a fool.
- ²Also we do not find it good for a person to act without knowledge,
And he who hurries (C) his footsteps errs.
- ³The (D) foolishness of man ruins his way,
And his heart (E) rages against the LORD.
- ⁴(E) Wealth adds many friends,
But a poor man becomes separated from his friend.
- ⁵A (G) false witness will not go unpunished,
And he who (H) tells lies will not escape.
- ⁶(I) Many will seek the favor of a generous man,
And every man wants to befriend him who (J) gives gifts.
- ⁷All the brothers of a poor man hate him;
How much more do his (K) friends abandon him!
He (L) pursues them with words, but they disappear.
- ⁸He who gets wisdom loves his own soul;
He who keeps understanding will (M) find good.
- ⁹A (N) false witness will not go unpunished,
And he who tells lies will perish.
- ¹⁰Luxury does (O) not befit a fool;
Much less for a (P) slave to rule over princes.
- ¹¹A man's (Q) discretion makes him slow to anger,
And a king finds it glorious to overlook a transgression.
- ¹²The (S) king's wrath resembles the roaring of a lion,
But his favor resembles (T) dew on the grass.
- ¹³A (U) foolish son brings destruction to his father,
And the (V) contentions of a wife seem like a constant dripping.
- ¹⁴House and wealth come as an (W) inheritance from fathers,
But a prudent wife comes from the LORD.
- ¹⁵(X) Laziness casts into a deep sleep,
And an idle man will suffer hunger.
- ¹⁶He who (Y) keeps the commandment keeps his soul,
But he who acts carelessly will die.
- ¹⁷One who shows graciousness to a poor man lends to the LORD,

And He will repay him for his ^(AA)good deed.
18^(AB)Discipline your son while you have hope
And do not desire his death.
19A man of great anger will bear the penalty,
For if you rescue him, you will only have to do it again.
20^(AC)Listen to counsel and accept discipline,
That you may have wisdom the rest of your days.
21Many ^(AD)plans exist in a man's heart,
But the ^(AE)counsel of the LORD will stand.
22 The LORD desires in a man his ^[a]kindness,
And a poor man has more value than a liar.
23The ^(AF)fear of the LORD leads to life,
So that one may sleep ^(AG)satisfied, ^(AH)untouched by evil.
24The ^(AI)sluggard buries his hand ^(AJ)in the dish,
But will not even bring it back to his mouth.
25^(AK)Strike a scoffer and the naive may become shrewd,
But ^(AL)reprove one who has understanding and he will gain
knowledge.
26He ^(AM)who assaults his father and drives his mother away
proves himself a shameful and disgraceful son.
27Cease listening, my son, to discipline,
And you will stray from the words of knowledge.
28A rascally witness makes a mockery of justice,
And the mouth of the wicked ^(AN)spreads iniquity.
29God prepares judgments are prepared for ^(AO)scoffers,
And ^(AP)blows for the back of fools.

Proverbs 20

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On Life and Conduct

- ^{1(A)}Wine leads one to mock, ^(B)strong drink makes a man brawl,
And whoever becomes intoxicated by it does not act wisely.
- ²The terror of a king resembles the growling of a lion;
He who provokes him to anger ^(C)forfeits his own life.
- ^{3(D)}Keeping away from strife seems honorable for a man,
But any fool will quarrel.
- ⁴The ^(E)sluggard does not plow after the autumn,
So he begs during the harvest and has nothing.
- ⁵A plan in the heart of a man resembles deep water,
But a man of understanding draws it out.
- ⁶Many a man ^(F)proclaims his own loyalty,
But who can find a ^(G)trustworthy man?
- ⁷A righteous man who ^(H)walks in his integrity--
^(I)How his sons receive blessings after him.
- ^{8(J)}A king who sits on the throne of justice
Disperses all evil with his eyes.
- ^{9(K)}Who can say, "I have cleansed my heart,
I have purified myself from my sin"?
- ^{10(L)}Differing weights and differing measures,
Both of them the LORD finds abominable .
- ¹¹ A lad ^(M)distinguishes himself
If he has conducted himself as pure and right.
- ¹²The hearing ^(N)ear and the seeing eye,
The LORD has made both of them.
- ^{13(O)}Do not love sleep, or you will become poor;
Open your eyes, and you will have plenty of food.
- ¹⁴"Bad, bad," says the buyer,
But when he goes his way, then he boasts.
- ¹⁵One finds gold, and an abundance of jewels;
But the lips of knowledge have more value.
- ¹⁶Take his garment when he becomes surety for a stranger;
And for foreigners, hold him in pledge.

- 17^(P) Bread obtained by falsehood tastes sweet to a man,
But afterward his mouth will fill with gravel.
- 18 Prepare ^(Q) plans by consultation,
And ^(R) make war by wise guidance.
- 19 He who ^(S) goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets,
Therefore do not associate with ^(T) a gossip.
- 20 He who ^(U) curses his father or his mother,
His ^(V) lamp will go out in time of darkness.
- 21 An inheritance gained hurriedly at the beginning
Will not receive blessing in the end.
- 22^(W) Do not say, "I will repay evil";
^(X) Wait for the LORD, and He will save you.
- 23^(Y) The LORD considers differing weights an abomination,
And He does not consider a ^(Z) false scale good.
- 24^(AA) The LORD ordains man's steps,
How then can man understand his way?
- 25 Man traps himself to say rashly, "I devote this as holy!"
And ^(AB) after the vows to make inquiry.
- 26 A ^(AC) wise king winnows the wicked,
And drives the ^(AD) threshing wheel over them.
- 27 The ^(AE) spirit of man resembles the lamp of the LORD,
Searching all the innermost parts of his being.
- 28 Loyalty and ^(AF) truth preserve the king,
And he upholds his throne by righteousness.
- 29 Young men glory in their strength,
And old men find honor in their gray hair.
- 30^(AH) Stripes that wound scour away evil,
And strokes reach the innermost parts.

Proverbs 21

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On Life and Conduct

- ¹The king's heart resembles channels of water in the hand of the LORD;
He ^(A)turns it wherever He wishes.
- ²^(B)Every man's way seems right in his own eyes,
But the LORD ^(C)weighs the hearts.
- ³To do ^(D)righteousness and justice
the LORD desires more than sacrifice.
- ⁴Haughty eyes and a proud heart,
The ^(E)lamp of the wicked, produce sin.
- ⁵The plans of the ^(F)diligent lead surely to advantage,
But everyone ^(G)who acts hastily comes surely to poverty.
- ⁶The ^(H)acquisition of treasures by a lying tongue
resembles a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of ^(I)death.
- ⁷The violence of the wicked will drag them away,
Because they ^(J)refuse to act with justice.
- ⁸The way of a guilty man appears ^(K)crooked,
But as for the pure, his conduct proves upright.
- ⁹One would find it better to live in a corner of a roof
Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.
- ¹⁰The soul of the wicked desires evil;
His ^(L)neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.
- ¹¹When the ^(M)scoffer receives punishment, the naive becomes wise;
But when the wise receive instruction, he receives knowledge.
- ¹²The righteous one considers the house of the wicked,
Turning the ^(N)wicked to ruin.
- ¹³He who ^(O)shuts his ear to the cry of the poor
Will also cry himself and not receive an ^(P)answer.
- ¹⁴A ^(Q)gift in secret subdues anger,
And a bribe in the bosom, strong wrath.
- ¹⁵The exercise of justice brings joy for the righteous,
But brings ^(R)terror to the workers of iniquity.
- ¹⁶A man who wanders from the way of understanding
Will ^(S)rest in the assembly of the dead.

- 17 He who (T) loves pleasure will become a poor man;
He who loves wine and oil will not become rich.
- 18 The wicked will become a (U) ransom for the righteous,
And the (V) treacherous will take the place of the upright.
- 19 One would find it preferable to live in a desert land
Than with a contentious and vexing woman.
- 20 One finds precious (X) treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise,
But a foolish man (Y) swallows it up.
- 21 He who (Z) pursues righteousness and loyalty
Finds life, righteousness and honor.
- 22 A (AA) wise man scales the city of the mighty
And brings down the stronghold in which they trust.
- 23 He who (AB) guards his mouth and his tongue,
Guards his soul from troubles.
- 24 "Proud," "Haughty," "(AC) Scoffer," we name him,
Who acts with (AD) insolent pride.
- 25 The (AE) desire of the sluggard puts him to death,
For his hands refuse to work;
- 26 All day long he craves,
While the righteous (AF) gives and does not hold back.
- 27 The (AG) sacrifice of the wicked proves an abomination,
How much more when he brings it with evil intent!
- 28 A (AH) false witness will perish,
But the man who listens to the truth will speak forever.
- 29 A wicked man (AI) displays a bold face,
But as for the (AJ) upright, he makes his way sure.
- 30 (AK) No wisdom and no understanding can exist
And no counsel against the LORD.
- 31 We can prepare the (AL) horse for the day of battle,
But (AM) victory belongs to the LORD.

Proverbs 22

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On Life and Conduct

- 1) One should desire a good name more than great wealth,
and favor more than silver and gold.
- 2) The rich and the poor have a common bond,
The LORD makes them all.
- 3) The (C) prudent sees the evil and hides himself,
But the naive go on, and suffer punishment for it.
- 4) The reward of humility and the fear of the LORD
consist of riches, honor and life.
- 5) (D) Thorns and snares block way of the perverse;
He who guards himself will remove himself from them.
- 6) (E) Train up a child in the way he should go,
Even when he reaches old age he will not depart from it.
- 7) The (E) rich rules over the poor,
And the borrower becomes the lender's slave.
- 8) He who (G) sows iniquity will reap vanity,
And the (H) rod of his fury will perish.
- 9) He who shows generosity will receive blessings,
For he (J) gives some of his food to the poor.
- 10) (K) Drive out the scoffer, and contention will go out,
Even strife and dishonor will cease.
- 11) He who loves (L) purity of heart
And whose speech has graciousness, the king will seek him out as his
friend.
- 12) The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge,
But He overthrows the words of the treacherous man.
- 13) The (N) sluggard says, " I think a lion might roam outside;
he will kill me in the streets!"
- 14) The mouth of (O) an adulteress resembles a deep pit;
He whom the LORD has (P) cursed will fall into it.
- 15) Foolishness resides in the heart of a child;
The (Q) rod of discipline will remove it far from him.
- 16) He (R) who oppresses the poor to make more for himself

Or who gives to the rich, ^(S)will only come to poverty.
17^(T)Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise,
And apply your mind to my knowledge;
18For it will seem ^(U)pleasant if you keep them within you,
That they may dwell on your lips.
19So you trust in the LORD,
I have taught you today, even you.
20Have I not written to you ^(W)excellent things
Of counsels and knowledge,
21To make you ^(X)know the certainty of the words of truth
That you may ^(Y)correctly answer him who sent you?
22^(Z)Do not rob the poor because he has little,
Or ^(AA)crush the afflicted at the gate;
23For the LORD will ^(AB)plead their case
And take the life of those who rob them.
24Do not associate with a man given to anger;
Or go with a ^(AC)hot-tempered man,
25Or you will ^(AD)learn his ways
And find a snare for yourself.
26Do not associate with those who ^(AE)give pledges,
Among those who become guarantors for debts.
27If you have nothing with which to pay,
Why should he ^(AF)take your bed from under you?
28^(AG)Do not move the ancient boundary
Which your fathers have set.
29Do you see a man skilled in his work?
He will ^(AH)stand before kings;
He will not stand before obscure men.

Proverbs 23

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On Life and Conduct

- ¹When you sit down to dine with a ruler,
Consider carefully what you see before you,
²And put a knife to your throat
If you have a great appetite.
³Do not ^(B)desire his delicacies,
For it will prove deceptive food.
⁴^(C)Do not weary yourself to gain wealth,
^(D)Cease from your consideration of it.
⁵When you set your eyes on it, it will disappear.
For ^(E)wealth certainly makes itself wings
Like an eagle that flies toward the heavens.
⁶^(E)Do not eat the bread of a ^(G)selfish man,
Or desire his delicacies;
⁷For as he thinks within himself, so he will probably prove himself.
He says to you, "Eat and drink!"
But ^(H)his heart does not accommodate you.
⁸You will ^(I)vomit up the morsel you have eaten,
And waste your compliments.
⁹^(J)Do not speak in the hearing of a fool,
For he will ^(K)despise the wisdom of your words.
¹⁰Do not move the ancient boundary
Or ^(L)go into the fields of the fatherless,
¹¹For their ^(M)Redeemer has strength;
^(N)He will plead their case against you.
¹²Apply your heart to discipline
And your ears to words of knowledge.
¹³^(O)Do not hold back discipline from the child,
Although you strike him with the rod, he will not die.
¹⁴You shall strike him with the rod
And ^(P)rescue his soul from Sheol.
¹⁵My son, if your heart shows wisdom,
My own heart also will have gladness;

- ¹⁶And my inmost being will rejoice
When your lips speak the right things.
- ¹⁷(S)Do not let your heart envy sinners,
But live in the (T)fear of the LORD always.
- ¹⁸Surely there will come a (U)future,
And your (V)hope will not become shortened.
- ¹⁹Listen, my son, and grow in wisdom,
And (X)direct your heart in the way.
- ²⁰Do not associate with (Y)heavy drinkers of wine,
Or with (Z)gluttonous eaters of meat;
- ²¹For the (AA)heavy drinker and the glutton will come to poverty,
And (AB)drowsiness will clothe one with rags.
- ²²(AC)Listen to your father who begot you,
And (AD)do not despise your mother when she reaches old age.
- ²³(AE)Buy truth, and do not sell it,
Get wisdom and instruction and understanding.
- ²⁴The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice,
And (AF)he who sires a wise son will have gladness in him.
- ²⁵Let your (AG)father and your mother have gladness,
And let her rejoice who gave birth to you.
- ²⁶(AH)Give me your heart, my son,
And let your eyes (AI)delight in my ways.
- ²⁷For a harlot resembles a (AJ)deep pit
And an (AK)adulterous woman resembles a narrow well.
- ²⁸Surely she (AL)lurks as a robber,
And increases the faithless among men.
- ²⁹Who has (AM)woe? Who has sorrow?
Who has contentions? Who has complaining?
Who has wounds without cause?
Who has redness of eyes?
- ³⁰Those who (AN)linger long over wine,
Those who go to taste (AO)mixed wine.
- ³¹Do not look on the wine when it looks red,
When it sparkles in the cup,
When it (AP)goes down smoothly;
- ³²At the last it (AQ)bites like a serpent
And stings like a (AR)viper.
- ³³Your eyes will see strange things

And your mind will (AS) utter perverse things.

³⁴And you will resemble one who lies down in the middle of the sea,
Or like one who lies down on the top of a [a] mast.

³⁵"They (AT) struck me, but I did not become ill;
They beat me, but I did not know it
When shall I awake?
I will (AU) seek another drink."

Proverbs 24

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Precepts and Warnings

¹Do not envy evil men,
Nor desire to associate with them;

²For their minds devise (C) violence,
And their lips (D) talk of trouble.

³(E) By wisdom we build a house ,
And by understanding we establish it ;

⁴And by knowledge we fill the rooms
With all precious and pleasant riches.

⁵A (G) wise man has strength,
And a man of knowledge increases power.

⁶For (H) by wise guidance you will wage war,
And (I) in abundance of counselors we obtain victory.

⁷Wisdom has too high a price for a fool,
He does not open his mouth (K) in the gate.

⁸One who (L) plans to do evil,
Men will call a schemer.

⁹When people devise folly, they sin,
Men consider the scoffer an abomination.

¹⁰If you demonstrate slackness in the day of distress,
You have limited strength .

¹¹(O) Deliver those who follow the way to death,
And those who stagger to slaughter, Oh hold them back.

¹²If you say, "See, we did not know this,"
Does He not (P) consider it (Q) who weighs the hearts?

And (R) does He not know it who (S) keeps your soul?
And will He not (T) render to man according to his work?
13 My son, eat (U) honey, for it tastes good,
Yes, the (V) honey from the comb tastes sweet;
14 Know that (W) wisdom seems sweet for your soul;
If you find it, you will have a (X) future,
And your hope will not expire.
15 (Y) Do not lie in wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the
righteous;
Do not destroy his resting place;
16 For a (Z) righteous man falls seven times, and rises again,
But the (AA) wicked stumble in time of calamity.
17 (AB) Do not rejoice when your enemy falls,
And do not rejoice when he stumbles;
18 Or the LORD will see it and become angry,
And turn His anger away from him.
19 (AC) Do not fret because of evildoers
Or envy the wicked;
20 For (AE) the evils man will have no future;
The (AG) lamp of the wicked will darken.
21 My son, (AH) fear the LORD and the king;
Do not associate with those who like to rebel,
22 For their (AI) calamity will rise suddenly,
And who knows the ruin that comes from both of them?
23 We read also these (AJ) sayings of the wise
To (AK) show partiality in judgment does no good.
24 He (AL) who says to the wicked, "I proclaim you righteous,"
(AM) Peoples will curse him, nations will abhor him;
25 But (AN) to those who rebuke the wicked will have delight,
And a good blessing will come upon them.
26 He kisses the lips
Who gives a right answer.
27 Prepare your work outside
And (AO) make it ready for yourself in the field;
Afterwards, then, build your house.
28 Do not witness against your neighbor without cause,
And (AQ) do not deceive with your lips.
29 (AR) Do not say, "Thus I shall do to him as he has done to me;

I will render to the man according to his work."
³⁰I passed by the field of the sluggard
And by the vineyard of the man ^(AS)lacking sense,
³¹And behold, the ground had completely ^(AT)overgrown with thistles;
Nettles covered its surface,
And its stone ^(AV)wall had broken down.
³²When I saw, I reflected upon it;
I looked, and received instruction.
³³^(AW)A little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to rest,"
³⁴Then your poverty will come as a robber
And your want like an armed man.

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Similitudes, Instructions

¹We read here more ^(A)proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah,
king of Judah, transcribed.
²God reveals His glory by concealing a matter,
But the king demonstrates his glory by searching out a matter.
³As the heavens for height and the earth for depth,
So the heart of kings seems unsearchable.
⁴Take away the ^(D)dross from the silver,
And there comes out a vessel for the ^(E)smith;
⁵Take away the ^(E)wicked before the king,
And his ^(G)throne will have permanence through righteousness.
⁶Do not claim honor in the presence of the king,
And do not stand in the place of great men;
⁷For you will find it more preferable that someone say to you, "Come up
here,"
Than for someone to place you lower in the presence of the prince,
Whom your eyes have seen.
⁸Do not go out ^(I)hastily to argue your case;

Otherwise, what will you do in the end,
When your neighbor humiliates you?

⁹(J) Argue your case with your neighbor,
And (K) do not reveal the secret of another,

¹⁰ Or he who hears it will reproach you,
And the evil report about you will not pass away.

¹¹ A word spoken in the right circumstances resembles apples of gold in
settings of silver

¹² A wise reprove to a listening ear resembles an (M) earring of gold and an
(N) ornament of (O) fine gold

¹³ A faithful messenger resembles the cold of snow in the time of harvest
to those who send him,
For he refreshes the soul of his masters.

¹⁴ A man who boasts of his gifts falsely resembles (R) clouds and (S) wind
without rain

¹⁵ By (T) forbearance one may persuade a ruler ,
And a soft tongue breaks the bone.

¹⁶ Have you (U) found honey? Eat only what you need,
That you not have it in excess and vomit it.

¹⁷ Let your foot rarely enter your neighbor's house,
Or he will become weary of you and hate you.

¹⁸ A man who bears false witness against his neighbor resembles a club
and a (V) sword and a sharp (W) arrow

¹⁹ Confidence in a faithless man in time of trouble resembles a bad tooth
and an unsteady foot

²⁰ He who sings songs to a troubled heart resembles one who takes off a
garment on a cold day, or like vinegar on soda,

²¹(Z) If your enemy hungers, give him food to eat;
And if he thirsts, give him water to drink;

²² For you will heap burning coals on his head,
And (AA) the LORD will reward you.

²³ The north wind brings forth rain,
And a (AB) backbiting tongue, an angry countenance.

²⁴One would find it preferable to live in a corner of the roof
Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

²⁵Good news from a distant land resembles cold water to a weary soul,

²⁶ A righteous man who gives way before the wicked resembles a
(AE)trampled spring and a polluted well

²⁷One should not eat too much honey,
Nor should someone proclaim his own glory.

²⁸ A man who has no control over his spirit resembles a city that an
enemy has broken into and has destroyed the walls.

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Similitudes, Instructions

¹Like snow in summer and like (A)rain in harvest,
So honor does not seem fitting for a fool.

²Like a (C)sparrow in its flitting, like a swallow in its flying,
So a (D)curse without cause does not alight.

³We use a whip for the horse, a bridle for the donkey,
And a (E)rod for the back of fools.

⁴(G)Do not answer a fool according to his folly,
Or you will also behave like him.

⁵(H)Answer a fool as his folly deserves,
That he not attain presume wisdom in his own eyes.

⁶He cuts off his own feet and drinks violence
Who sends a message by the hand of a fool.

⁷A proverb in the mouth of fools resembles the legs which prove useless

to the lame,

⁸ He who gives honor to a fool resembles one who binds a stone in a sling,

⁹ A proverb in the mouth of fools resembles a thorn which falls into the hand of a drunkard,

¹⁰ He who hires a fool or who hires those who pass by resembles an archer who wounds everyone,

¹¹ A fool who repeats his folly resembles ^(J)a dog that returns to its vomit

¹² Do you see a man ^(L)wise in his own eyes?

^(M) We have more hope for a fool than for him.

¹³ The ^(N) sluggard says, "A lion could have roamed onto the road!

A lion could have wandered in the open square!"

¹⁴ As the door turns on its hinges,

So does the ^(O) sluggard on his bed.

¹⁵ The ^(P) sluggard buries his hand in the dish;

He has incredible fatigue when he tries to bring it to his mouth again.

¹⁶ The sluggard feels ^(Q) wiser in his own eyes

Than seven men who can give a discreet answer.

¹⁷ He who passes by and meddles with ^(R) strife not belonging to him resembles one who takes a dog by the ears.

¹⁸ Like a madman who throws

^(S) Firebrands, arrows and death,

¹⁹ The man who ^(T) deceives his neighbor,

And says, "^(U) Did I not joke?"

²⁰ For lack of wood the fire goes out,

And where no ^(V) whisperer exists, ^(W) contention quiets down.

²¹ A contentious man to kindle strife resembles charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire,

²² The ^(Y) words of a whisperer resemble dainty morsels,

And they go down into the innermost parts of the body.

²³ Burning lips and a wicked heart resemble an earthen ^(Z) vessel overlaid with silver ^(AA) dross

²⁴ He who ^(AB) hates disguises it with his lips,

But he lays up ^(AC) deceit in his heart.

²⁵ When he ^(AD) speaks graciously, do not believe him,

For seven abominations abound in his heart.

²⁶ Though his hatred ^(AE) covers itself with guile,

His wickedness will reveal itself before the assembly.
27 He who ^(AG) digs a pit will fall into it,
And he who rolls a stone, it will come back on him.
28 A lying tongue hates those it crushes,
And a ^(AH) flattering mouth works ruin.

Proverbs 27

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Warnings and Instructions

1^(A) Do not boast about tomorrow,
For you ^(B) do not know what a day may bring forth.
2 Let ^(C) another praise you, and not your own mouth;
A stranger, and not your own lips.
3 A stone feels heavy and the sand weighty,
But the provocation of a fool feels heavier than both of them.
4 Wrath has fierceness and anger resembles a flood,
But ^(D) who can stand before jealousy?
5 Open rebuke seems better
Than love that remains concealed.
6 A friend wounds with a faithful and loving motive,
But an enemy kisses deceitfully.
7 A sated man loathes honey,
But to a famished man any bitter thing tastes sweet.
8 A man who wanders from his home resembles a ^(H) bird that wanders
from her nest,

9^(J) Oil and perfume make the heart glad,
So a man's counsel seems sweet to his friend.
10 Do not forsake your own ^(K) friend or ^(L) your father's friend,
And do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity;
A neighbor nearby will prove more valuable than a brother far away.
11^(M) Attain wisdom, my son, and make my heart glad,

- That I may ^(N)reply to him who reproaches me.
- ¹²A prudent man sees evil and hides himself,
The naive proceed and pay the penalty.
- ¹³^(O)Take his garment when he becomes surety for a stranger;
And for an adulterous woman hold him in pledge.
- ¹⁴^(P)He who blesses his friend with a loud voice early in the morning,
It will have the same effect as a curse to him.
- ¹⁵A contentious woman resembles ^(Q)constant dripping on a day of steady
rain
- ¹⁶He who would restrain her restrains the wind,
And grasps oil with his right hand.
- ¹⁷Iron sharpens iron,
So one man sharpens another.
- ¹⁸He who tends the ^(R)fig tree will eat its fruit,
And he who ^(S)cares for his master will receive honor.
- ¹⁹As in water face reflects face,
So the heart of man reflects man.
- ²⁰^(T)Sheol and Abaddon will ^(U)never experience satisfaction,
Nor do the ^(V)eyes of man ever become satisfied.
- ²¹The ^(W)crucible refines silver and the furnace refines gold,
And each receives testing by the praise accorded him.
- ²²Though you ^(Y)pound a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with crushed
grain,
Yet his foolishness will not depart from him.
- ²³^(Z)Know well the condition of your flocks,
And pay attention to your herds;
- ²⁴For riches do not last forever,
Nor does a ^(AA)crown endure to all generations.
- ²⁵When the grass disappears, the new growth appears,
And you will gather in the herbs of the mountains,
- ²⁶The lambs will provide your clothing,
And the goats will bring the price of a field,
- ²⁷And you will have goats' milk enough for your food,
For the food of your household,
And sustenance for your maidens.

Proverbs 28

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Warnings and Instructions

- ¹The wicked ^(A)flee when no one pursues,
But the righteous stand boldly as a lion.
- ²By the transgression of a land ^(B), the inhabitants will have many princes,
But ^(C)by a man of understanding and knowledge, so it endures.
- ³A ^(D)poor man who oppresses the lowly
resembles a driving rain which leaves no food.
- ⁴Those who forsake the law ^(E)praise the wicked,
But those who keep the law ^(E)strive with them.
- ⁵Evil men ^(G)do not understand justice,
But those who seek the LORD ^(H)understand all things.
- ⁶^(I)We would much prefer the poor who walks in his integrity
Than he who acts crookedly though he have great riches.
- ⁷He who keeps the law proves himself a discerning son,
But he who makes companions of ^(J)gluttons humiliates his father.
- ⁸He who increases his wealth by ^(K)interest and usury
Gathers it ^(L)for him who acts graciously to the poor.
- ⁹He who turns away his ear from listening to the law,
God regards his ^(M)prayer as an abomination.
- ¹⁰He who leads the upright astray in an evil way
Will ^(N)himself fall into his own pit,
But the ^(O)blameless will inherit good.
- ¹¹The rich man considers himself wise in his own eyes,
But the poor who has understanding sees through him.
- ¹²When the ^(Q)righteous triumph, the community feels great glory,
But ^(R)when the wicked rise, men hide themselves.
- ¹³He who ^(S)conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
But he who ^(T)confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.
- ¹⁴The man receives blessings who ^(U)fears always,
But he who ^(V)hardens his heart will fall into calamity.
- ¹⁵ A ^(X)wicked ruler over a poor people resembles a roaring lion and a rushing bear.
- ¹⁶A ^(Y)leader who greatly oppresses lacks understanding,
But he who hates unjust gain will prolong his days.
- ¹⁷A man who feels burdened with the guilt of human blood
Will remain a fugitive until death; let no one support him.
- ¹⁸God will deliver those who walk blamelessly,

- But the ^(AA)crooked will fall all at once.
- ¹⁹^(AB)He who tills his land will ^(AC)have plenty of food,
But he who follows empty pursuits will have poverty in plenty.
- ²⁰A ^(AD)faithful man will abound with blessings,
But he who ^(AE)makes haste to have riches will not go unpunished.
- ²¹To ^(AF)show partiality does not bode well,
^(AG)Because for a piece of bread a man will transgress.
- ²²A man with an ^(AH)evil eye ^(AI)hastens after wealth
And does not know that want will come upon him.
- ²³He who ^(AJ)rebukes a man will afterward find more favor
Than he who ^(AK)flatters with the tongue.
- ²⁴He who ^(AL)robs his father or his mother
And says, "I have not transgressed,"
has become the ^(AM)companion of a man who destroys.
- ²⁵An arrogant man ^(AN)stirs up strife,
But he who ^(AO)trusts in the LORD ^(AP)will prosper.
- ²⁶He who ^(AQ)trusts in his own heart acts foolishly,
God will deliver those who walk wisely .
- ²⁷He who ^(AR)gives to the poor will never want,
But he who shuts his eyes will have many curses.
- ²⁸When the wicked rise, men hide themselves;
But when they perish, the righteous increase.

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Warnings and Instructions

- ¹A man who hardens his neck after ^(A)much reproof
Will ^(B)suddenly find himself broken beyond remedy.
- ²When the ^(C)righteous increase, the people rejoice,
But when a wicked man rules, people groan.
- ³A man who ^(D)loves wisdom makes his father glad,
But he who ^(E)keeps company with harlots wastes his wealth.
- ⁴The ^(F)king gives stability to the land by justice,
But a man who takes bribes overthrows it.
- ⁵A man who ^(G)flatters his neighbor
spreads spreading a net for his steps.
- ⁶By transgression an evil man ensnares himself,

- But the righteous (I) sings and rejoices.
- ⁷The (I) righteous concern themselves for the rights of the poor,
The wicked does not understand such concern.
- ⁸Scorners (K) set a city aflame,
But (L) wise men turn away anger.
- ⁹When a wise man has a controversy with a foolish man,
The foolish man either rages or laughs, and no rest can occur.
- ¹⁰Men of (M) bloodshed hate the blameless,
But the upright concern themselves for his life.
- ¹¹A (N) fool always loses his temper,
But a (O) wise man holds it back.
- ¹²If a (P) ruler pays attention to falsehood,
All his ministers become wicked.
- ¹³The (Q) poor man and the oppressor have this in common:
The LORD gives (R) light to the eyes of both.
- ¹⁴If a (S) king judges the poor with truth,
His (T) throne will last forever.
- ¹⁵The (U) rod and reproof give wisdom,
But a child who gets his own way (V) brings shame to his mother.
- ¹⁶When the wicked increase, transgression increases;
But the (W) righteous will see their fall.
- ¹⁷(X) Correct your son, and he will give you comfort;
He will also (Y) delight your soul.
- ¹⁸Where (Z) no vision exists, the people behave in an unrestrained manner.
But a person remains happy who keeps the law.
- ¹⁹One cannot instruct a slave by words alone;
For though he understands, he will not respond.
- ²⁰Do you see a man who speaks hastily ?
We have (AD) more hope for a fool than for him.
- ²¹He who pampers his slave from childhood
Will in the end find him to act like a son.
- ²²An (AE) angry man stirs up strife,
And a hot-tempered man abounds in transgression.
- ²³A man's (AF) pride will bring him low,
But a (AG) humble spirit will obtain honor.
- ²⁴He who partners with a thief hates his own life;
He (AH) hears the oath but tells nothing.
- ²⁵The (AI) fear of man brings a snare,

But he who ^(A)trusts in the LORD will find exaltation.
²⁶^(AK)Many seek the ruler's favor,
But ^(AL)justice for man comes from the LORD.
²⁷An ^(AM)unjust man seems abominable to the righteous,
And he who acts ^(AN)uprightly in the way seems abominable to the wicked.

Proverbs 30

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The Words of Agur

¹The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the oracle. The man declares to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal:

²Surely I feel more ^(A)stupid than any man,
And I do not have the understanding of a man.

³Neither have I learned wisdom,
Nor do I have the ^(B)knowledge of the Holy One.

⁴Who has ^(C)ascended into heaven and descended?
Who has gathered the ^(D)wind in His fists?
Who has ^(E)wrapped the waters in His garment?
Who has ^(E)established all the ends of the earth?
Do you know His ^(G)name or His son's name?
Surely you know!

⁵Every ^(H)word of God has undergone testing;
He resembles a ^(I)shield to those who take refuge in Him.

⁶^(J)Do not add to His words
Or He will reprove you, and you will prove yourself a liar.

⁷Two things I asked of You,
Do not refuse me before I die:

⁸Keep deception and lies far from me,
Give me neither poverty nor riches;
Feed me with the ^(K)food that you have allotted as my portion,

⁹That I not feel ^(L)full and deny ^(M)You and say, "Who do I consider the LORD?"

Or that I not have want and steal,
And (Q)profane the name of my God.

¹⁰Do not slander a slave to his master,
Or he will (P)curse you and you and find you guilty.

¹¹We see a (a)kind of man who (Q)curses his father
And does not bless his mother.

¹²We see a kind who feel (B)pure in their own eyes,
Yet has not become cleansed from their filthiness.

¹³We see a kind--oh how (S)lofty he holds his eyes!
And he raises his eyelids in arrogance.

¹⁴We see a kind of man whose (I)teeth resemble swords
And his (U)jaw teeth like knives,
To (V)devour the afflicted from the earth
And the needy from among men.

¹⁵The leech has two daughters,
"Give," "Give."
We see three things that will not reach satisfaction,
Four that will not say, "Enough":

¹⁶(W)Sheol, and the (X)barren womb,
Earth that never becomes satisfied with water,
And fire that never says, "Enough."

¹⁷The eye that (Y)mocks a father
And (Z)scorns a mother,
The (AA)ravens of the valley will pick it out,
And the young (AB)eagles will eat it.

¹⁸There are three things which seem too wonderful for me,
Four which I do not understand:

¹⁹The way of an (AC)eagle in the sky,
The way of a serpent on a rock,
The way of a ship in the middle of the sea,
And the way of a man with a maid.

²⁰This constitutes the way of an (AD)adulterous woman:
She eats and wipes her mouth,
And says, "I have done no wrong."

²¹Under three things the earth quakes,
And under four, it cannot bear up:

²²Under a (AE)slave when he becomes king,
And a fool when he satisfies himself with food,

²³Under an unloved woman when she gets a husband,
And a maidservant when she supplants her mistress.
²⁴Four things have small size on the earth,
But they show exceeding wisdom:
²⁵The ^(AF)ants do not seem a strong people,
But they prepare their food in the summer;
²⁶The ^(AG)shephanim do not seem like mighty people,
Yet they make their houses in the rocks;
²⁷The locusts have no king,
Yet all of them go out in ^(AH)ranks;
²⁸The lizard you may grasp with the hands,
Yet they live in kings' palaces.
²⁹We see are three things which seem stately in their march,
Even four which walk stately:
³⁰The lion which exercises might among beasts
And does not ^(AJ)retreat before any,
³¹The strutting rooster, the male goat also,
And a king when his army marches with him.
³²If you have acted foolishly in exalting yourself
Or if you have plotted evil, ^(AK)put your hand on your mouth.
³³For the churning of milk produces butter,
And pressing the nose brings forth blood;
So the churning of ^(AL)anger produces strife.

Proverbs 31

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The Words of Lemuel

¹The words of King Lemuel, the oracle which his mother taught him:
²What, O my son?
And what, O ^(A)son of my womb?
And what, O son of my ^(B)vows?
³^(C)Do not give your strength to women,

Or your ways to that which (D)destroys kings.
4It does not seem proper for (E)kings, O Lemuel,
It is not for kings to (E)drink wine,
Or for rulers to desire strong drink,
5For they will drink and forget what they have decreed,
And (G)pervert the rights of all the afflicted.
6Give strong drink to him who perishes,
And wine to him (I)whose life has become bitter.
7Let him drink and forget his poverty
And remember his trouble no more.
8(J)Open your mouth for the mute,
For the rights of all the unfortunate.
9Open your mouth, (K)judge righteously,
And defend the (L)rights of the afflicted and needy.

Description of a Worthy Woman

10An (M)excellent wife, who can find?
For her worth far exceeds jewels.
11The heart of her husband trusts in her,
And he will have no lack of gain.
12She does him good and not evil
All the days of her life.
13She looks for wool and flax
And works with her hands in delight.
14She resembles (O)merchant ships;
She brings her food from afar.
15She (P)rises also in the night time
And (Q)gives food to her household
And portions to her maidens.
16She considers a field and buys it;
From her earnings she plants a vineyard.
17She (R)girds herself with strength
And makes her arms strong.
18She senses that her gain seems good;
Her lamp does not go out at night.
19She stretches out her hands to the distaff,
And her hands grasp the spindle.
20She (S)extends her hand to the poor,
And she stretches out her hands to the needy.
21She does not fear the snow for her household,

For she clothes all her household with scarlet.
22She makes (U)coverings for herself;
Her clothing consists of (V)fine linen and (W)purple.
23People know her husband (X)in the gates,
When he sits among the elders of the land.
24She makes (Y)linen garments and sells them,
And supplies belts to the tradesmen.
25Strength and (Z)dignity have become her clothing,
And she smiles at the future.
26She (AA)opens her mouth in wisdom,
And the teaching of kindness resides on her tongue.
27She looks well to the ways of her household,
And does not eat the (AB)bread of idleness.
28Her children rise up and bless her;
Her husband also, and he praises her, saying:
29"Many daughters have done nobly,
But you excel them all."
30We find charm deceitful and beauty as vanity,
But a woman who (AC)fears the LORD, she shall receive praise.
31Give her the product of her hands,
And let her works praise her in the gates.

Ecclesiastes 1-12

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The Futility of All Endeavor

1The words of the (A)Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
2"[a](B)Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher,
"Vanity of vanities! All constitutes vanity."
3(C)What advantage does man have in all his work
Which he does under the sun?
4A generation goes and a generation comes,
But the (D)earth remains forever.
5Also, (E)the sun rises and the sun sets;
And hastening to its place it rises there again.
6(E)Blowing toward the south,
Then turning toward the north,

The wind continues swirling along;
And on its circular courses the wind returns.
7 All the rivers flow into the sea,
Yet the sea does not fill.
To the place where the rivers flow,
There they flow again.
8 All things become weary;
Man cannot tell it.
(G) The eye has no satisfaction with seeing,
Nor does the ear fill with hearing.
9 (H) That which has come before will occur again,
And that which one has done will happen again.
So nothing new occurs under the sun.
10 Can anything happen of which one might say,
"See this, it hasn't happened before"?
Already it has existed for ages
Which existed before us.
11 There exists no remembrance of earlier things;
And also of the later things which will occur,
There will exist for them no remembrance
Among those who will come later still.

The Futility of Wisdom

12 I, the (J) Preacher, have served as king over Israel in Jerusalem.
13 And I (K) set my mind to seek and (L) explore by wisdom concerning all that
has happened under heaven. It proves a grievous (M) task which God has
given to the sons of men to suffer affliction.
14 I have seen all the works which have occurred under the sun, and behold,
all seems like (N) vanity and striving after wind.
15 What has grown (O) crooked cannot become straightened and what lacks
no one cannot count.
16 I said to myself, "Behold, I have magnified and increased (P) wisdom more
than all who ruled over Jerusalem before me; and my mind has observed a
wealth of wisdom and knowledge."
17 And I (Q) set my mind to know wisdom and to (R) know madness and folly; I
realized that this also seems like (S) striving after wind.

¹⁸Because ^(I)in much wisdom one has much grief, and increasing knowledge results in increasing pain.

Ecclesiastes 2

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The Futility of Pleasure and Possessions

¹I said to myself, "Come now, I will test you with ^(A)pleasure. So enjoy yourself." And behold, it too seemed futile.

²^(B)I said of laughter, "It seems mad," and of pleasure, "What does it accomplish?"

³I explored with my mind how to ^(C)stimulate my body with wine while my mind guided me wisely, and how to take hold of ^(D)folly, until I could see ^(E)what good does it do for the sons of men to do under heaven the few years of their lives.

⁴I enlarged my works: I ^(E)built houses for myself, I planted ^(G)vineyards for myself;

⁵I made ^(H)gardens and ^(I)parks for myself and I planted in them all kinds of fruit trees;

⁶I made ^(J)ponds of water for myself from which to irrigate a forest of growing trees.

⁷I bought male and female slaves and I had ^(K)homeborn slaves Also I possessed flocks and ^(L)herds larger than all who preceded me in Jerusalem.

⁸Also, I collected for myself silver and ^(M)gold and the treasure of kings and provinces I provided for myself ^(N)male and female singers and the pleasures of men--many concubines.

⁹Then I became ^(O)great and increased more than all who preceded me in Jerusalem. My wisdom also stood by me.

¹⁰^(P)All that my eyes desired I did not refuse them I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart felt pleased because of all my labor and this was my ^(Q)reward for all my labor.

¹¹Thus I considered all my activities which my hands had done and the labor which I had exerted, and behold all seemed like vanity and striving after wind and there seemed no profit under the sun.

Wisdom Excels Folly

¹²So I turned to ^(T)consider wisdom, madness and folly; for what will the man do who will come after the king except ^(U)what has already occurred?

¹³And I saw that ^(V)wisdom excels folly as light excels darkness.

¹⁴The wise man's eyes locate in his head, but the ^(W)fool walks in darkness And yet I know that ^(X)one fate befalls them both.

¹⁵Then I said to myself, "^(Y)As will occur to the fool, it will also befall me ^(Z)Why then have I grown extremely wise?" So I said to myself, "This too seems like vanity."

¹⁶For nothing lasts of the wise man as with the fool, inasmuch as in the coming days all will forget them And ^(AB)how the wise man and the fool alike die!

¹⁷So I ^(AC)hated life, for the work which occurred under the sun seemed grievous to me; because everything seems futile and striving after wind.

The Futility of Labor

¹⁸Thus I hated ^(AD)all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun, for I must ^(AE)leave it to the man who will come after me.

¹⁹And who knows whether he will grow into a wise man or ^(AF)a fool? Yet he will have control over all the fruit of my labor for which I have labored by acting wisely under the sun This too seems like vanity.

²⁰Therefore I completely despaired of all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun.

²¹When a man has labored with wisdom, knowledge and ^(AH)skill, then he ^(AI)gives his legacy to one who has not labored with them. This too seems vanity and a great evil.

²²For what does a man get in ^(AJ)all his labor and in his striving with which he labors under the sun?

²³Because all his days his task seems painful and ^(AK)grievous; even at night his mind ^(AL)does not rest. This too seems vanity.

²⁴A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and tell himself that his labor has value. This also I have seen that it comes from the hand of God.

²⁵For who can eat and who can have enjoyment without Him?

²⁶For to a person who does good in His sight ^(AO)He has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, while to the sinner He has given the task of gathering and collecting so that he may ^(AP)give to one who does good in God's sight. This too seems ^(AQ)vanity and striving after wind.

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A Time for Everything

¹ An appointed time exists for everything. And a ^(A)time exists for every event under heaven--

²A time to give birth and a ^(B)time to die;

A time to plant and a time to uproot what we have planted.

³A ^(C)time to kill and a time to heal;

A time to tear down and a time to build up.

⁴A time to ^(D)weep and a time to ^(E)laugh;

A time to mourn and a time to ^(E)dance.

⁵A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones;

A time to embrace and a time to shun embracing.

⁶A time to search and a time to give up as lost;

A time to keep and a time to throw away.

⁷A time to tear apart and a time to sew together;

A time to keep silent and a time to speak.

⁸A time to love and a time to ^(H)hate;

A time for war and a time for peace.

⁹^(I)What profit does a worker have from that in which he toils?

¹⁰I have seen the ^(J)task which God has given the sons of men with which to occupy themselves.

God Set Eternity in the Heart of Man

¹¹He has ^(K)made everything ^[a]appropriate in its time He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man ^(L)will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.

¹²I know that they can find nothing better than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime;

¹³moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor--it constitutes God's gift.

¹⁴I know that everything God does will remain forever; one can add nothing to it and one can take nothing to take from it, for God has so worked that men should ^(O)fear Him.

¹⁵That ^(P)which is has existed already and that which will occur has already existed, for God seeks what has passed by.

¹⁶Furthermore, I have seen under the sun that in the place of justice there wickedness takes place and in the place of righteousness wickedness exists.

¹⁷I said to myself, "^(R)God will judge both the righteous man and the wicked man," for a ^(S)time for every matter and for every deed He has seen.

¹⁸I said to myself concerning the sons of men, "God has surely tested them in order for them to see that they resemble ^(I)beasts."

¹⁹^(U)For the fate of the sons of men and the fate of beasts has the same conclusion. As one dies so dies the other; indeed, they all have the same breath and a man has no advantage over the beast, for all seems vanity.

²⁰All go to the same place. All came from the ^(V)dust and all return to the dust.

²¹Who knows that the ^(W)breath of man ascends upward and the breath of the beast descends downward to the earth?

²²I have seen that ^(X)nothing seems better than that man should have happiness in his activities, for that becomes lot For who will bring him to see ^(Y)what will occur after him?

Ecclesiastes 4

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The Evils of Oppression

¹Then I looked again at all the acts of ^(A)oppression which took place under the sun And behold I saw the tears of the oppressed and that they had ^(B)no one to comfort them; and on the side of their oppressors power accumulated, but they had no one to comfort them.

²So ^(C)I congratulated the dead who had died already dead more than the living who still live.

³But we could consider one who has never exist^(D) better off than both of them , who has never seen the evil activity that takes place under the sun.

⁴I have seen that every labor and every ^(E)skill which takes place results from rivalry between a man and his neighbor This too appears like ^(E)vanity and striving after wind.

⁵The fool ^(G)folds his hands and ^(H)consumes his own flesh.

⁶One hand full of rest seems ^(I)better than two fists full of labor and striving after wind.

⁷Then I looked again at vanity under the sun.

⁸There lived a certain man without a dependent, having neither a son nor a brother, yet no end came to all his labor. Indeed, ^(J)his eyes took no satisfaction with riches and he never asked, "And ^(K)for whom do I labor and deprive myself of pleasure?" This too seems vain and grievous.

⁹Two prove better than one because they have a good return for their labor.

¹⁰For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when no one will lift him up.

¹¹Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but ^(M)how can one keep warm alone?

¹²And if one can overpower him who dwells alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands does not quickly tear apart.

¹³A ^(N)poor yet wise lad proves better than an old and foolish king who no longer knows how to receive instruction.

¹⁴For he has come ^(O)out of prison to become king, even though he began his life poor in his kingdom.

¹⁵I have seen all the living under the sun throng to the side of the second lad who replaces him.

¹⁶There seems no end to all the people, to all who existed before them, and even the ones who will come later will not have happiness with him, for this too seems ^(P)vanity and striving after wind.

Ecclesiastes 5

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Your Attitude Toward God

¹^(A)Guard your steps as you go to the house of God and draw near to listen rather than to offer the ^(B)sacrifice of fools; for they do not know they do evil.

²Do not show haste in word or impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God For God dwells in heaven and you live on the earth; therefore let your ^(D)words remain few.

³For the dream comes through much effort and the voice of a ^(E)fool through many words.

⁴When you ^(E)make a vow to God, do not delay in paying it; for He takes no delight in fools ^(G)Pay what you vow!

⁵It seems more desirable that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.

⁶Do not let your speech cause you to sin and do not say in the presence of the messenger of God that you made a ^(I)mistake. Why should God have anger on account of your voice and destroy the work of your hands?

⁷For in many dreams and in many words one finds emptiness. Rather, ^(J)fear God.

⁸If you see ^(K)oppression of the poor and ^(L)denial of justice and righteousness in the province, do not feel ^(M)shocked at the sight; for one official watches over another official, and higher officials watches over them.

⁹After all, a king who cultivates the field becomes an advantage to the land.

The Folly of Riches

^{10(N)}He who loves money will not find satisfaction with money, nor he who loves abundance with its income. This too seems vain.

^{11(O)}When good things increase, those who consume them increase. So what advantage do their owners have except to look on?

¹²The sleep of the working man seems ^(P)pleasant, whether he eats little or much; but the full stomach of the rich man does not allow him to sleep.

¹³ A grievous evil I have seen under the sun: ^(Q)riches hoarded by their owner hurts him.

¹⁴When those riches disappear through a bad investment and he had fathered a son, then nothing supported him.

^{15(R)}As he had come naked from his mother's womb, so will he return as he came He will ^(S)take nothing from the fruit of his labor that he can carry in his hand.

¹⁶This also seems a grievous evil--exactly as a man enters life will a man end life. So ^(T)what advantage does he have who ^(U)toils for the wind?

¹⁷Throughout his life ^(V)he also eats in darkness with ^(W)great vexation, sickness and anger.

¹⁸Here I have seen good and fitting: to eat, to drink and enjoy oneself in all one's labor in which he toils under the sun during the few years of his life which God has given him; for this constitutes his ^(Y)reward.

¹⁹Furthermore, as for every man to whom ^(Z)God has given riches and wealth, He has also ^(AA)empowered him to eat from them and to receive his reward and rejoice in his labor; this constitutes God's gift .

²⁰For he will not often consider the years of his life, because ^(AC)God keeps him occupied with the gladness of his heart.

Ecclesiastes 6

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The Futility of Life

¹ I have seen an evil under the sun and it prevails among men--

²a man to whom God has ^(B)given riches and wealth and honor so that his soul ^(C)lacks nothing of all that he desires; yet God has not empowered him to eat from them, for a foreigner enjoys them. This seems vain and a severe affliction.

³If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many years, however many he may have, but his soul takes no satisfaction with good things and he does not even have a proper ^(D)burial, then I say, "Better ^(E)the miscarriage than he,

⁴for it comes in futility and goes into obscurity; and its name will go into obscurity.

⁵"It never sees the sun and it never knows anything; it fares better off than he.

⁶"Even if the other man lives a thousand years twice and does not enjoy good things--^(F)do not all go to one place?"

⁷^(G)All a man's labor he does for his mouth and yet he does not satisfy his appetite .

⁸For ^(H)what advantage does the wise man have over the fool? What advantage does the poor man have, knowing how to walk before the living?

⁹What the eyes ^(I)see proves better than what the soul desires This too seems futile and a striving after wind.

¹⁰Whatever ^(K)exists has already received a name, and we knows what man does; for he ^(L)cannot dispute with him who has more strength than he has.

¹¹For many words increase futility. What advantage do they have to a man?

¹²For who knows what seems good for a man during his lifetime, during the few years of his futile life? He will spend them like a shadow. For who can tell a man ^(M)what will take place after him under the sun?

Ecclesiastes 7

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Wisdom and Folly Contrasted

¹A ^(A)good name has more value than a good ointment,
And the ^(B)day of one's death seems better than the day of one's birth.

²It seems better to go to a house of mourning
Than to go to a house of feasting,
Because that constitutes the ^(C)end of every man,
And the living ^(D)takes it to heart.

³^(E)Sorrow has more value than laughter,
For ^(E)when a face shows sadness a heart may feel happy.

⁴The mind of the wise dwells in the house of mourning,
While the mind of fools dwells in the house of pleasure.

⁵It seems wiser to ^(G)listen to the rebuke of a wise man
Than for one to listen to the song of fools.

⁶For as the crackling of ^(H)thorn bushes under a pot,
So sounds the ^(I)laughter of the fool;
And this too seems futile.

⁷For ^(J)oppression makes a wise man mad,
And a ^(K)bribe corrupts the heart.

⁸The ^(L)end of a matter seems better than its beginning;
^(M)Patience of spirit has more value than haughtiness of spirit.

⁹Do not show ^(N)eagerness in your heart to express anger,
For anger resides in the bosom of fools.

¹⁰Do not say, "Why did the former days seem better than these?"

For it does not emanate from wisdom that you ask about this.

¹¹Wisdom along with an inheritance proves good
And an (Q) advantage to those who see the sun.

¹²For (P) wisdom protects just as money protects,
But the advantage of knowledge comes from the insight that
(Q) wisdom preserves the lives of its possessors.

¹³Consider the (R) work of God,
For who can straighten what He has bent?

¹⁴(T) In the day of prosperity show happiness,
But (U) in the day of adversity consider--
God has made the one as well as the other
So that man will (V) not discover anything that will come after him.

¹⁵I have seen everything during my (W) lifetime of futility; a righteous man
perishes in his righteousness and a wicked man prolongs his life in his
wickedness.

¹⁶Do not seem excessively (Z) righteous and do not seem overly wise. Why
should you ruin yourself?

¹⁷Do not show excessive wickedness and do not act like a fool. Why should
you (AB) die before your time?

¹⁸It seems good that you grasp one thing and also not let go of the other;
for the one who (AC) fears God comes forth with both of them.

¹⁹(AD) Wisdom strengthens a wise man more than ten rulers who live in a
city.

²⁰Indeed, a righteous man does not exist on earth who continually does
good and who never sins.

²¹Also, do not take seriously all words which people speak, so that you will
not hear your servant (AF) cursing you.

²²For you also have realized that you likewise have many times cursed
others.

²³I tested all this with wisdom, and I said, "I will become wise," (AG) but it
seemed far from me.

²⁴What has seemed remote and (AH) exceedingly mysterious (AI) Who can
discover it?

²⁵I ^(AJ)directed my mind to know, to investigate and to seek wisdom and an explanation, and to know the evil of folly and the foolishness of madness.

²⁶And I discovered more ^(AK)bitter than death the woman whose heart has ^(AL)snare and nets, whose hands seem like chains ^(AM)One who pleases God will escape from her, but she will capture the sinner.

²⁷"Behold, I have discovered this," says the Preacher, "adding one thing to another to find an explanation,

²⁸which I still seek but have not found. I have found one man among a thousand, but I have not found a ^(AO)woman among all these.

²⁹"Behold, I have found only this, that ^(AP)God made men upright, but they have sought out many devices."

Ecclesiastes 8

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Obey Rulers

¹Whodo we compare to the wise man and who knows the interpretation of a matter? A man's wisdom ^(A)illuminates him and causes his ^(B)stern face to beam.

²I say, "Keep the command of the king because of the ^(C)oath before God.

³"Do not show rashness ^(D)to leave him. Do not join in an evil matter, for he will do whatever he pleases."

⁴Since the word of the king has authority, ^(E)who will say to him, "What do you do?"

⁵He who ^(F)keeps a royal command ^(G)experiences no trouble, for a wise heart knows the proper time and procedure.

⁶For we find a proper time and procedure for every delight, though a man's trouble rests heavily upon him.

⁷If no one ^(I)knows what will happen, who can tell him when it will happen?

⁸(J) No man has authority to restrain the wind with the wind, or authority over the day of death; and we can find no discharge in the time of war, and (K) evil will not deliver those who practice it.

⁹All this I have seen and applied my mind to every deed that has taken place under the sun wherein a man has exercised (L) authority over another man to his hurt.

¹⁰So then, I have seen the wicked buried, those who used to go in and out from the holy place, and people soon forget them in the city where they did thus. This too seems futile.

¹¹Because the judge does not execute a (N) sentence against an evil deed quickly, therefore (O) the hearts of the sons of men among them incline themselves fully to do evil.

¹²Although a sinner does evil a hundred times and may (P) lengthen his life, still I know that it will go (Q) well for those who fear God, who fear Him openly.

¹³But it will (R) not go well for the evil man and he will not lengthen his days like a (S) shadow, because he does not fear God.

¹⁴ Futility takes place on the earth, namely, (T) righteous men find futility happening according to the deeds of the wicked. On the other hand, (U) evil men find futility happening according to the deeds of the righteous. I say that this too seems futile.

¹⁵So I commended pleasure, for there exists nothing better for (V) a man to do under the sun except to eat and to drink and to attain merriment, and this will stand by him in his toils throughout the days of his life which God has given him under the sun.

¹⁶When I (W) gave my heart to know wisdom and to see the task which has taken place on the earth (even though one should (X) never sleep day or night),

¹⁷and I saw every work of God, I concluded that (Y) man cannot discover the work which has taken place under the sun. Even though man should seek laboriously, he will not discover; and (Z) though the wise man should say, "I know," he cannot discover.

Ecclesiastes 9

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Men Dwell in the Hand of God

¹For I have taken all this to my heart and explain that righteous men, wise men, and their deeds dwell ^(A)in the hand of God ^(B)Man does not know whether ^(C)love or hatred or anything awaits him.

²The same fate awaits all: One fate for the righteous and for the wicked; for the good, for the clean and for the unclean; for the man who offers a sacrifice and for the one who does not sacrifice. As the good man awaits, so does the sinner await; as the swearer awaits, so the one who shows fear to swear awaits.

³This seems an evil in all that takes place under the sun, that there exists ^(E)one fate for all men Furthermore, ^(G)the hearts of the sons of men turn toward evil and ^(H)insanity resides in their hearts throughout their lives. Afterwards they go to the dead.

⁴For whoever lives has hope; surely a live dog has more value than a dead lion.

⁵For the living know they will die; but the dead ^(I)do not know anything, nor have they any longer a reward, for people do not remember them.

⁶Indeed their love, their hate and their zeal have already perished, and they will no longer have a ^(K)share in all that takes place under the sun.

⁷Go then, ^(L)eat your bread in happiness and drink your wine with a cheerful heart; for God has already approved your works.

⁸Let your ^(M)clothes remain white all the time, and let not your head lack ^(N)oil .

⁹Enjoy life with the woman whom you love all the days of your ^(O)fleeting life which He has given to you under the sun; for this constitutes your ^(P)reward in life and in your toil in which you have labored under the sun.

Whatever Your Hand Finds to Do

¹⁰Whatever your hand finds to do, ^(Q)do it with all your might; for no ^(R)activity or planning or knowledge or wisdom exists in ^(S)Sheol where you will go.

¹¹I again saw under the sun that the swift do not win the race and the warriors do not win the ^(U)battle, and neither does bread accrue to the wise nor ^(V)wealth to the discerning nor favor to men of ability; for time and ^(W)chance overtake them all.

¹²Moreover, man does not ^(X)know his time: like fish caught in a treacherous net and ^(Y)birds trapped in a snare, so the sons of men fall into a snare at an evil time when it ^(AA)suddenly falls on them.

¹³Also this I came to see as wisdom under the sun, and it impressed me.

¹⁴There existed a small city with few men in it and a great king came to it, surrounded it and constructed large siegeworks against it.

¹⁵But there lived in it a ^(AC)poor wise man and he delivered the city ^(AD)by his wisdom Yet ^(AE)no one remembered that poor man.

¹⁶So I said, "^(AF)Wisdom seems better than strength." But people despise the wisdom of the poor man and no one heeds him.

¹⁷The ^(AG)words of the wise heard in quietness have more value than the shouting of a ruler among fools.

¹⁸^(AH)Wisdom proves better than weapons of war, but ^(AI)one sinner destroys much good.

Ecclesiastes 10

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A Little Foolishness

¹Dead flies make a ^(A)perfumer's oil stink, so a little foolishness seem weightier than wisdom and honor.

²A wise man's heart directs him toward the right, but the foolish ^(B)man's heart directs him toward the left.

³Even when the fool walks along the road, he lacks sense and he ^(C)demonstrates his foolishness to everyone.

⁴If the ruler's temper rises against you, ^(D)do not abandon your position, because ^(E)composure allays great offenses.

⁵ I have seen an evil under the sun, like an error which goes forth from the ruler--

⁶^(E)folly exalts itself in many places while rich men sit in humble places.

⁷I have seen ^(G)slaves riding ^(H)on horses and princes walking like slaves on the land.

⁸^(I)He who digs a pit may fall into it, and a ^(J)serpent may bite him who breaks through a wall.

⁹He who quarries stones may receive hurt by them, and he who splits logs may receive danger by them.

¹⁰If the axe has dullness and he does not sharpen its edge, then he must exert more strength. Wisdom has the advantage of giving success.

¹¹If the serpent bites ^(K)before someone charms it, no profit exists for the charmer.

¹²^(L)Words from the mouth of a wise man have graciousness, while the lips of a ^(M)fool consume him;

¹³the beginning of his talking has folly and the end of it demonstrates wicked ^(N)madness.

¹⁴Yet the ^(O)fool multiplies words No man knows what will happen, and who can tell him ^(P)what will come after him?

¹⁵The toil of a fool so wearies him that he does not even know how to go to a city.

¹⁶Woe to you, O land, who has a lad for a ^(Q)king and whose princes feast in the morning.

¹⁷God blesses you, O land, whose king comes from nobility and whose princes eat at the appropriate time--for strength and not for ^(R)drunkenness.

¹⁸Through ^(S)indolence the rafters sag, and through slackness the house leaks.

¹⁹Men prepare a meal for enjoyment, and ^(I)wine makes life merry, and ^(U)money answers everything.

²⁰Furthermore, ^(V)in your bedchamber do not ^(W)curse a king, and in your sleeping rooms do not curse a rich man, for a bird of the heavens will carry the sound and the winged creature will make the matter known.

Ecclesiastes 11

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Cast Your Bread on the Waters

^{1(A)}Cast your bread on the surface of the waters, for you ^(B)will find it after many days.

^{2(C)}Divide your portion to seven, or even to eight, for you do not know what ^(D)misfortune may occur on the earth.

³If the clouds have become full, they pour out rain upon the earth; and whether a tree falls toward the south or toward the north, wherever the tree falls, there it lies.

⁴He who watches the wind will not sow and he who looks at the clouds will not reap.

⁵Just as you do not ^(E)know the path of the wind and ^(E)how bones form in the womb of the pregnant woman, so you do not ^(G)know the activity of God who makes all things.

⁶Sow your seed ^(H)in the morning and do not become idle in the evening, for you do not know whether morning or evening sowing will succeed, or whether both of them alike will show good.

⁷The light seems pleasant, and it seems good for the eyes to ^(I)see the sun.

⁸Indeed, if a man should live many years, let him ^(J)rejoice in them all, and let him remember the ^(K)days of darkness, for they will increase. Everything that will occur will come to futility.

⁹Rejoice, young man, during your childhood, and let your heart have pleasantness during the days of young manhood. And follow the impulses of your heart and the ^(L)desires of your eyes Yet know that ^(M)God will bring you to judgment for all these things.

¹⁰So, remove grief and anger from your heart and put away ^(N)pain from your body, because childhood and the prime of life don't last very long.

Ecclesiastes 12

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Remember God in Your Youth

^{1(A)}Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the ^(B)evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no delight in them";

²before the ^(C)sun and the light, the moon and the stars become dark, and clouds return after the rain;

³in the day that the watchmen of the house tremble, and mighty men ^(D)stoop, the grinding ones stand idle because they dwindle in number, and ^(E)those who look through windows grow dim;

⁴and the doors on the street remain shut as the ^(F)sound of the grinding mill seems low, and one will arise at the sound of the bird, and all the ^(G)daughters of song will sing softly.

⁵Furthermore, men have fear of a high place and of terrors on the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags himself along, and the caperberry becomes ineffective. For man goes to his eternal ^(H)home while ^(I)mourners go about in the street.

⁶Remember Him before the silver cord breaks and the ^(J)golden bowl crushes, the pitcher by the well shatters and the wheel at the cistern crushes;

⁷then the ^(K)dust will return to the earth as it existed formerly, and the ^(L)spirit will return to ^(M)God who gave it.

⁸"^(N)Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "all seems vanity!"

Purpose of the Preacher

⁹In addition to becoming a wise man, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge; and he pondered, searched out and arranged ^(O)many proverbs.

¹⁰The Preacher sought to find ^(P)delightful words and to write ^(Q)words of truth correctly.

¹¹The ^(R)words of wise men resemble ^(S)goads, and masters of these collections resemble well-driven ^(T)nails; they come from one Shepherd.

¹²But beyond this, my son, take warning: the writing of ^(U)many books seems endless, and excessive ^(V)devotion to books wearies the body.

¹³The conclusion, when we have heard it consists of the following: ^(W)fear God and ^(X)keep His commandments, because this applies to ^(Y)every person.

¹⁴For ^(Z)God will bring every act to judgment, everything which you have hidden, whether it has come from good or evil motives .

Song of Solomon 1-8

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The Young Shulammitte Bride and Jerusalem's Daughters

¹The ^[a]Song of ^(A)Songs, which belongs to Solomon.

²"^[b]May he kiss me with the kisses of his mouth!

For I consider your ^(B)love better than wine.

³"Your ^(C)oils have a pleasing fragrance,
Your ^(D)name I regard as purified oil;
Therefore the ^(E)maidens love you.

- 4"Draw me after you and let us run together!
The ^(F)king has brought me into his chambers "
" ^(C)We will rejoice in you and feel glad;
We will extol your ^(G)love more than wine.
Rightly do they love you."
- 5" ^(D)I look black but ^(H)lovely,
O ^(I)daughters of Jerusalem,
Like the ^(J)tents of ^(K)Kedar,
Like the curtains of Solomon.
- 6"Do not stare at me because I look swarthy,
For the sun has burned me.
My ^(L)mother's sons felt angry with me;
They made me ^(M)caretaker of the vineyards,
But I have not taken care of my own vineyard.
- 7"Tell me, O you ^(N)whom my soul loves,
Where do you ^(O)pasture your flock,
Where do you make it ^(P)lie down at noon?
For why should I behave like one who veils herself
Beside the flocks of your ^(Q)companions?"

Solomon, the Lover, Speaks

- 8" ^(E)If you yourself do not know,
^(R)Most beautiful among women,
Go forth on the trail of the flock
And pasture your young goats
By the tents of the shepherds.
- 9"To me, ^(S)my darling, I compare you to
My ^(T)mare among the chariots of Pharaoh.
- 10"Your ^(U)cheeks look lovely with ornaments,
Your neck with strings of ^(V)beads."
- 11" ^(F)We will make for you ornaments of gold
With beads of silver."
- 12" ^(G)While the king sat at his table,
My ^(W)perfume gave forth its fragrance.
- 13" I consider my beloved as a pouch of ^(X)myrrh
Which lies all night between my breasts.
- 14" My beloved resembles a cluster of ^(Y)henna blossoms
In the vineyards of ^(Z)Engedi."
- 15" ^(H)^(AA)How beautiful you look, my darling,
How beautiful you look!

Your ^(AB)eyes resemble doves."
16^{[[i]}How handsome you look, ^(AC)my beloved,
And so pleasant!
Indeed, our couch seems luxuriant!
17^{[[i]}The beams of our houses consist of ^(AD)cedars,
Our rafters, ^(AE)cypresses.

Song of Solomon 2

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The Bride's Admiration

1^{[[a]}I call myself the ^(A)rose of ^(B)Sharon,
The ^(C)lily of the valleys."
2^{[[b]}Like a lily among the thorns,
So lives ^(D)my darling among the maidens."
3^{[[c]}Like an ^(E)apple tree among the trees of the forest,
So lives my beloved among the young men
In his shade I took great delight and sat down,
And his ^(F)fruit was sweet to my taste.
4^{[[i]}He has ^(G)brought me to his banquet hall,
And his ^(H)banner over me consists of love.
5^{[[i]}Sustain me with ^(I)raisin cakes,
Refresh me with ^(J)apples,
Because ^(K)I feel lovesick.
6^{[[i]}Let ^(L)him place his left hand under my head
And ^(M)his right hand ^(N)embrace me."
7^{[[d]}I ^(O)adjure you, O ^(P)daughters of Jerusalem,
By the ^(Q)gazelles or by the ^(R)hinds of the field,
^(S)That you do not arouse or awaken my love
Until she pleases."
8^{[[e]}Listen! My beloved!
Behold, he comes,
Climbing ^(T)on the mountains,
Leaping on the hills!

- 9" My beloved resembles a ^(U)gazelle or a ^(V)young stag
Behold, he stands behind our wall,
He looks through the windows,
He peers ^(W)through the lattice.
- 10" My beloved responded and said to me,
'^(X)Arise, my darling, my beautiful one,
And come along.
- 11" For behold, the winter has passed,
The rain has gone.
- 12" The flowers have already appeared in the land;
The time has arrived for pruning the vines,
And the voice of the ^(Y)turtledove we hear in our land.
- 13" The ^(Z)fig tree has ripened its figs,
And the ^(AA)vines in blossom have given forth their fragrance.
Arise, my darling, my beautiful one,
And come along!"
- 14" O ^(AB)my dove, ^(AC)in the clefts of the rock,
In the secret place of the steep pathway,
Let me see your form,
^(AD)Let me hear your voice;
For your voice sounds sweet,
And your form looks ^(AE)lovely."
- 15" ^(AF)Catch the foxes for us,
The little foxes that ruin the vineyards,
While our ^(AG)vineyards blossom."
- 16" ^(AH)My beloved belongs to me, and I belong to him;
He ^(AI)pastures his flock among the lilies.
- 17" ^(AJ)Until the cool of the day when the shadows flee away,
Turn, my beloved, and run like a ^(AK)gazelle
Or a young stag ^(AL)on the mountains of Bether."

Song of Solomon 3

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The Bride's Troubled Dream

- 1¹[a] On my bed night after night I sought him
(A) Whom my soul loves;
I (B) sought him but did not find him.
- 2² I must arise now and go about the city;
In the (C) streets and in the squares
I must seek him whom my soul loves.'
I sought him but did not find him.
- 3³(D) The watchmen who make the rounds in the city found me,
And I said, 'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'
- 4⁴(E) Scarcely had I left them
When I found him whom my soul loves;
I (E) held on to him and would not let him go
Until I had (G) brought him to my mother's house,
And into the room of her who conceived me."
- 5⁵[b] I (H) adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
By the (I) gazelles or by the hinds of the field,
That you will not arouse or awaken my love
Until she pleases."

Solomon's Wedding Day

- 6⁶[c](J) What comes up from the wilderness
Like (K) columns of smoke,
Perfumed with (L) myrrh and (M) frankincense,
With all scented powders of the merchant?
- 7⁷ Behold, the traveling couch of Solomon comes;
Sixty mighty men around it,
Of the mighty men of Israel.
- 8⁸ All of them wield the sword,
(N) Expert in war;
Each man has his (O) sword at his side,
Guarding against the (P) terrors of the night.
- 9⁹ King Solomon has made for himself a sedan chair

From the timber of Lebanon.
10ⁿ He made its posts of silver,
Its back of gold
And its seat of purple fabric,
With its interior lovingly fitted out
By the ^(Q)daughters of Jerusalem.
11ⁿ Go forth, O ^(R)daughters of Zion,
And gaze on King Solomon with the crown
With which his mother has crowned him
On the ^(S)day of his wedding,
And on the day of his gladness of heart."

Song of Solomon 4

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Solomon's Love Expressed

1ⁿ[^a] How beautiful ^(A)you look, my darling,
How beautiful you look!
Your ^(B)eyes look like doves ^(C)behind your veil;
Your ^(D)hair resembles a flock of goats
That have descended from Mount ^(E)Gilead.
2ⁿ Your ^(F)teeth resemble a flock of newly shorn ewes
Which have come up from their washing,
All of which bear twins,
And not one among them has lost her young.
3ⁿ Your lips resemble a ^(G)scarlet thread,
And your ^(H)mouth looks lovely
Your ^(I)temples resemble a slice of a pomegranate
Behind your veil.
4ⁿ Your ^(J)neck resembles the tower of David,
Built with rows of stones
On which hang a thousand shields,
All the round ^(L)shields of the mighty men.

- 5"Your ^(M)two breasts resemble two fawns,
Twins of a gazelle
Which ^(N)feed among the lilies.
- 6"^(O)Until the cool of the day
When the shadows flee away,
I will go my way to the mountain of ^(P)myrrh
And to the hill of ^(Q)frankincense.
- 7"^(R)You look altogether beautiful, my darling,
And you have no blemish in you.
- 8"Come with me from ^(S)Lebanon, my ^(T)bride,
May you come with me from Lebanon
Journey down from the summit of ^(U)Amana,
From the summit of ^(V)Senir and Hermon,
From the dens of lions,
From the mountains of leopards.
- 9"You have made my heart beat faster, ^(W)my sister, my bride;
You have made my heart beat faster with a single glance of your eyes,
With a single strand of your ^(X)necklace.
- 10"^(Y)How beautiful I consider your love, my sister, my bride!
How much ^(Z)better I consider your love than wine,
And the ^(AA)fragrance of your oils
Than all kinds of spices!
- 11"Your lips, my bride, ^(AB)drip ^(AC)honey;
Honey and milk reside under your tongue,
And the fragrance of your garments resembles the ^(AD)fragrance of
Lebanon.
- 12"A garden locked I regard my sister, my bride,
A rock garden locked, a ^(AE)spring ^(AF)sealed up.
- 13"Your shoots resemble an ^(AG)orchard of ^(AH)pomegranates
With ^(AI)choice fruits, ^(AJ)henna with nard plants,
- 14^(AK)Nard and saffron, calamus and ^(AL)cinnamon,
With all the trees of ^(AM)frankincense,
^(AN)Myrrh and aloes, along with all the finest spices.
- 15"You resemble a garden spring,
A well of ^(AO)fresh water,
And streams flowing from Lebanon."
- 16"^[b]Awake, O north wind,
And come, wind of the south;

Make my ^(AP)garden breathe out fragrance,
Let its spices waft abroad
May ^(AQ)my beloved come into his garden
And eat its ^(AR)choice fruits!"

Song of Solomon 5

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The Torment of Separation

- 1^[a]I have ^(A)come into my garden, ^(B)my sister, my bride;
I have gathered my ^(C)myrrh along with my balsam
I have eaten my honeycomb and my ^(D)honey;
I have ^(E)drunk my wine and my milk
Eat, ^(E)friends;
Drink and imbibe deeply, O lovers."
- 2^[b]I fell asleep but my heart stayed awake.
A voice! My beloved knocked:
'Open to me, ^(G)my sister, my darling,
^(H)My dove, my perfect one!
For my head feels drenched with dew,
My ^(I)locks with the damp of the night.'
- 3^[c]I have ^(J)taken off my dress,
How can I put it on again?
I have ^(K)washed my feet,
How can I dirty them again?
- 4^[d]My beloved extended his hand through the opening,
And my ^(L)feelings felt aroused for him.
- 5^[e]I arose to open to my beloved;
And my hands ^(M)dripped with myrrh,
And my fingers with liquid myrrh,
On the handles of the bolt.
- 6^[f]I opened to my beloved,
But my beloved had ^(N)turned away and had gone!
My heart went out to him as he ^(O)spoke
I ^(P)searched for him but I did not find him;
I ^(Q)called him but he did not answer me.
- 7^[g]The ^(R)watchmen who make the rounds in the city found me,
They struck me and wounded me;

The guardsmen of the walls took away my shawl from me.
8ⁿI (S) adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
If you find my beloved,
As to what you will tell him:
For (I) I feel lovesick."
9ⁿ[c] What kind of beloved do you consider your beloved,
O (U) most beautiful among women?
What kind of beloved do you consider your beloved,
That thus you adjure us?"

Admiration by the Bride

10ⁿ[d] My beloved looks dazzling and (V) ruddy,
(W) Outstanding among ten thousand.
11ⁿ His head resembles gold, pure gold;
His (X) locks look like clusters of dates
And black as a raven.
12ⁿ His (Y) eyes resemble doves
Beside streams of water,
Bathed in milk,
And reposed in their (Z) setting.
13ⁿ His cheeks resemble a (AA) bed of balsam,
Banks of sweet-scented herbs;
His lips look like (AB) lilies
(AC) Dripping with liquid myrrh.
14ⁿ His hands resemble rods of gold
Set with (AD) beryl;
His abdomen looks like carved ivory
Inlaid with (AE) sapphires.
15ⁿ His legs resemble pillars of alabaster
Set on pedestals of pure gold;
His appearance resembles Lebanon
Choice as the (AG) cedars.
16ⁿ His (AH) mouth seems full of sweetness
And he seems wholly (AI) desirable.
This person I consider my beloved and my friend,
O daughters of Jerusalem."

Song of Solomon 6

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Mutual Delight in Each Other

- 1^a[^A]Where has your beloved gone,
O ^Bmost beautiful among women?
Where has your beloved turned,
That we may seek him with you?"
- 2^b[^b]My beloved has gone down to his ^Cgarden,
To the ^Dbeds of balsam,
To ^Epasture his flock in the gardens
And gather ^Elilies.
- 3^c[^G]I belong to my beloved and my beloved belongs to me,
He who ^Hpastures his flock among the lilies."
- 4^d[^c]^IYou have as much beauty as ^JTirzah, my darling,
As ^Klovely as ^LJerusalem,
As ^Mawesome as an army with banners.
- 5^e"Turn your eyes away from me,
For they have confused me;
^NYour hair resembles a flock of goats
That have descended from Gilead.
- 6^f[^Q]Your teeth resemble a flock of ewes
Which have come up from their washing,
All of which bear twins,
And not one among them has lost her young.
- 7^g[^P]Your temples resembles a slice of a pomegranate
Behind your veil.
- 8^h"There exist sixty ^Qqueens and eighty concubines,
And ^Rmaidens without number;
- 9ⁱBut ^Smy dove, my perfect one, has uniqueness:
We know her as her mother's only daughter;
We know her as the pure child of the one who bore her
The ^Tmaidens saw her and called her blessed,
The ^Uqueens and the concubines also, and they praised her, saying,
- 10^jWho grows like the dawn,
As beautiful as the full ^Vmoon,

As pure ^(W)as the sun,
As ^(X)awesome as an army with banners?'
11"I went down to the orchard of nut trees
To see the blossoms of the valley,
To see whether ^(Y)the vine had budded
Or the ^(Z)pomegranates had bloomed.
12"Before I became aware, my soul set me
Over the chariots of my noble people."
13"^[d]Come back, come back, O Shulammitte;
Come back, come back, that we may gaze at you!"
"^[e]Why should you gaze at the Shulammitte,
As at the ^(AA)dance of ^(AB)the two companies?

Song of Solomon 7

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Admiration by the Bridegroom

1"How beautiful your feet look in sandals,
O ^(A)prince's daughter!
The curves of your hips resemble jewels,
The work of the hands of an artist.
2"Your navel appears like a round goblet
Which never lacks mixed wine;
Your belly resembles a heap of wheat
Fenced about with lilies.
3"Your ^(B)two breasts resemble two fawns,
Twins of a gazelle.
4"Your ^(C)neck resembles a tower of ivory,
Your eyes like the pools in ^(D)Heshbon
By the gate of Bath-rabbim;
Your nose resembles the tower of Lebanon,
Which faces toward Damascus.
5"Your head crowns you like ^(E)Carmel,
And the flowing locks of your head resemble purple threads;
The king feels captivated by your tresses.
6"How ^(E)beautiful and how delightful you look,
My love, with all your charms!

7"Your stature resembles a palm tree,
And your breasts resembles its clusters.
8"I said, 'I will climb the palm tree,
I will take hold of its fruit stalks.'
Oh, may your breasts compare to clusters of the vine,
And the fragrance of your breath like (G)apples,
9And your (H)mouth like the best wine!"
"It (I) goes down smoothly for my beloved,
Flowing gently through the lips of those who fall asleep.

The Union of Love

10"(J)I belong to my beloved,
And he desires me.
11"Come, my beloved, let us go out into the country,
Let us spend the night in the villages.
12"Let us rise early and go to the vineyards;
Let us (L)see whether the vine has budded
And its blossoms have opened,
And whether the pomegranates have bloomed.
There I will give you my love.
13"The (M)mandrakes have given forth fragrance;
And over our doors grow all (N)choice fruits,
Both new and old,
Which I have saved up for you, my beloved.

Song of Solomon 8

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The Lovers Speak

- ¹"Oh that you resembled a brother to me
Who nursed at my mother's breasts.
If I found you outdoors, I would kiss you;
No one would despise me, either.
- ²"I would lead you and ^(A)bring you
Into the house of my mother, who used to instruct me;
I would give you spiced wine to drink from the juice of my
pomegranates.
- ³"Let ^(B)him place his left hand under my head
And his right hand embrace me."
- ⁴"^[a]^(C)I want you to swear, O daughters of Jerusalem,
Do not arouse or awaken my love
Until he pleases."
- ⁵"^[b]^(D)Who comes up from the wilderness
Leaning on her beloved?"
"^[c]^(E)Beneath the ^(E)apple tree I awakened you;
There your mother found herself in labor with you,
There she found herself in labor and gave you birth.
- ⁶"Put me like a ^[d]seal over your heart,
Like a ^(E)seal on your arm
For love proves as strong as death,
^(G)Jealousy proves as severe as Sheol;
Its flashes consist of flashes of fire,
The very flame of the LORD.
- ⁷"Many waters cannot quench love,
Nor will rivers overflow it;
^(H)If a man would give all the riches of his house for love,
It would receive scorn."
- ⁸"^[e]We have a little sister,
And she ^(I)has no breasts;
What shall we do for our sister
On the day when someone speaks for her?

- 9" If she resembles a wall,
We will build on her a battlement of silver;
But if she resembles a door,
We will barricade her with ^(J)planks of cedar."
- 10"^[f] I resembled a wall, and ^(K)my breasts resembled towers;
Then I became in his eyes as one who finds peace.
- 11" Solomon had a ^(L)vineyard at Baal-hamon;
He ^(M)entrusted the vineyard to ^(N)caretakers
Each one was to bring a ^(O)thousand shekels of silver for its ^(P)fruit.
- 12" My very own vineyard I place my disposal;
The thousand shekels I reserve for you, Solomon,
And two hundred I reserve for those who take care of its fruit."
- 13"^[g] O you who sit in the gardens,
My ^(Q)companions listen for your voice--
^(R)Let me hear it!"
- 14"^[h] Hurry, my beloved,
And run ^(S)like a gazelle or a young stag
On the ^(T)mountains of spices."

