

Citizenship

Family

Praise the LORD. Blessed is the man who
fears the LORD, who greatly delights
in his commandments!
His descendants will be mighty in the
land; the generation of the upright will
be blessed.

Psalms 112: 1-2 RSV

Hear, my son, your father's instruction,
and reject not your mother's teaching;
For they are a fair garland for your head,
and pendants for your neck.

Misheli (Proverbs): 1: 8-9 RSV

Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and
be attentive, that you may gain
insight;

For I give you good precepts: do not
forsake my teaching.

Misheli (Proverbs) 4: 1-2 RSV

When I was a son with my father, tender,
the only one in the sight of my mother,
he taught me, and said to me,

“Let your heart hold fast my words; keep
my commandments, and live; do not
forget, and do not turn away from the
words of my mouth.

Get wisdom; get insight.”

Misheli (Proverbs) 4: 3-5 RSV

Drink water from your own cistern,
flowing water from your own well.
Should your springs be scattered
abroad, streams of water in the
streets?

Let them be for yourself alone, and not
for strangers with you.

Misheli (Proverbs) 5: 15-17 RSV

Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in
the wife of your youth, a lovely hind, a
graceful doe.

Let her affection fill you at all times with
delight, be infatuated always with her
love.

Misheli (Proverbs) 5: 18-19 RSV

My son, keep your father's commandment,
and forsake not your mother's teaching.
Bind them upon your heart always; tie them
about your neck.

Misheli (Proverbs) 6: 20-21 RSV

For the commandment is a lamp and the
teaching a light, and the reproofs of
discipline are the way of life,
to preserve you from the evil woman,
from the smooth tongue of the
adventuress.

Misheli (Proverbs) 6: 23-24 RSV

A wise son maketh a glad father; but a
foolish son is the grief of his mother.

Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 1 JPS

A wise son gathereth in summer; but a son
that doeth shamefully sleepeth in harvest.

Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 5 JPS

A good wife is the crown of her husband,
but she who brings shame is like
rottenness in his bones.

Misheli (Proverbs) 12: 4 RSV

A wise son is instructed of his father; but
a scorner heareth not rebuke.

Misheli (Proverbs) 13: 1 JPS

A good man leaveth an inheritance to
his children's children; and the wealth
of the sinner is laid up for the righteous.

Misheli (Proverbs) 13: 22 JPS

Every wise woman buildeth her house; but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

Misheli (Proverbs) 14: 1 JPSA

Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

Misheli (Proverbs) 31: 10 JPS

A foolish son is the calamity of his father; and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.

Misheli (Proverbs) 19: 13 JPS

House and riches are the inheritance of fathers; but a prudent wife is from HaShem.

Misheli (Proverbs) 19: 14 JPS

He that walketh in his integrity as a just man, happy are his children after him.

Misheli (Proverbs) 20: 7 JPS

Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Misheli (Proverbs) 22: 6 JPS

Withhold not correction from the child; for though thou beat him with the rod, he will not die.

Thou beatest him with the rod, and wilt deliver his soul from the nether-world.

Misheli (Proverbs) 23: 13-14 JPS

Hearken unto thy father that begot thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

Misheli (Proverbs) 23: 22 JPS

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; and he that begetteth a wise child will have joy of him.

Misheli (Proverbs) 23: 24 JPS

Let thy father and thy mother be glad, and let her that bore thee rejoice.

Misheli (Proverbs) 23: 25 JPS

There is a generation that curse their father, and do not bless their mother.

Misheli (Proverbs) 30: 11 JPS

A woman of valour who can find? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, and he hath no lack of gain. She doeth him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Misheli (Proverbs) 17: 6 JPS

[A good wife] seeketh wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

She is like the merchant-ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth food to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

Misheli (Proverbs) 31: 13-15 JPS

[A good wife] considereth a field, and buyeth it; with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

She girdeth her loins with strength, and maketh strong her arms.

She perceiveth that her merchandise is good; her lamp goeth not out by night.

She layeth her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.

Misheli (Proverbs) 31: 16-19 JPS

[A good wife] stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

She maketh for herself coverlets; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Misheli (Proverbs) 31: 20-22 JPS

[A good wife's] husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

Misheli (Proverbs) 31: 23 JPS

[A good wife] maketh linen garments and selleth them; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

Strength and dignity are her clothing; and she laugheth at the time to come.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and the law of kindness is on her tongue.

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Misheli (Proverbs) 31: 24-27 JPS

[A good wife's] children rise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her:

'Many daughters have done valiantly, but thou excellest them all.'

Misheli (Proverbs) 31: 28-29 JPS

Grace is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth HaShem, she shall be praised.

Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her works praise her in the gates.

Misheli (Proverbs) 31: 30-31 JPS

Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life which he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 9: 9 RSV

Career/Work

God took the man and placed him in the Garden of Eden to work it and watch it.

Genesis 2: 15 Kaplan

'HaShem recompense thy work, and be thy reward complete from HaShem, the G-d of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to take refuge.'

Ruth (Ruth) 2: 12 JPS

Even one that is slack in his work is brother to him that is a destroyer.

Misheli (Proverbs) 18: 9 JPS

Behold, what I have seen to be good and to be fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life which God has given him, for this is his lot.

Ecclesiastes 5: 18 RSV

No labor, however humble, is dishonoring.

The Talmud

Finances/Wealth

You must thus meditate on the fact that just as a man might chastise his child, so God your Lord is chastising you.

Safeguard the commandments of God your Lord, so that you will walk in His ways and remain in awe of Him.

Deuteronomy 8: 5-6 Kaplan

Be careful that you not forget God your Lord, not keeping His commandments, decrees and laws, which I am prescribing to you today.

You may then eat and be satisfied, building fine houses and living in them.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 8: 11-12

Kaplan

[Be careful that you not] say to yourself, 'It was my own strength and personal power that brought me all this prosperity.'

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 8: 17

Kaplan

You must remember that it is God your Lord
who gives you the power to become
prosperous.

He does this so as to keep the covenant that
He made with an oath to your fathers,
even as [He is keeping it] today.
Devarim (Deuteronomy) 8: 18
Kaplan

When...any of your brothers is poor, do not
harden your heart or shut your hand
against your needy brother.
Open your hand generously, and extend to
him any credit he needs to take care of
his wants.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 15: 7-8
Kaplan

The poor will never cease to exist in the
land, so I am commanding you to open your
hand generously to your poor and destitute
brother in your land.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 15: 11
Kaplan

Each person shall bring his hand-delivered
gift, depending on the blessing that God
your Lord grants you.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 16: 17
Kaplan

Go back to your homes with much wealth,
and with very many cattle, with silver, gold,
bronze, and iron, and with much clothing;
divide the spoil of your enemies with your
brethren.

Joshua 22: 8 RSV

I will extol thee, O LORD, for thou hast
drawn me up, and hast not let my foes
rejoice over me.

Psalms 30: 1 RSV

O LORD my God, I cried to thee for
help, and thou hast healed me.

Psalms 30: 2 RSV

O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul
from Sheol, restored me to life from among
those gone down to the Pit.

Psalms 30: 3 RSV

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

Psalms 30: 4 RSV

By thy favor, O LORD, thou hadst
established me as a strong mountain; thou
didst hide thy face, I was dismayed.

Psalms 30: 7 RSV

Vindicate me, O LORD, my God, according to
thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over
me!

Psalms 35: 24 RSV

Let them be put to shame and confusion
altogether who rejoice at my calamity! Let
them be clothed with shame and dishonor
who magnify themselves against me!

Psalms 35: 26 RSV

Let those who desire my vindication shout
for joy and be glad, and say evermore,
“Great is the LORD, who delights in the
welfare of his servant!”

Then my tongue shall tell of thy
righteousness and of thy praise all the
day long.

Psalms 35: 27-28 RSV

Happy is he that considereth the poor;
HaShem will deliver him in the day of evil.

Tehilim Psalms 41: 2 JPS

Thou art my King and my God, who
ordainest victories for Jacob.

Through thee we push down our foes;
through thy name we tread down
our assailants.

Psalms 44: 4-5 RSV

For not in my bow do I trust, nor can my
sword save me.
But thou hast saved us from our foes, and
hast put to confusion those who hate us.
Psalms 44: 6-7 RSV

In God we have boasted continually, and we
will give thanks to thy name for ever.
[Selah]
Psalms 44: 8 RSV

Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all
inhabitants of the world, both low and
high, rich and poor together!
Hear this, all ye peoples; give ear, all ye
inhabitants of the world,
Both low and high, rich and poor
together. My mouth shall speak
wisdom, and the meditation of my
heart shall be understanding.
Tehilim (Psalms) 49: 2-4 JPS

Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil,
when the iniquity of my supplanters
compasseth me about,
Of them that trust in their wealth, and
boast themselves in the multitude of
their riches?
Tehilim (Psalms) 49: 6-7 JPS

No man can by any means redeem his
brother, nor give to G-d a ransom for
him—
For too costly is the redemption of their soul,
and must be let alone for ever—That he
should still live away, that he should not
see the pit.
Tehilim (Psalms) 49: 8-10 JPS

For he seeth that wise men die, the fool
and the brutish together perish, and leave
their wealth to others.
Tehilim (Psalms) 49: 11 JPS

But man abideth not in honour; he is like the
beasts that perish.
Tehilim (Psalms) 49: 13 JPS

But G-d will redeem my soul from the
power of the nether-world; for He shall
receive me. Selah
Tehilim (Psalms) 49: 16 JPS

Be not thou afraid when one waxeth rich,
when the wealth of his house is
increased;
For when he dieth he shall carry nothing
away; his wealth shall not descend after
him.
Tehilim (Psalms) 49: 17-18 JPS

Light rises in the darkness for the upright;
the LORD is gracious, merciful, and
righteous.
Psalms 112: 4 RSV

It is well with the man who deals generously
and lends, who conducts his affairs with
justice.
For the righteous will never be moved; he
will be remembered for ever.
Psalms 112: 5-6 RSV

Save us, we beseech thee, O LORD! O
LORD, we beseech thee, give us success!
Psalms 118: 25 RSV

Blessed be he who enters in the name of the
LORD! We bless you from the house of the
LORD.
Psalms 118: 26 RSV

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! “May they
prosper who love you!
Peace be within your walls, and security
within your towers!”
Psalms 122: 6-7 RSV

For my brethren and companions' sake I
will say, "Peace be within you!"
For the sake of the house of the LORD our
God, I will seek your good.
Psalms 122: 8-9 RSV

Honor the LORD with your substance
with the first fruits of all your
produce;
then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with
wine.
Misheli (Proverbs) 3: 9-10 RSV

Treasures of wickedness profit nothing;
but righteousness delivereth from death.
Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 2 JPS

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack
hand; but the hand of the diligent maketh
rich.
Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 4 JPS

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his
children's children; and the wealth of the
sinner is laid up for the righteous.
Misheli (Proverbs) 13: 22 JPS

Wealth addeth many friends; but as for the
poor, his friend separateth himself from
him.
Misheli (Proverbs) 19: 4 JPS

He that is gracious unto the poor lendeth
unto HaShem; and his good deed will He
repay unto him.
Misheli (Proverbs) 19: 17 JPS

He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack;
but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a
curse.
Misheli (Proverbs) 28: 27 JPS

The blessing of HaShem, it maketh rich, and
toil addeth nothing thereto.
Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 22 JPS

The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is
a fleeting vapor and a snare of death.
Misheli (Proverbs) 21: 6 RSV

The rich ruleth over the poor, and the
borrower is servant to the lender.
Misheli (Proverbs) 22: 7 JPS

A faithful man shall abound with blessings;
but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not
be unpunished.
Misheli (Proverbs) 28: 20 JPS

He that hath an evil eye hasteneth after
riches, and knoweth not that want shall
come upon him.
Misheli (Proverbs) 28: 22 JPS

He that tilleth his ground shall have plenty
of bread; but he that followeth after vain
things shall have poverty enough.
Misheli (Proverbs) 28: 19 JPS

And on that day a great panic from the
LORD shall fall on them, so that each will
lay hold on the hand of his fellow, and the
hand of the one will be raised against the
hand of the other; even Judah will fight
against Jerusalem. And the wealth of all the
nations round about shall be collected, gold,
silver, and garments in great abundance.
Zechariah 14: 14 RSV

Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that
there may be food in my house; and thereby
put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts,
if I will not open the windows of heaven for
you and pour down for you an overflowing
blessing.
Malachi 3: 10 RSV

Society

God said to Moses, ‘Come up to Me, to the mountain, and remain there. I will give you the stone tablets, the Torah and the commandment that I have written for [the people’s] instruction.’

Shemot (Exodus) 24: 12 Kaplan

You shall have one law for him who does anything unwittingly, for him who is native among the people of Israel, and for the stranger who sojourns among them.

Numbers 15: 29 RSV

“Take good care to observe the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways...”

Joshua 22:5 RSV

He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

Misheli (Proverbs) 22: 9 JPS

They that forsake the law praise the wicked; but such as keep the law contend with them.

Misheli (Proverbs) 28: 4 JPS

He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.

Misheli (Proverbs) 28: 9 JPS

And it shall come to pass in the end of days, that the mountain of HaShem’s house shall be established as the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

Yisheyah (Isaiah) 2: 2 JPS

...For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of HaShem from Jerusalem.

Yisheyah (Isaiah) 2: 3 JPS

And He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Yisheyah (Isaiah) 2: 4 JPS

All men are responsible for one another.

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