<u>Greetings, today our manna is 2Sam. 11; 2Cor. 4; Ezekiel 18; Psalms 62 & 63.</u>

September 15 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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2Sam. 11

David and Bathsheba

2Sa 11:1 And it came to be <u>at the turn of the year</u>, at the time sovereigns go out *to battle*, that Dawig sent Yo'ab and his servants with him, and all Yisra'ěl, and they destroyed the children of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. **But Dawig remained at Yerushalayim.** [to battle is in italics therefore was not in original text.]

2Sa 11:2 And it came to be, at evening time, that Dawid rose up from his bed and walked about on the roof of the sovereign's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very good to look at.

What 'gate' was David not guarding? His 'eye' gate. Through his 'eye' gate he allowed lust to enter his soul. At this point, David should have repented; but instead he chooses to act on his lustful desires. The battlefield is in the mind. Sinful desires always begin in the mind and progress if not dealt with; from 'thinking' to 'believing', then 'becoming.'

He sends to inquire as to who this woman is. David is told who she is and that she is married. At this point, David should have repented and recognized; that though he did not go with his men into battle, he was in a direct spiritual warfare battle!

2Sa 11:3 And Dawid sent and asked about the woman, and one said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliyam, the wife of Uriyah the Ḥittite?"

2Sa 11:4 And Dawid sent messengers, to fetch her. And she came to him, and he lay with her – for she was cleansing herself from her uncleanness – and she returned to her house.

In this case, it takes two to tango. Both David and Bathsheba should have practiced the acronym H-A-L-T. Halt when you are hungry, angry, lonely, or tired. Possibly they were both lonely; therefore, both vulnerable to an attack by the enemy.

2Sa 11:5 And the woman conceived, and sent and informed Dawid, and said, "I am pregnant."

2Sa 11:6 Then Dawid sent to Yo'ab, "Send Uriyah the Ḥittite to me." And Yo'ab sent Uriyah to Dawid.

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2Sa 11:7 And Uriyah came to him, and Dawid asked how Yo'ab was doing, and how the people were doing, and how the fighting was going.

2Sa 11:8 And Dawid said to Uriyah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." And Uriyah went out from the sovereign's house, and a gift from the sovereign followed him.

2Sa 11:9 But Uriyah lay down at the door of the sovereign's house with all the servants of his master, and did not go down to his house.

2Sa 11:10 And they informed Dawid, saying, "Uriyah did not go down to his house," So Dawid said to Uriyah, "Did you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?"

2Sa 11:11 And Uriyah said to Dawig, "The ark and Yisra'ěl and Yehugah <u>are dwelling</u> in booths, and my master Yo'ab and the servants of my master are encamped in the open fields. And I, should I go to my house to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your being lives, let me not do this."

Most commentaries share that this 'turn of the year' was the 'spring of the year'; it is interesting to note that Uriyah comments that the ark, Israel and Judah are dwelling in booths; and the servants of my master are encamped in the open fields.

Was he speaking of the fighting men of Israel and Judah in booths; and the servants in the open fields as the keepers that support the fighting men? Did the army take the ark with them or was it still in the tent in the City of David? Just some questions to ponder.

2Sa 11:12 And Dawid said to Uriyah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I let you go." So Uriyah remained in Yerushalayim, that day and the next.

2Sa 11:13 And Dawid called him, and he ate and drank before him, and he made him drunk. And at evening he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his master, but he did not go down to his house.

2Sa 11:14 And it came to be in the morning that Dawig wrote a letter to Yo'ab and sent it by the hand of Uriyah.

2Sa 11:15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, "Set Uriyah in the front of the toughest^a battle, and you shall turn away from him, and he shall be stricken and shall die." Footnote: ^aLit. strong.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, c but the favorable gift of Elohim is everlasting life in Messiah יהושע our Master. Footnote: cSee Rom_8:13.

To cover the sin of David and Bathsheba, David devises a plan to bring Uriyah back from battle and have him go into his wife. From Uriyah's response, we see that he is a soldier that exercises strength, faithfulness, nobility, and character.

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Sadly, possibly due to the serious nature of adultery under the Book of the Law; David devises a lethal cover up. When we fulfill the lust of the flesh it leads to death. Walking in the Spirit leads to life. Sin is the result of losing an internal spiritual battle; and often it spills over into the physical realm causing detriment and sometimes death to others.

2Sa 11:16 And it came to be, as Yo'ab watched the city, that he appointed Uriyah to the place where he knew there were brave men.

2Sa 11:17 And the men of the city came out and fought with Yo'ab. And some of the people of the servants of Dawid fell. And Uriyah the Hittite also died.

2Sa 11:18 And Yo'ab sent and reported to Dawid all the events of the battle,

2Sa 11:19 and commanded the messenger, saying,

- "When you have finished reporting all the events of the battle to the sovereign,
- 2Sa 11:20 then it shall be, if the sovereign's wrath rises and he says to you,
 'Why did you go so near to the city when you fought? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall?
 - 2Sa 11:21 Who struck Abimelek the son of Yerubbesheth? Was it not a woman who threw an upper millstone on him from the wall, so that he died in Thebets? Why did you go near the wall?'
 - o Then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriyah the Ḥittite is also dead.' "

The messenger arrives with the report of the events of the battle from Joab.

2Sa 11:22 And the messenger went, and came and reported to Dawig all with which Yo'ab had sent him.

2Sa 11:23 And the messenger said to Dawid,

- "The men have been mighty against us and came out to us in the field, but we drove them back as far as the entrance of the gate.
- 2Sa 11:24 "And the archers shot from the wall at your servants. And some of the sovereign's servants are dead, and your servant Uriyah the Hittite is also dead."

Uriyah could tell something was amiss; but he follows orders from King David. Ultimately, the blood of Uriyah was on the hands of David. Guilt and shame follow sin.

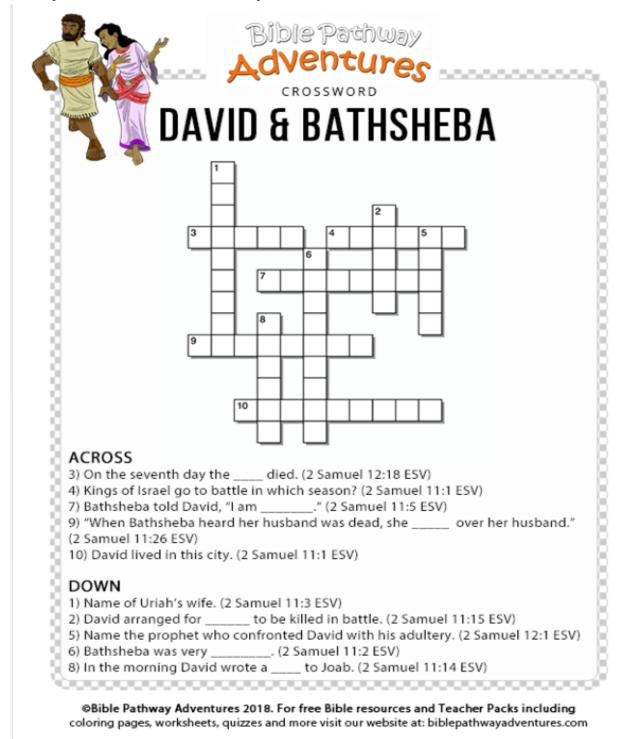
2Sa 11:25 And Dawid said to the messenger, "Say to Yo'ab, 'Do not let this matter be evil in your eyes, for the sword devours one as well as another. Strengthen your attack against the city, and overthrow it.' And strengthen him."

2Sa 11:26 And the wife of Uriyah heard that Uriyah her husband was dead, and she lamented for her husband.

2Sa 11:27 And when her mourning was over, Dawid sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the deed that Dawid had done was evil in the eyes of יהוה.

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2Corinthians 4

The Light of the Gospel

- **2Co 4:1** Therefore, having this service, even as we received compassion, we do not lose heart,
- 2Co 4:2 but have renounced the secret ways of shame, not walking in craftiness nor falsifying the Word of Elohim, but by the manifestation of the truth recommending ourselves to every human conscience, in the sight of Elohim.
- 2Co 4:3 And indeed, if our Good News has been veiled, it has been veiled in those who are perishing,
- 2Co 4:4 in whom the mighty one of this age^a has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, so that the enlightening of the Good News of the esteem of Messiah, who is the likeness of Elohim, does not shine on them. Footnote: ^aSee Luk 4:6.

Make no mistake, spiritual warfare is very real. Only in Him, can the veil of spiritual blindness be lifted.

- Luk 4:6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I shall give You, and their esteem, for it has been delivered to me, b and I give it to whomever I wish. Footnote: bSee 2Co_4:4, Joh_12:31, Joh_14:30, Joh_16:11, 1Jn_5:19
- 2Co 4:5 For we do not proclaim ourselves, but Messiah יהושע the Master, and ourselves your servants for the sake of יהושע.
- 2Co 4:6 For Elohim, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts for the enlightening of the knowledge of the esteem of Elohim in the face of יהושע Messiah.

Treasure in Jars of Clay

- 2Co 4:7 And we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the excellence of the power might be of Elohim, and not of us —
- 2Co 4:8 being hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; being perplexed, but not in despair; Footnote: bSee 1Co 1:8.
- 2Co 4:9 being persecuted, but not forsaken; being thrown down, but not destroyed;
- 2Co 4:10 always bearing about in the body the dying of the Master יהושע, that the life of יהושע, might also be manifested in our body.
- 2Co 4:11 For we, the living, are always delivered to death for the sake of יהושע, that the life of יהושע might also be manifested in our mortal flesh,
- 2Co 4:12 so that death indeed is working in us, but the life in you.
- 2Co 4:13 But having the same spirit of belief, according to what has been written, "I

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believed, therefore I spoke," Psa_116:10 we also believe, therefore we also speak, 2Co 4:14 knowing that He who raised up the Master יהושע shall also raise us up through יהושע, and shall present us with you.

This is speaking of <u>our bodily resurrection</u>; when we receive <u>our glorified bodies</u>. Yahusha is the Resurrection and the Life; two distinct qualities.

We see Yahusha explain this Himself in John 11.

Yahusha is the RESURRECTION and the LIFE.

Joh 11:21 Martha, then, said to יהושע, "Master, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

Joh 11:22 "But even now I know that whatever You might ask of Elohim, Elohim shall give You."

Joh 11:23 יהושע said to her, "Your brother shall rise again."

Martha goes on to give Him the <u>'resurrection'</u> answer <u>which explains only half of Yahusha's qualities</u> over death; Yahusha responds to her with <u>the other half of the 'equation.'</u> He tells her "I am <u>the resurrection</u> and <u>the life</u>.' Yahusha was explaining He was not only able to resurrect believer's bodies to glorified bodies at the last day; <u>He is the provider of LIFE over death to their souls</u>. This was the part that she did not understand. We read:

Joh 11:24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Martha gives a correct answer, but it wasn't a complete answer. Therefore, Yahusha goes on to explain the 'complete' answer.

Joh 11:25 יהושע said to her, "<u>I am the resurrection and the life</u>. He who believes in Me, though he dies, he shall live.

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Let's read that again, <u>Yahusha said</u>, <u>"He who believes in Me, though he dies, he shall live."</u> So, I ask, if Martha's reply to Him <u>was totally correct, would he have said this?</u> I would say, no. He would not have gone on to impart further understanding. Yahusha doesn't stop there. Just in case she still doesn't understand, He goes on to say:

Joh 11:26 "And everyone that is living and believing in Me shall never die at all. Do you believe this?"

Let's read that again. Yahusha said, "And everyone that is living and believing in Me shall NEVER die at ALL. Do you believe this?" I ask also, do you believe this? How would you reply? How would you respond to Him?

<u>Yahusha explains not once but twice!</u> For that reason, when we take our last breath on earth; our souls reside in His presence [<u>that await the glorification of their bodies</u> on the last day.] Those souls that have gone before us receive their glorified resurrected bodies first; then those that are living are change in a twinkling of an eye.

Note: Believers that died prior to Yahusha; went to the comfort side of Sheol, Abraham's bosom, until Yahusha made atonement and 'opened' the door in heaven [Rev. 4:1] . Those that have died after Yahusha had made atonement; their souls are 'absent from the body and present with YHWH.'

With all my heart and understanding based on my studies, <u>I see that there is NO soul</u> <u>'sleep.'</u> There are many more supporting Scriptures. When Yahusha referred to Lazarus as sleeping, He goes on to qualify His statement.

Joh 11:11 He said this, and after that He said to them, "Our friend El'azar has fallen asleep, but I am going there, to wake him up."

Joh 11:12 Therefore the taught ones said to Him, "Master, if he has fallen asleep he shall recover."

Joh 11:13 <u>But יהושע had spoken</u> **about his death**, whereas they thought that He spoke of taking rest in sleep.

Joh 11:14 So then יהושע said to them plainly, "El'azar has died.

Then Martha, in her bewildered and grieving state replies. It appears she had not fully comprehended what He was telling her; like many today have not fully comprehended what He was saying. With time and study, He reveals. Praise Yah! He is the Resurrection and the Life!

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See and believe His Words. They are His Words, not mine. He spoke to my heart and I pray He speaks to yours on this very important topic. He reflects His finished work; He reflects YHWH's esteem; His glory!

Joh 11:27 She said to Him, "Yes, Master, I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of Elohim, who is coming into the world."

2Co 4:15 For all this is for your sake, so that favor, having spread through the many, would cause thanksgiving to overflow, unto the esteem of Elohim.

2Co 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but

- even if our outward man is perishing,
- the inward man is being renewed day by day.

2Co 4:17 For this slight momentary pressure is working for us a far more exceeding and everlasting weight of esteem.

2Co 4:18 We are not looking on what is seen, but on what is not seen.

- For what is seen passes away,
- but what is not seen is everlasting.^C Footnote: ^CSee <u>2Co 5:7</u>, <u>Rom 8:24</u>, <u>Heb 11:1</u> and <u>Heb 11:13</u>.

Ezekiel 18 Ezekiel 18 continues within Scroll 1.

EZEKIEL 13 SCROLLS REFERENCE CHART		
SCROLL	Text in Chronological Order (Chapter & Verse)	Date Given in Text (M/D/Y) (of King Jehoclachin's captivity)
1	8:1 - 19:14 (the present state of Israel, temple abominations, wicked slain, the glory departs- E, opportunity of regathering, Judah & Jerusalem's guilt)	06/05/06

The Soul Who Sins Shall Die

Eze 18:1 And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

Eze 18:2 "What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Yisra'ěl, saying, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are blunted'?

Eze 18:3 "As I live," declares the Master יהוה, "you shall no longer use this proverb in Yisra'ěl.

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Eze 18:4 "See, all beings are Mine, the being of the father as well as the being of the son is Mine. The being that is sinning shall die.

Eze 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die. [ASV]

- Eze 18:5 "But if a man is righteous and shall do right-ruling and righteousness,
- Eze 18:6 if he has not eaten on the mountains,
- nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Yisra'ěl,
- nor defiled his neighbor's wife,
- nor comes near a woman during her uncleanness,
- Eze 18:7 if he does not oppress anyone,
- does return to the debtor his pledge,
- does not commit robbery,
- does give his bread to the hungry
- and covers the naked with a garment,
- Eze 18:8 if he does not lend on interest or take increase,
- turns back his hand from unrighteousness,
- executes right-ruling in truth between man and man,
- Eze 18:9 if he walks in My laws,
- and he has guarded My right-rulings in truth he is righteous, he shall certainly live!" declares the Master יהוה.

Yahusha has given those that believe in Him, His robe of righteousness! This one shall certainly live!

Eze 18:10 "But if he has brought forth a son who is a robber or a shedder of blood, who does any of these –

Eze 18:11 whereas he himself did not do any of these – that also he has eaten on the mountains or defiled his neighbor's wife,

Eze 18:12 if he has oppressed the poor and needy, has committed robbery, he does not return a pledge, has lifted his eyes to the idols, or did abomination,

Eze 18:13 if he has lent on interest or taken increase – shall he live? He shall not live! If he has done any of these abominations, he shall certainly die, his blood is upon him.

Eze 18:14 "But see, if he has brought forth a son who sees all the sins which his father has done, but he fears and does not do likewise,

Eze 18:15 has not eaten on the mountains, and has not lifted his eyes to the idols of the house of Yisra'ěl, has not defiled his neighbor's wife,

Eze 18:16 has not oppressed anyone, nor withheld a pledge, nor committed robbery, has given his bread to the hungry and covered the naked with a garment,

Eze 18:17 turns back his hand from wronging the poor, and he has not taken interest or

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increase, has executed My right-rulings and walked in My laws – he shall not die for the crookedness of his father, he shall certainly live!

Eze 18:18 "His father, because he used oppression, robbed his brother, and did what is not good among his people, see, he shall die for his crookedness.

Eze 18:19 "And you said, 'Why should the son not bear the crookedness of the father?' But the son has done right-ruling and righteousness, he has guarded all My laws and he does them, he shall certainly live.

Eze 18:20 <u>"The being who sins shall die.</u> The son shall not bear the crookedness of the father, nor the father bear the crookedness of the son.

- The righteousness of the righteous is upon himself,
- and the wrongness of the wrong is upon himself.

Eze 18:21 "But the wrong,^a if he turns from all his sins which he has done, and he shall guard all My laws, and shall do right-ruling and righteousness, he shall certainly live, he shall not die. Footnote: ^aSimilar passages in Eze_3:18-21, Eze_33:8-20.

Eze 18:22 "All the transgressions which he has done shall not be remembered against him – in his righteousness that he has done, he shall live.

Paul speaking to Sovereign Agrippa about his road to Damascus experience said:

Act 26:15 "And I said, 'Who are You, Master?' And He said, 'I am יהושע, whom you persecute. Act 26:16 But rise up, and stand on your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you a servant and a witness both of what you saw and of those which I shall reveal to you,

Act 26:17 delivering you from the people, and the nations, to whom I now send you,

Act 26:18 to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light, b and the authority of Satan to Elohim, in order for them to receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are set-apart by belief in Me.' Footnote: b Isa_42:6-7, Isa_60:2-3, Rev_21:24.

Eze 18:23 "Have I any pleasure in the death of the wrong?" declares the Master יהוה. "Is it not that he should turn from his ways, and live?

Eze 18:24 "But when a righteous one turns away from his righteousness and does unrighteousness, according to all the abominations that the wrong one has done, shall he live? All his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered. For his trespass which he has committed, and for his sin which he has committed, for them he shall die.

Eze 18:25 "And you said, 'The way of יהוה is not right.'

- ➤ Hear now, O house of Yisra'ěl, is My way not right?
- Is it not your ways that are not right?

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The Parable of the Two Sons

Mat 21:28 "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.'

Mat 21:29 "And he answering, said, 'I do not wish to,' but afterwards he repented and went.

Mat 21:30 "And having come to the second, he said similarly. And he answering, said, 'I go, master,' but he did not go.

Mat 21:31 "Which of the two did the desire of the father?" They said to Him, "The first." said to them, "Truly, I say to you that tax collectors and whores are entering into the reign of Elohim before you.

Mat 21:32 for Yoḥanan came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but tax collectors and whores believed him. And when you saw it, you did not repent afterwards, to believe him.

Eze 18:26 "When a righteous one turns away from his righteousness, and does unrighteousness, and he dies in it, it is because of his unrighteousness which he has done that he dies.

Eze 18:27 "And when the wrong turns away from the wrong which he has done, and he does right-ruling and righteousness, he keeps himself alive.

Eze 18:28 "Because he sees and turns away from all the transgressions which he has done, he shall certainly live, he shall not die.

Eze 18:29 "And the house of Yisra'el have said, 'The way of יהוה is not right.'

- Are My ways not right, O house of Yisra'ěl?
- Is it not your ways that are not right?

Eze 18:30 <u>"Therefore I judge you, O house of Yisra'ěl, every one according to his ways," declares the Master יהוה.</u>

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne and Him who was sitting on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before the throne, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book* of Life. And the dead were judged from what was written in the books, according to their works.

Who was standing before the throne of **the great white throne judgement**? The dead! Not the living but the dead!

Believers have had their garments washed in the blood of the Lamb. They have received His robe of righteousness. Though they die they LIVE! Believers only appear before the "bema" judgement seat to receive their rewards. They have no sins to be judged because Yahusha has taken their sins and has removed them as far as the east is from the west! Praise Yah!

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Rom 14:10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you despise your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Messiah.

'judgment seat' in Greek is Bema seat - G968 bēma bay'-ma From the base of G939; a step, that is, foot breath; by implication a rostrum, that is, tribunal: - judgment-seat, set [foot] on, throne.

- "Repent, and turn back from all your transgressions, and let not crookedness be a stumbling-block to you.
- ❖ Eze 18:31 "Cast away from you all the transgressions, by which you have transgressed, and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Yisra'ěl?

Eze 18:32 "For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," declares the Master יהוה. "So turn back and live!"

2Pe 3:9 יהוה is not slow in regard to the promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward us, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. b Footnote: b 1Ti_2:4.

Psalm 62 & 63

My Soul Waits for Yah Alone – Psalm 62 was probably composed during Absalom's rebellion.

It is all about YHWH and Him only!

- Psa 62:1 My being finds rest in **Elohim alone**; From Him is my deliverance.
- Psa 62:2 <u>He alone is my rock and my deliverance, my strong tower; I am not greatly shaken.</u>
- Psa 62:3 How long would you shout at a man? Murder! Like a leaning wall, a tottering fence.
- Psa 62:4 They plotted to topple him from his high position; They delight in lies; They bless with their mouth, But in their heart they curse. Selah.
- Psa 62:5 My being, find rest in **Elohim alone**, Because my expectation is from Him.
- Psa 62:6 He alone is my rock and my deliverance, my strong tower; I am not shaken.
- Psa 62:7 My deliverance and my esteem *depend* on Elohim; The rock of my strength, my refuge is in Elohim.
- Psa 62:8 <u>Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; Elohim is a refuge for us</u>. Selah.

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Psa 62:9 Sons of Adam are but a breath, Sons of men are a lie; If weighed in the scales, They are altogether lighter than breath.

Psa 62:10 Do not trust in oppression. And do not become vain in robbery; If riches increase, Do not set your heart on them.

Psa 62:11 Elohim has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That strength belongs to Elohim.

Psa 62:12 And loving-commitment is Yours, O יהוה; For You reward each one according to his work.

The soul thirsts for Him.

Psa 63:1 O Elohim, You are my Ěl; I earnestly seek You; My being has thirsted for You; My flesh has longed for You In a dry and thirsty land without water.

Psa 63:2 Therefore I have had a vision of You In the set-apart place, To see Your power and Your esteem.

Psa 63:3 Because Your loving-commitment is better than life, My lips do praise You.

Psa 63:4 Therefore I bless You while I live; In Your Name I lift up my hands.

The soul satisfied.

Psa 63:5 My being is satisfied as with marrow and fat, And my mouth praises You with singing lips.

Psa 63:6 When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches.

Psa 63:7 For You have been my help, And in the shadow of Your wings I sing.

The soul in hot pursuit:

Psa 63:8 My being has closely followed You; Your right hand did uphold me.

Psa 63:9 But those who seek to destroy my life,

- Go into the lower parts of the earth.
- ♣ Psa 63:10 They are handed over To the power of the sword;
- They become a portion for jackals.

Psa 63:11 But let the sovereign rejoice in Elohim; Let everyone who swears by Him exult; For the mouth of those speaking lies is stopped.

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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