

Greetings, today our manna is 1Sam. 2; Romans 2; Jeremiah 40; Psalms 15 & 16

August 12 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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1Sam. 2

Hannah's Prayer – Hannah's heart overflows with prayer and praise.

1Sa 2:1 And Hannah prayed and said,

- 👂 “My heart rejoices in יהוה, my horn has been high in יהוה. My mouth is opened wide over my enemies, for I have rejoiced in Your deliverance.
- 👂 1Sa 2:2 “There is no one set-apart like יהוה, for there is no one besides You, and there is no rock like our Elohim.
- 👂 1Sa 2:3 “Do not multiply words so proudly, proudly; let no arrogance come from your mouth, for יהוה is an Ėli of knowledge, and by Him deeds are weighed.
- 👂 1Sa 2:4 “Bows of the mighty are broken, and those who stumble shall be girded with strength.
- 👂 1Sa 2:5 “The satisfied have hired themselves out for bread, and the hungry have ceased. Even the barren has borne seven, and she who has many children pines away.
- 👂 1Sa 2:6 “יהוה puts to death and makes alive, He brings down to She'ol and raises up.
- 👂 1Sa 2:7 “יהוה makes poor and makes rich, He brings low and lifts up.
- 👂 1Sa 2:8 “He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the dunghill, to sit with princes, and make them inherit a throne of esteem. For the supports of the earth belong to יהוה, and He has set the world upon them.
- 👂 1Sa 2:9 “He guards the feet of His lovingly-committed ones, but the wrong are silent in darkness, for man does not become mighty by power.
- 👂 1Sa 2:10 “Those who oppose יהוה are shattered, from the heavens He thunders against them. יהוה judges the ends of the earth, and gives strength to His sovereign, and exalts the horn of His anointed.”

1Sa 2:11 And Elqanah went to his house at Ramah. **But the youth served יהוה before Ėli the priest.**

1Sa 2:12 And the sons of Ėli **were sons of Beliya'al** – **they did not know יהוה.**

Eli's sons **Pinehas** [not to be confused with the Phinehas of Numbers 25 which was the son of Elazar] **and Hophni** corrupted the priestly offerings made to YHWH. They usurped the offerings in an unjust and unholy manner. Not only was YHWH appalled but the people started to abhor the whole process.

YHWH's leaders are supposed to be YHWH's 'salt' of the earth. But Phinehas and Hophni had lost their saltiness. When congregations leave a place of worship wrongfully wounded by corrupt 'internal practices'; YHWH makes note. Pastors and teachers will be held to a higher accountability.

Jas 3:1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, knowing that we shall receive greater judgment.

Eli was serving as high priest and he was from the line of Ithamar. It is not clear what warranted this particular transference between the line Elazar to Ithamar. We previous looked at this when studying Phinehas of Numbers 25. This is what we had reviewed:

We need to take pause here to see priestly transferences within the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. This will show that Phinehas' "everlasting priesthood" was for his 'definite period' as represented below. We see that Phinehas' priestly office of **his Elazar lineage was transferred to the Ithamar line**; then, when **Abiathar** conspires against Solomon, the priestly office transfers to **Zadok**, the descendant of **Uzzi**, placing the priestly office once again under **the Elazar line**. The Wikipedia excerpt walks this out in the below timeline.

(Excerpt from: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_High_Priests_of_Israel)

"From the Exodus to Solomon's Temple

The following section is based on information found in the various books of the [Bible](#), including the genealogies given in [First Book of Chronicles](#) and the [Book of Ezra](#), the works of [Josephus](#)^[1] and the early-medieval [Seder Olam Zutta](#).

- **Aaron**
- **Eleazar**, son of Aaron ([Numbers 20:28](#))
- **Phinehas**, son of Eleazar
- **Abishua**, son of Phinehas
- The [Samaritans](#) insert [Shesha](#) as the son of Abishua and father of Bukki. ^[citation needed]
- **Bukki**, son of **Abishua**
- **Uzzi**, son of **Bukki**

Though Phinehas and his descendants are not directly attested as high priests, this portion of the genealogy given in [1 Chronicles 6:3-15](#) is assumed by other sources (including [Josephus](#)^[2] and [Seder 'Olam Zutta](#)), to give the succession of the office from

father to son. At some time, the office was transferred from descendants of Eleazar to those of his brother Ithamar.^[3] The first known and most notable high priest of Ithamar's line was Eli, a contemporary of Samuel.

- **Eli**, descendant of Ithamar, son of Aaron
- **Ahitub**, son of Phinehas and grandson of Eli
- **Ahijah**, son of Ahitub
- **Ahimelech**, son of Ahijah (or brother of Ahijah and son of Ahitub)
- **Abiathar**, son of Ahimelech

Abiathar was removed from the high priesthood for conspiring against King Solomon, and was replaced by Zadok, son of Ahitub, who oversaw the construction of the First Temple. According to the genealogies given in 1 Chronicles 6:3-15, Zadok was a descendant of Uzzi (through Zerariah, Meraioth, Amariah and Ahitub) and thus belonged to the line of Eleazar.”

1Sa 2:13 And the ruling of the priests with the people was that when any man slaughtered a slaughtering, the priest's servant shall come with a three-pronged flesh-hook in his hand while the meat was cooking,

1Sa 2:14 and shall strike it into the basin, or kettle, or cauldron, or pot. And the priest would take for himself all that the flesh-hook brought up. Thus they did in Shiloh to all Yisra'el who came there.

1Sa 2:15 **Also, before they burned the fat, the priest's servant would come and say to the man who slaughtered,** “Give meat for roasting to the priest, for he does not accept cooked meat from you, but raw.”

1Sa 2:16 And if the man said to him, “Let the fat be burned up first, then take as much as your being desires,” he would then answer him, “No, but give it to me now. And if not, I shall take it by strength.”

1Sa 2:17 **And the sin of the young men was very great before יהוה**, for the men despised the offering of יהוה.

It is clear to see the wheat and the tares literally growing side by side within worship places and outside of worship places. We see a stark contrast moving from reading about Eli's sons to reading about Samuel.

1Sa 2:18 **But Shemu'el was attending before יהוה – a youth, wearing a linen shoulder garment.**

1Sa 2:19 And his mother would make him a little robe, and bring it to him year by year when she came up with her husband to slaughter the yearly slaughtering.

Though Hannah couldn't hug her son Samuel daily, she could make him a little robe every year that would caress his growing body with something she had lovingly made with her hands. We all may have something that someone close to us made us; which when we see it or put it on; reminds us of their act of love and kindness.

By making new robes each year for Samuel, he would have no doubt how much his mother and father loved him. It was a garment that was ever in his presence. Not only was Hannah's love for her son obvious to Samuel, but Eli also observed Hannah's motherly love for her son.

1Sa 2:20 And Ĕli blessed Elqanah and his wife, and said, “יהוה give you offspring from this woman for the one she prayed for and gave to יהוה.” Then they would go to their own home.

1Sa 2:21 And יהוה visited Hannah, so **that she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters, while the young Shemu'el grew before יהוה.**

Praise Yah! The blessings Eli spoke over Elqanah and Hannah, bears fruit! Elqanah and Hannah have three more sons and two daughters; while Samuel grew up before YHWH. What a blessing and a time of rejoicing.

Luk 6:38 “Give, and it shall be given to you. A good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over shall be put into your lap. For with the same measure with which you measure, it shall be measured back to you.”

Eli Rebukes His Sons

1Sa 2:22 And Ĕli was very old, and had heard all that his sons were doing to all Yisra'el, and how they lay with the women who were assembling at the door of the Tent of Appointment.

1Sa 2:23 And he said to them, “Why do you do deeds like these? For I hear of your evil deeds from all the people.

1Sa 2:24 “No, my sons! For it is not a good report that I hear: making the people of יהוה transgress.

1Sa 2:25 “If one man sins against another, Elohim shall judge him. But if a man sins against יהוה, who shall pray for him?” **But they did not listen to the voice of their father, though יהוה was pleased to put them to death.**

1Sa 2:26 And the young Shemu'el was growing in stature, and was in favor with יהוה and also with men.

Not only were Eli's sons corrupting the offerings made to YHWH; they were engaged in sexual sins with women assembling at the door of the Tent of Appointment! Sadly, this type of behavior among priests and pastors still take place today. The wheat and the tares still grow side by side. Vengeance is His saith YHWH and YHWH declares the demise of Hophni and Pinehas in 1Sam. 2:34.

YHWH Rejects Eli's Household

1Sa 2:27 **And a man of Elohim came to Ēli and said to him**, “Thus said יהוה, ‘Did I not clearly reveal Myself to the house of your father when they were in Mitsrayim in Pharaoh’s house,

1Sa 2:28 **even to choose him out of all the tribes of Yisra’el to be My priest**, to offer upon My slaughter-place, to burn incense, and to wear a shoulder garment before Me? And did I not give to the house of your father all the offerings of the children of Yisra’el made by fire?

1Sa 2:29 Why do you kick at My slaughtering and My offering which I have commanded in My Dwelling Place, and esteem your sons above Me, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Yisra’el My people?’

1Sa 2:30 **“Therefore יהוה Elohim of Yisra’el declares,**

- ‘I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.’
- **But now יהוה declares**, ‘Far be it from Me, for those who *highly* esteem Me I *highly* esteem, and those who despise Me are lightly esteemed.’
- 1Sa 2:31 See, the days are coming that I shall cut off your arm and the arm of your father’s house, so that an old man shall not be *found* in your house.
- 1Sa 2:32 And you shall see an enemy in My Dwelling Place, despite all the good which Elohim does for Yisra’el, and there shall not be an old man in your house forever.
- 1Sa 2:33 But any of your men whom I do not cut off from My slaughter-place is to consume your eyes and grieve your life, and all the increase of your house die as men.
- 1Sa 2:34 **And this is the sign to you that comes upon your two sons, upon Hophni and Pinehas: in one day they are going to die, both of them.**
- 1Sa 2:35 **And I shall raise up for Myself a trustworthy priest who does according to what is in My heart and in My being. And I shall build him a steadfast house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever.**
- 1Sa 2:36 And it shall be that everyone who is left in your house shall come and bow down to him for a piece of silver and a cake of bread, and say, “Please, put me in one of the priestly positions to eat a piece of bread.” ’ ’

Romans 2

YHWH's Righteous Judgment

Rom 2:1 Therefore, O man, you are without excuse, everyone who judges, for in which you judge another you condemn yourself, since you who judge practice the same *wrongs*.

The 'religious ones', the 'elders and scribes' that fought against the new covenant of Yahusha, pretty much followed the old cliché: 'Don't do as I do; do as I say do.' So, they would judge others for wrongs; that they themselves were doing! Don't we see this today in religious and political circles! What hypocrisy!

Rom 2:2 And we know that the judgment of Elohim is according to truth against those who practice such *wrongs*.

Rom 2:3 And do you think, O man, you who judge those practicing such *wrongs*, and doing the same, that you shall escape the judgment of Elohim?

Rom 2:4 Or do you despise the riches of His kindness, and tolerance, and **patience**,^a not knowing that the kindness of Elohim leads you to repentance? **Footnote: a**
[2Pe 3:9](#).

Rom 2:5 But according to your hardness and your unrepentant heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of Elohim,

Rom 2:6 who **"shall render to each one according to his works":**^b [Psa 62:12](#).

Footnote: bSee footnote [Mat 16:27](#).

Everlasting Life...

Rom 2:7 everlasting life to those who by persistence in good work seek for esteem, and respect, and incorruptibility;

Wrath of YHWH

Rom 2:8 but wrath and displeasure to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness;

Affliction and Distress...

Rom 2:9 affliction and distress on every human being working what is evil, of the Yehudi first, and also of the Greek;

Esteem, Respect, and Peace...

Rom 2:10 but esteem, respect, and peace to everyone working what is good, to the Yehudi first and also to the Greek.

Rom 2:11 For there is no partiality with Elohim.

YHWH's Judgment and the Law

Rom 2:12 For as many as sinned without Torah shall also perish without Torah, and as many as sinned in the Torah shall be judged by the Torah.

Rom 2:13 For not the hearers of the Torah are righteous in the sight of Elohim, but the doers of the Torah^c shall be declared right. Footnote: ^c [Mat_7:21-27](#), [Jas_2:14-24](#).

Mat 7:21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Master, Master,’ shall enter into the reign of the heavens, but he who is doing the desire of My Father in the heavens.

Mat 7:22 “Many shall say to Me in that day, ‘Master, Master, have we not prophesied in Your Name, and cast out demons in Your Name, and done many mighty works in Your Name?’

Mat 7:23 “And then I shall declare to them, ‘I never knew you, **depart from Me, you who work lawlessness!**’^c [Psa_6:8](#). Footnote: ^cSee [Mat_7:15](#), and also [Mat_13:41-42](#).

Mat 7:24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does them, shall be like a wise man who built his house on the rock,

Mat 7:25 and the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

Mat 7:26 “And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not do them,^d shall be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand, Footnote: ^dSee [Mat_7:15](#), and also [Mat_13:41-42](#).

Mat 7:27 and the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and they beat on that house, and it fell, and great was its fall.”

Jas 2:14 My brothers, what use is it for anyone to say he has belief but does not have works? This belief is unable to save him.

Jas 2:15 And if a brother or sister is naked and in need of daily food,

Jas 2:16 but one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” but you do not give them the bodily needs, what use is it?

Jas 2:17 So also belief, if it does not have works, is in itself dead.

Jas 2:18 But someone might say, “You have belief, and I have works.” Show me your belief without your works, and I shall show you my belief by my works.

Jas 2:19 You believe that **Elohim is one.** [Deu_6:4](#) You do well. The demons also believe – and shudder!

Jas 2:20 But do you wish to know, O foolish man, that the belief without the works is dead?

Jas 2:21 Was not Abraham our father declared right by works when he offered Yitshaq his son on the slaughter-place?

Jas 2:22 Do you see that the belief was working with his works, and by the works the belief was perfected?

Jas 2:23 And the Scripture was filled which says, “**Abraham believed Elohim, and it was reckoned to him for righteousness.**” [Gen 15:6](#) And He called him, “**he who loves Elohim.**” [Isa 41:8](#), [2Ch 20:7](#).

Jas 2:24 You see, then, that a man is declared right by works, and not by belief alone.

Rom 2:14 For when nations, who do not have the Torah, by nature do what is in the Torah, although not having the Torah, **they are a torah to themselves**,

Rom 2:15 who show the work of the Torah written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or even excusing,

Rom 2:16 in the day when Elohim shall judge the secrets of men through **יהושע** Messiah, according to my Good News.

There will be a day when YHWH shall judge the secrets of men by the New Blood Ratified Covenant, the ‘Good News’ through Yahusha HaMashiach! Those that do not receive Yahusha as Messiah are essentially the walking dead. The Ruach HaKodesh, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Life is not in them. He that does not have the Son; neither has the Father for they are One. There is only One Way and that is His Way.

Rom 2:17 See, you are called a Yehudi, and rest on the Torah, and make your boast in Elohim,

Rom 2:18 and know the desire of *Elohim*, and approve what is superior, being instructed out of the Torah,

Rom 2:19 and are trusting that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,

Rom 2:20 an instructor of foolish ones, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and of [the truth in the Torah](#).^d Footnote: ^d [Psa 147:19](#), [Rom 3:2](#), [Rom 9:4](#).

- **Rom 2:21** You, then, who teach another, do you not teach yourself?
- You who proclaim that a man **should not steal**,^e [Exo 20:15](#) do you steal? Footnote: ^e [Deu 5:18](#).
- **Rom 2:22** You who say, “**Do not commit adultery**,”^f [Exo 20:14](#) do you commit adultery?
- You who abominate idols, do you rob temples? Footnote: ^f [Deu 5:19](#).
- **Rom 2:23** You who make your boast in the Torah, through the transgression of the Torah do you disrespect Elohim?

Rom 2:24 For **“The Name of Elohim is blasphemed among the nations because of you,”** [Isa 52:5](#) as it has been written.

Rom 2:25 For circumcision indeed profits if you practise the Torah, but if you are a transgressor of the Torah, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

Rom 2:26 So, if an uncircumcised one watches over the righteousnesses of the Torah, **shall not his uncircumcision be reckoned as circumcision?**

Rom 2:27 And the uncircumcised by nature, who perfects the Torah, shall judge **you**

who notwithstanding letter and circumcision are a transgressor of the Torah!

Rom 2:28 For he is not a Yehudi who is so outwardly, neither is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh.

Rom 2:29 But a Yehudi is he who is so inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, 9 in Spirit, not literally, whose praise is not from men but from Elohim. Footnote: 9 1Co 7:19, Exo 19:5, Deu 10:12-16, Deu 30:6-8.

A person that receives Yahusha, has a changed heart. When a sinner's heart is convicted, they realize their need for the Savior. We come to Him just as a child in humble repentance asking for forgiveness of our sins. We then ask Yahusha to come into our lives and He sends us the Comforter, the Holy Spirit or Ruach HaKodesh.

Yahusha has already ratified the New Covenant by His blood. When we enter into Covenant through Yahusha; we enter through the 'Door' covered by His atoning blood on the lintel and door posts, as depicted by the Passover of the Exodus out of Egypt. He is the opened Door connecting us back to YHWH.

Rev 4:1 After this I looked and saw a door having been opened in the heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here and I shall show you what has to take place after this."

We are washed by the blood of the Lamb and now can partake of the Covenant confirming meal of bread and wine. This my friend is one that has been circumcised of heart.

Psa 51:17 The slaughterings of Elohim are a broken spirit, A heart broken and crushed, O Elohim, These You do not despise.

Jeremiah 40 We will see in the next four chapters that the 'dust' has not fully settled in Jerusalem / Judah. We will see more bloodshed and more disobedience.

Jeremiah Remains in Judah

Jer 40:1 The word that came to Yirmeyahu from יהוה after Nebuzaradan, chief of the guard, had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him bound in chains among all the exiles from Yerushalayim and Yehudah, who were being exiled to Babel.

Jer 40:2 And the chief of the guard took Yirmeyahu and said to him, "יהוה your Elohim has spoken this evil on this place.

Jer 40:3 "And יהוה has brought it on, and has done, as He has said. Because you have sinned against יהוה, and did not obey His voice, therefore this matter has come upon

you.

Option 1:

Jer 40:4 “And now, see, I loosen you today from the chains that were on your hand. If it seems good to you to come with me to Babel, come, and I shall look after you. But if it seems wrong for you to come with me to Babel, remain here. See, all the land is before you, go wherever it seems good and right for you to go.”

Option 2:

Jer 40:5 And before he replied, *Nebuzaradan* said, “Or go back to Gedalyah son of Ahikam, son of Shaphan, whom the sovereign of Babel has made governor over the cities of Yehudah, and dwell with him among the people, or go wherever it seems right for you to go.” And the chief of the guard gave him provisions and a gift and let him go.

Jer 40:6 So Yirmeyahu went to Gedalyah son of Ahikam, to Mitspah, and dwelt with him among the people who were left in the land.

Jer 40:7 And all the commanders of the armies who were in the fields, they and their men, heard that the sovereign of Babel had made Gedalyahu son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had put him in charge of the men, and women, and children, and the poor of the land who had not been exiled to Babel.

Jer 40:8 So they came to Gedalyah at Mitspah – **Yishma'el the son of Nethanyahu, and Yoḥanan and Yonathan the sons of Qarēah, and Serayah the son of Tanḥumeth, and the sons of Ophai the Netophathite and Yezanyahu the son of a Ma'akathite, they and their men.**

Jer 40:9 And Gedalyahu son of Ahikam, son of Shaphan, swore to them and their men, saying,

- “Do not be afraid of serving the Kasdim. Dwell in the land and serve the sovereign of Babel, and it shall be well with you.
- **Jer 40:10** “And I, see, I am dwelling at Mitspah, to serve the Kasdim who come to us.
- But you, gather wine and summer fruit and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities which you have taken.”
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Jer 40:11 Also, when all the Yehudim who were in Mo'ab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and who were in all the lands, heard that the sovereign of Babel had left a remnant of Yehudah, and that he had set over them Gedalyahu son of Ahikam, son of Shaphan,

Jer 40:12 then all the Yehudim returned from all the places where they had been driven, and came to the land of Yehudah, to Gedalyahu at Mitspah, and gathered wine

and summer fruit in large quantities.

Jer 40:13 And Yoḥanan son of Qarēah and all the commanders of the army that were in the fields came to Geḏalyahu at Mitspah,

Jer 40:14 and they said to him, “Do you certainly know that Ba’alis sovereign of the Ammonites has sent Yishma’el son of Nethanyah to strike you – a being?” But Geḏalyahu son of Aḥiqam would not believe them.

Yohanan son of Qareah and all the commanders of the army that were in the fields try to warn Geḏalyahu son of Aḥiqam that Ishmael of Nethanyah was being sent by the Ammonite king to strike him, but he did not believe them.

Jer 40:15 Then Yoḥanan son of Qarēah spoke secretly to Geḏalyahu in Mitspah, saying, “Please let me go and strike Yishma’el son of Nethanyah, without anyone knowing it. Why should he murder you, and so let all the Yehudim who are gathered to you be scattered, and the remnant in Yehudah perish?”

Jer 40:16 But Geḏalyahu son of Aḥiqam said to Yoḥanan son of Qarēah, “Do not do this matter, for what you are saying about Yishma’el is not true.”

Yohanan son of Qareah did everything he could to sway Geḏalyahu of the impending danger but Geḏalyahu would not believe what he said about Ishmael of Nethanyah.

Psalm 15 & 16

Who can dwell on YHWH’s holy mountain; mount Zion? Who can sojourn in His Tent? These are the questions posed by David in Psalm 15.

Then in Chapter 16, David opens with:

Psa 16:1 Guard me, O Ēl, for I have taken refuge in You.

Psa 16:2 I have said to יהוה, “You are יהוה, I have no good beside You.”

The bottom line is that without Yahusha HaMashiach we would all fall short. It is He that has made us ‘righteous’. He has justified us, ‘just-as-if’ we had never sinned. It is in Him by His Ruach HaKodesh, that we are being sanctified daily with the washing of His Word and by His forgiveness of our sins when we fail Him.

The following words spoken by Paul convey it best:

Rom 7:18 For I know that in me, that is in my flesh, dwells no good. For to wish is present with me, but to work the good I do not find.

Rom 7:19 For the good that I wish to do, I do not do; but the evil I do not wish to do, this I practise.

Rom 7:20 And if I do that which I do not wish, it is no longer I who work it, but the sin dwelling in me.

Rom 7:21 I find therefore this law, that when I wish to do the good, that the evil is present with me.

Rom 7:22 For I delight in the Torah of Elohim^a according to the inward man, Footnote: ^aSee Psa 119:16.

Rom 7:23 but I see another torah in my members, battling against the torah of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the torah of sin which is in my members.

Rom 7:24 Wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from this body of death?

Rom 7:25 Thanks to Elohim, through יהושע Messiah our Master! So then, with the mind I myself truly serve the Torah of Elohim, but with the flesh the torah of sin.

Who Shall Dwell on Your Holy Hill?

Psa 15:1 יהוה, who does sojourn in Your Tent? Who does dwell in Your set-apart mountain?

Psa 15:2 He who walks blamelessly, And does righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart.

Psa 15:3 He has not slandered with his tongue, He has not done evil to his neighbor, Nor lifted up a reproach against his friend;

Psa 15:4 In whose eyes a reprobate one is despised, But he esteems those who fear יהוה; He who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

Psa 15:5 He has not put out his silver at interest, And has not taken a bribe against the innocent. He who does these is never moved.

You Will Not Leave My Soul

Psa 16:1 Guard me, O Ēl, for I have taken refuge in You.

Psa 16:2 I have said to יהוה, "You are יהוה, I have no good beside You."

Psa 16:3 As for the set-apart ones who are on the earth, They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

Psa 16:4 The sorrows of those who run after another one are increased; I would not pour out their drink offerings of blood, Nor take up their names on my lips.

Psa 16:5 יהוה is the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You uphold my lot.

Psa 16:6 *Boundary* lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Indeed, a good inheritance is mine.

Psa 16:7 I bless יהוה who has given me counsel; My kidneys also instruct me in the nights.

Psa 16:8 I have set יהוה always before me; Because *He* is at my right hand I am not

shaken.

Psa 16:9 Therefore my heart was glad, and my esteem rejoices; My flesh also dwells in safety.

Psa 16:10 For **You do not leave my being [soul] in She'ol**, Neither let Your Lovingly-committed One see corruption.

Psa 16:11 You show me the path of life; In Your presence is joy to satisfaction; At Your right hand are pleasures forever.

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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