

CHAPTER VI.

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ABIMELECH AND HIS HOUSE HEALED BY GOD.

And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the land of the South, and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur; and he sojourned in Gerar.

And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah. But God came to Abimelech in a dream of the night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, because of the woman whom thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife. Now Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay even a righteous nation? Said he not himself unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands have I done this. And God said unto him in the dream, Yea, I know that in the integrity of thy heart thou hast done this, and I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her. Now therefore restore the man's wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

And Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in

their ears: and the men were sore afraid. Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and wherein have I sinned against thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? Thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done. And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing? And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place: and they will slay me for my wife's sake. And moreover she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother: and she became my wife. And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt show unto me: at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother. And Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and men-servants and women-servants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife. And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee. And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver; behold, it is for thee a covering of the eyes to all that are with thee: and in respect of all thou are righted. And Abraham prayed unto God: and God *healed* Abimelech, and his wife, and his maid-servants: and they bare children. For the Lord had made barren the entire house of Abimelech because of Sarah, the wife of Abraham. (Genesis, Chapter 20.)

DIVINE HEALING, AS A RESULT OF KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD.

And Moses led Israel onward from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water. And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink? And he cried unto the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree, and he cast it into the waters, and the waters were made sweet. There he made for them a statute and an ordinance and there he proved them; and he said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord, thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His eyes, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon thee, which I have put upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that *healeth* thee. (Exodus 15 : 22-26.)

SICKNESS REMOVED BY SERVING GOD.

Behold, I will send an angel before thee, to keep thee by the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Take ye heed before him, and hearken unto his voice; provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgression: for my name is in him. But if thou shalt indeed hearken unto his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto

thine adversaries. For mine angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: and I will cut them off. Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works; but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and break in pieces their pillars. And ye shall serve the Lord, your God, and he will bless thy bread, and thy water; and *I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.* (Exodus 23 : 20-25.)

MIRIAM SMITTEN WITH LEPROSY AND HEALED BY PRAYER OF MOSES.

And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married; for he had married a Cushite woman. And they said, Hath the Lord indeed spoken only with Moses? Hath he not spoken also with us? And the Lord heard it. Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men that were upon the face of the earth.

And the Lord spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tent of meeting. And they three came out. And the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud, and stood at the door of the Tent, and called Aaron and Miriam; and they both came forth. And he said, Hear now my words: if there be a prophet among you, I, the Lord, will make myself known unto him in a vision, I will speak with him in a dream. My

servant Moses is not so; he is faithful in all my house: with him will I speak mouth to mouth, even manifestly, and not in dark speeches; and the form of the Lord shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant, against Moses.

And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them; and he departed. And the cloud removed from over the Tent; and, behold, Miriam was leprous, as white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous. And Aaron said unto Moses, O, my lord, lay not, I pray thee, sin upon us, for that we have done foolishly, and for that we have sinned. Let her not, I pray, be as one dead, And Moses cried unto the Lord saying, *Heal her*, O God, I beseech thee. And the Lord said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? Let her be shut up without the camp seven days, and after that she shall be brought in again. And Miriam was shut up without the camp seven days, and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again.

—(Numbers, Chapter 12.)

GOD TAKES AWAY ALL SICKNESS FROM ISRAEL WHEN HE KEEPS HIS COVENANT.

Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, who keepeth covenant and loving kindness with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations, and repayeth them that hate Him to their face, to destroy

them: He will not be slack to him that hateth Him, He will repay him to his face. Thou shalt therefore keep the commandment, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which I command thee this day, to do them.

And it shall come to pass, because ye hearken to these ordinances, and keep and do them, that the Lord thy God will keep with thee the covenant and the loving kindness which he swore unto thy fathers: and He will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee; He will also bless the fruit of thy body and the fruit of thy ground, thy grain and thy new wine and thine oil, the increase of thy cattle and the young of thy flock, in the land which he swore unto thy fathers to give thee. Thou shalt be blessed above all peoples: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle. *And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness; and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, will be put upon thee, but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.* (Deuteronomy 7 : 9-15.)

GOD, THE ONLY HEALER.

See now that I, even I, am He, And there is no god with Me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I *heal*. And there is none that can deliver out of my hand. (Deuteronomy 32 : 39.)

HANNAH'S PRAYER FOR A SON.

Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite: And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the Lord of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the Lord, were there.

And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion: for he loved Hannah. And her adversary also provoked her sore, to make her fret. And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the Lord, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? Am not I better to thee than ten sons?

So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the Lord. And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore. And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look

on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli marked her mouth. Now Hannah, spake in her heart: only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? Put away thy wine from thee. And Hannah, answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord. Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial; for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto. Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him. And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.

And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the Lord, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife: and the Lord remembered her. Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the Lord. And the man Elkanah,

and all his house, went up to offer unto the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the Lord, and there abide forever.

And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the Lord establish his word. And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the Lord in Shiloh: and the child was young. And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli. And she said, O my Lord, as thy soul liveth, my Lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the Lord. For this child I prayed: and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him: Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord: as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord. And she worshipped the Lord there. (1 Samuel, Chapter 1.)

THE PHILISTINES HEALED BY GOD, AFTER THEY HAD SENT BACK THE ARK OF THE COVENANT.

Now, the Philistines had taken the ark of God, and they brought it from Ebenezer unto Ashdod. And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon. And

when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the Lord. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again. And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the Lord; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands lay cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him. Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod, unto this day.

But the hand of the Lord was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with tumors, even Ashdod and the borders thereof. And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us; for His hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god. They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel thither. And it was so, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the Lord was against the city with a very great discomfiture: and He smote the men of the city, both small and great; and tumors brake out upon them. So they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the

ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people. They sent therefore and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and they said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to its own place, that it slay us not, and our people. For there was a deadly discomfiture throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there. And the men that died not were smitten with the tumors; and the cry of the city went up to heaven. And the ark of the Lord was in the country of the Philistines seven months. And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do with the ark of the Lord? Show us wherewith we shall send it to its place. And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but by all means return Him a trespass-offering: then ye shall be *healed*, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you. (1 Samuel, Chapters 5 and 6, re-arranged.)

ELIJAH BY FAITH HEALS THE WIDOW'S SON.

And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Sidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow there to sustain thee. So he arose and went to Zarephath: and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks; and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thy hand,

And she said, As the Lord, thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but a handful of meal in the jar, and a little oil in the cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said; but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it forth unto me, and afterward make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel. The jar of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. The jar of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah.

And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? Thou art come unto me to bring my sin to remembrance and to slay my son! And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into the chamber, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. And he cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord, my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the Lord and said, O, Lord, my God, I pray

thee, let this child's soul come into him again. And the Lord hearkened unto the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother; and Elijah said, *See, thy son, liveth.* And the woman said to Elijah, Now I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth.

(1 Kings, Chapter 17 : 8-24.)

AHAZIAH, KING OF ISRAEL, DIES BECAUSE OF HIS PRAYER TO A FALSE GOD BAAL- ZEBUB.

And Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab, And Ahaziah fell down through the lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick; and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover of this sickness. But the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it because there is no God in Israel, that ye go to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Now therefore thus saith the Lord, Thou shalt not come down from the bed whither thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed.

And the messengers, returned unto him, and he said unto them, Why is it that ye are returned? And they said unto him, There came up a man to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king

that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Is it because there is no God in Israel that thou sendest to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from the bed whither thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And he said unto them, What manner of man was he that came up to meet you, and told you these words? And they answered him. He was a hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite.

Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he was sitting on the top of the hill. And he spake unto him, O man of God, the king hath said, Come down. And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. And again he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly. And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. And again he sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty

thy servants, be precious in thy sight. Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and consumed the two former captains of fifty with their fifties; but now let my life be precious in thy sight. And the angel of God said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king. And he said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, *is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of his word?* Therefore thou shalt not come down from the bed whither thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

So he died according to the word of the Lord, which Elijah had spoken. (2 Kings, Chapter 1 : 1-17.)

ELISHA HEALS THE SON OF THE SHUNAM-MITE WOMAN.

And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shuhem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, that passeth by us continually. Let us make, I pray thee, a little chamber on the wall; let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a seat, and a candlestick; and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither. And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber and lay there. And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite.

And when he had called her, she stood before him. And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? Wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people. And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no son, and her husband is old. And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door. And he said, At this season, when the time cometh round, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thy handmaid.

And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season, when the time came round, as Elisha had said unto her. And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to his servant, Carry him to his mother. And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died. And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out. And she called unto her husband and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the servants, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again. And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him today? It is neither new moon nor Sabbath. And she said, It shall be well. Then she saddled an ass, and

said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slacken me not the riding, except I bid thee. So she went, and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel.

And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is the Shunammite: run, I pray thee, now to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well. And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught hold of his feet. And Gehazi came near to thrust her away; but the man of God said, Let her alone: for her soul is vexed within her; and the Lord hath hid it from me and hath not told me. Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? Did I not say, Do not deceive me? Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thy hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child. And the mother of the child said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her. And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice nor hearing. Wherefore he returned to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.

And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and *prayed unto the Lord*. And he went

up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon him: and the flesh of the child waxed warm. Then he returned, and walked in the house once to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself, upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and *the child opened his eyes*. And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son. Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground; and she took up her son, and went out. (2 Kings 4 : 8-37.)

NAAMAN AND THE HOUSE OF RIMMON.

Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria; was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him the Lord had given deliverance unto Syria; he was also a mighty man in valor, but he was a leper. And the Syrians had gone out in bands, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maiden; and she waited on Naaman's wife. And she said unto her mistress, Would that my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! Then would he recover him of his leprosy. And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maiden that is of the land of Israel. And the king of Syria said, Go now, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of

raiment. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, And now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy. And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I god, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? But consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.

And it was so, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariots, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordon seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest

thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordon, according to the saying of the man of God; *and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.* And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant. But he said, as the Lord liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused. And Naaman said, If not, yet, I pray thee, let there be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth; for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt-offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the Lord. In this thing the Lord pardon thy servant: when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the Lord pardon thy servant in this thing. And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said Behold, my master hath spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: as the Lord liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him. So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw one running after him, he alighted from the chariot to meet

him, and said, Is all well? And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there are come to me from the hill-country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets; give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of raiment. And Naaman said, Be pleased to take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of raiment, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before him. And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house; and he let the men go, and they departed. But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither. And he said unto him, Went not my heart with thee, when the man turned from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards and vineyards, and sheep and oxen, and men-servants and maid-servants? The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed forever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow. (2 Kings, Chapter 5.)

BENHADAD, KING OF SYRIA, SEEKS THE HEALING INFLUENCE OF ELISHA, THE MAN OF GOD.

And Elisha came to Damascus; and Benhadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither. And the

king said unto Hazael, Take a present in thy hand, and go, meet the man of God, and inquire of the Lord by him, saying, Shall I recover of this sickness? So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Benhadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this sickness? And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou shalt surely recover; howbeit the Lord hath showed me that he shall surely die. And he settled his countenance stedfastly upon him, until he was ashamed; and the man of God wept. And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strongholds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash in pieces their little ones, and rip up their women with child. And Hazael said, But what is thy servant, who is but a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, the Lord hath showed me that thou shalt be king over Syria. Then he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me that thou wouldest surely recover. And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took the coverlet and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead. (2 Kings 8 : 7-15.)

HEZEKIAH'S PRAYER FOR HEALING.

In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amos came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thy house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the Lord saying, Remember now, O Lord, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. And it came to pass, before Isaiah was gone out into the middle part of the city, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying, Turn back, and say to Hezekiah the prince of my people, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, *I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears; behold, I will Heal thee; on the third day thou shalt go up into the house of the Lord. And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. And Isaiah said, Take a cake of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.* (2 Kings 20 : 1-7.)

EGYPT HEALED BY GOD.

In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the Lord. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord in the land of

Egypt; for they shall cry unto the Lord because of oppressors, and he will send them a saviour, and a defender, and He will deliver them. And the Lord shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the Lord in that day; yea, they shall worship with sacrifice and oblation, and shall vow a vow unto the Lord and shall perform it. And the Lord will smite Egypt, smiting and *healing*; and they shall return unto the Lord, and he will be entreated of them, and will *heal* them. (Isaiah Chap. 19:19-22.)

HEALING ONLY THROUGH THE LORD.

A glorious throne, set on high from the beginning, is the place of our sanctuary. O Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be put to shame. They that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the foundation of living waters. *Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for Thou art my praise.* Behold they say unto me, where is the word of the Lord? Let it come now. As for me, I have not hastened from being a shepherd after thee; neither have I desired the woeful day; Thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was before Thy face. Be not a terror unto me: thou art my refuge in the day of evil.

(Jeremiah, Chapter 17:12-17.)

EZEKIEL REBUKES THE SHEPHERDS OF ISRAEL FOR NOT HEALING THE SICK.

And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, even to the shepherds, Thus saith the Lord God: Woe unto the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the sheep? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill the fatlings; but ye feed not the sheep. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye *healed* that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought back that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with rigor have ye ruled over them. And they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and they became food to all the beasts of the field, and were scattered. My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my sheep were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and there was none that did search or seek after them. (Ezekiel, Chapter 34 : 1-6.)

THE WONDERFUL VISION OF THE DRY BONES.

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the spirit, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. And he caused me to pass by them round about; and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and lo,

they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophecy over these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and *ye shall live: and ye shall know that I am the Lord.*

So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and, behold, an earthquake; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I beheld, and lo, there were sinews upon them, and flesh came up, and skin covered them above; but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off. Therefore prophecy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, O my people; and I will bring you into the land of

Israel. And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, and caused you to come up out of your graves, O my people. And I will put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I will place you in your own land; and ye shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken it and performed it. (Ezekiel 37 : 1-14.)

GOD HEALS THE SMITTEN.

Come and let us return unto the Lord; for he hath torn, and he will *heal* us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will He revive us: on the third day He will raise us up, *and we shall live before Him*. And let us know, let us follow on to know the Lord; His going forth is sure as the morning; and he will come unto us as the rain, as the latter rain that watereth the earth. (Hosea 6 : 1-3.)

THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WITH HEALING ON ITS WINGS.

For, behold, the day cometh, it burneth as a furnace; and all the proud, and all that work wickedness, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear My name shall the sun of righteousness arise with *healing* in its wings; and ye shall go forth, and gambol as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I make, saith the Lord God of hosts. (Malachi 4:1-3.)

He restoreth my soul:

He guideth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

Thou hast anointed my head with oil;

My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

(The Twenty-Third Psalm.)

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR DELIVERANCE FROM DEATH.

I will extol thee, O Lord, for thou hast raised me up,

And hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

O Lord, my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast *healed* me.

O God, thou hast brought up my soul from Sheol;

Thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

Sing praise unto the Lord, O ye saints of His,

And give thanks to His holy memorial name.

For His anger is but for a moment;

His favor is for a life-time:

Weeping may tarry for the night,

But joy cometh in the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity,
I shall never be moved.

Thou O Lord, of Thy favor hadst made my
mountain to stand strong;
Thou didst hide Thy face; I was troubled.

I cried to thee, O Lord;
And unto the Lord I made supplication:

What profit is there in my blood, when I go
down to the pit?

Shall the dust praise thee? Shall it declare thy truth?

Hear O Lord, and have mercy upon me;
Lord, be thou my helper.

Thou hast turned for me my mourning into
dancing;

Thou hast loosed my sackcloth, and girded me with
gladness;

To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee,
and not be silent.

O Lord, my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.
(The Thirtieth Psalm.)

DIVINE HEALING FOR HIM WHO BEFRIENDS THE POOR.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor:

The Lord will deliver him in the day of evil.
The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive.

And he shall be blessed upon the earth;
And deliver not thou him into the will of his enemies.

The Lord will support him upon the couch of
languishing:

Thou makest all his bed in his sickness.

(Psalm 41 : 1-3.)

THE PRAYER OF THE PENITENT SICK.

O Lord, rebuke me not in Thy wrath;
 Neither chasten me in Thy hot displeasure.
For Thine arrows stick fast in me,
 And Thy hand presseth me sore.
There is no soundness in my flesh because of Thine
 indignation;
 Neither is there any health in my bones because
 of my sin.
For mine iniquities are gone over my head;
 As a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
My wounds are loathsome and corrupt,
 Because of my foolishness.
I am pained and bowed down greatly;
 I go mourning all the day long.
For my loins are filled with burning;
 And there is no soundness in my flesh.
I am faint and sore bruised:
 I have groaned by reason of the disquietness of
 my heart.
Lord all my desire is before thee;
 And my groaning is not hid from thee.
My heart throbbleth, my strength faileth me:
 As for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone
 from me.
My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my plague;
 And my kinsmen stand afar off.
They also that seek after my life lay snares for me;
 And they that seek my hurt speak mischievous
 things,
And meditate deceits all the day long.

But I, as a deaf man, hear not;
And I am as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth,
Yea, I am as a man that heareth not,
And in whose mouth are no reproofs.

*For in Thee, O Lord, do I hope;
Thou wilt answer, O Lord, my God.*

For I said, Lest they rejoice over me:
When my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves
against me.

For I am ready to fall,
And my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare mine iniquity;
I will be sorry for my sin.

But mine enemies are lively, and are strong;
And they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

They also that render evil for good
Are adversaries unto me, because I follow the thing
that is good.

Forsake me not, O Lord;
O my God, be not far from me.

Make haste to help me,
O Lord, my salvation.

(The Thirty-Eighth Psalm.)

PRAISE OF GOD, WHO HEALS DISEASES.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And all that is within me, bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And forget not all His benefits:
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities:
Who *healeth* all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
Who crowneth thee with loving kindness and
tender mercies;
Who satisfieth thy desire with good things,
So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle.
(Psalm 103 : 1-5.)

THE LORD SAVETH HIS PEOPLE FROM SICKNESS AND DEATH.

Oh give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good;
For His loving kindness endureth for ever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say,
Whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the
adversary,
And gathered out of the lands,
From the east and from the west,
From the north and from the south.

They wandered in the wilderness in a desert way;
They found no city of habitation.
Hungry and thirsty,
Their soul fainted in them.
Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble,
And He delivered them out of their distresses,
He led them also by a straight way,
That they might go to a city of habitation.
Oh that men would praise the Lord for His kindness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of
men!
For He satisfieth the longing soul,
And the hungry He filleth with good.

Such as sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
Being bound in affliction and iron,
Because they rebelled against the words of God,
And contemned the counsel of the Most High;
Therefore He brought down their heart with labor:
They fell down, and there was none to help.
Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble,
And He saved them out of their distresses.

He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,

And brake their bonds in sunder,
Oh that men would praise the Lord for His kindness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

For He hath broken the gates of brass
And cut the bars of iron asunder.

Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble,
And He saved them out of their distresses.

He sendeth His word, and *healeth* them,
And delivereth them from their destruction.

Oh that men would priase the Lord for His kindness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

And let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And declare His works with singing.

(Psalm 107 : 1-16, 19-22.)

HEALTH COMES FROM THE FEAR OF GOD.

My son, forget not my law;
But let thy heart keep my commandments;
For length of days, and years of life,
And peace, will they add to thee.
Let not kindness and truth forsake thee;
Bind them about thy neck;
Write them upon the tablet of thy heart:
So shalt thou find favor and good understanding
In the sight of God and man,
Trust in the Lord with all thy heart,
And lean not upon thine own understanding;
In all thy ways acknowledge him,
And He will direct thy paths.
Be not wise in thine own eyes;
Fear the Lord, and depart from evil:
It will be *health* to thy navel,
And marrow to thy bones.

(Proverbs 3 : 1-8.)

THE WORDS OF GOD BRING LIFE AND HEALTH.

My son, attend to my words;
Incline thine ear unto my sayings.
Let them not depart from thine eyes;
Keep them in the midst of thy heart.
For they are life unto those that find them,
And *health* to all their flesh.

(Proverbs 4 : 20-22.)

PRAYERS FOR DIVINE HEALING AND PRO-
TECTION, FROM THE TEFILLAH OR
PRAYER BOOK OF ISRAEL.

Prayer said on Rising in the Morning:

I give thanks unto Thee, O King, living and
established, that Thou hast watched over my soul
in sleep. Great is Thy faithfulness.

The prayer known as "Adon Olom" or "The Eternal
God:"

The Lord of all did reign supreme
Ere yet this world was made and formed
When all was finished by His will
Then was His name, as King proclaimed.

And should these forms no more exist
He still will rule in majesty
He was, He is, He shall remain.
His glory never shall decrease.

And One is He, and none there is,
To be compared or joined to Him
He ne'er began and ne'er will end
To Him belong Dominion's power.

He is my God, my living God,
To Him I flee when tried in grief
My banner high, my refuge strong
Who hears and answers when I call.

My spirit I commit to Him
My body too, and all I prize
Both, when I sleep and when I wake,
He is with me, I shall not fear.

The Prayer known as "Yigdal Elohim," or "Extolled
Be the Living God."

Extolled be the living God and praised.
He existeth, but His existence is not bounded by time.
He is One, but there is no unity, like unto His unity.
He is incomprehensible, and his unity is unending.
He hath no material form.
He is incorporeal, and naught that is can be compared
to Him in holiness.
He existed before all things that are created. He is
the first but there is no beginning to His
existence.
Behold, He is the Lord of the world, and all creation
revealeth His power and dominion.
The inspiration of prophecy did He bestow on the
men of His Chosen People.
There never arose a prophet in Israel like unto Moses
who beheld God's similitude.
A true law hath God given to His people, by the hand
of His prophet who was faithful in His house.
He will not alter nor change His law for any other.
He beholdeth and knoweth all secret things, and
vieweth the end of a thing at its beginning.
He resurrecteth the dead in His great mercy.
Blessed be the name of His glory forevermore.

A Prayer called "Elohay Neshomoh" or "My God the Soul," setting forth the Divine Source and Control of the Pure Spirit of Man.

My God the soul which Thou hast given unto me came pure from Thee. Thou hast created it; Thou hast formed it; Thou hast breathed it into me. Thou hast preserved it in my body and, at the appointed time, Thou wilt take it from this earth, that it may enter on the life everlasting. While the soul animates my being, I will worship Thee, Sovereign of the world, and Lord of all souls. Blessed art Thou, Oh Lord, who causeth the spirit to return to the dead.

One of the "Shemoneh Esreh" or "Seventeen Benedictions." A characteristic Jewish Prayer for Divine Help and Healing.

Thou are mighty, Oh Lord, who resurrecteth the dead, Thou art strong in salvation. In Thy kindness, Thou sustainest the living, upholdest the fallen, *healest the sick* and settest captives free. Thou wilt, of a surety, fulfill Thy promise of immortal life unto those who sleep in the dust. Who is like unto Thee, Almighty, who slayeth and revivest, Thou, who sendeth salvation. Who is like unto Thee, Father of mercy, who remembereth Thy children unto life eternal. Praise be Thou, who resurrecteth the dead.

A Daily Prayer Bespeaking Faith in God as the Source of Life.

We gratefully acknowledge, O Lord, our God, that Thou art our Creator and Preserver, the rock of our life, and the shield of our help. We render thanks unto Thee for our lives, which are in Thy hands, for our souls which are ever in Thy keeping, for Thy wonders which Thou dost perform each day among us, and for Thy continuous goodness which Thou bestowest upon us, day by day. Truly, Thy mercies never fail, and Thy loving kindness never ceases. Therefore in Thee do we forever put our trust.

The Daily Prayer for Peace, Blessing and Life.

Grant us peace, blessing, favor, mercy and loving kindness to us and all Israel, Thy people. Bless all of us, O Father, in the light of Thy countenance, for in Thy light Thou hast given us the Law of life and love, righteousness and blessing, mercy and peace. It is fitting that Thou shouldest bless Thy people Israel at all times and places with Thy peace. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who blesseth Thy people Israel with peace.

A Typical "Berochoh" or "Blessing," Describing God as the Divine Healer.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who *healeth* all flesh, and worketh wonders.

Other "Berochoth" or "Blessings."

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, our God, King of the Universe, who openeth the eyes of the blind.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, our God, King of the Universe, who setteth the captives free.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, our God, King of the Universe, who upholdeth the falling.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, our God, King of the Universe, who guideth the steps of man.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, our God, King of the Universe, who giveth strength to the weary.

A Beautiful Evening Prayer, said on Retiring.

Let us lie down in peace, O Lord, our God. Let us rise, our King, unto life. Spread over us the tabernacle of Thy peace, and build us up with Thy good counsel. Save us for Thy own sake. Be Thou a shield about us, and remove from us the enemy and pestilence, the sword, famine and grief. Remove the adversary from before and behind us. Let us hide in the shadow of Thy wing. Thou art our God, who guardeth and delivereth us, for Thou art a gracious and merciful King. Guard our going out and our coming in with life and peace evermore. Blessed art Thou O Lord, who guardeth Thy people, Israel, forever.

Another Prayer to be said at the bedside.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who causeth the shades of sleep to fall upon my eyes, and slumber on my eyelids. Mayest Thou let us lie down in peace, and

arise in peace. Let no evil fancies, thoughts or dreams disturb me, and may my couch be perfect in Thy sight. Enlighten my eyes lest I sleep the sleep of death. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who enlighteneth all Thy children with Thy glory.

Prayer, Spoken on Seeing a Friend, Restored to Health.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who hath restored thee to life.

Prayer said on Returning to the Synagogue, after having passed safely through Sickness or Danger.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who vouchsafeth Thy benefits, to the undeserving, and good unto me.

The Following Prayers are taken from the Sefer Chayim, or the Book of Life. (This is a traditional book which contains all the Jewish Laws, Customs and Prayers used in connection with Sickness, Death, Funeral and Mourning.)

The following Scriptural Verses, contained in The Book of Life, are spoken on entering a sick room.

“And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and he will put none of the evil diseases, which thou knowest upon thee, but will lay them upon all that hate thee. (Deut. 8 : 13.) And he said, if thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord

Thy God, and will do that which is right in His eyes, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon thee which I have put upon the Egyptians, for I am the Lord that *healeth* thee. (Ex. 15 : 26.) He createth the fruit of the lips, Peace, Peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, sayeth the Lord, and I will *heal* him." (Is. 57 : 19.)

On Leaving a Sick Room, the Visitor says to the Sick Person.

May God send thee a speedy and perfect cure with all the sick of His people, Israel.

On the Sabbath or Festivals, On Visiting the Sick, One says.

It is the Sabbath (or Festival), and one may not engage in sorrowful prayer. May Thy *healing* be near with all the sick of Israel.

The Prayer said by a Sick Person.

A prayer of the afflicted when he fainteth and poureth out his complaint before the Lord. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto Thee. Hide not Thy face from me in the day of my distress. Incline Thine ear unto me.

In the day when I call, answer me speedily.

I beseech Thee, O Lord, *Healer of all flesh* to have mercy upon me and support me upon the bed of my sickness, for I am weak.

Send me and all who are sick among Thy children relief and cure. Assuage my pain and renew my youth as the eagle's.

Vouchsafe unto the physician that he may cure my wound, so that my health may spring forth speedily. Hear my prayer, prolong my life, let me complete my years in happiness, that I may be enabled to serve Thee and keep Thy statutes with a perfect heart. Give me understanding to know that this bitter trial has come upon me for my own welfare, so that I may not despise Thy chastening, nor weary of Thy reproof. Amen.

The Prayer of a Sick Man Repenting of his Sin.

O God of forgiveness, who art gracious and merciful, slow to anger and rich in kindness, I confess unto Thee with a broken and contrite heart that I have sinned and done that which is evil in Thy sight. Behold, I repent of my evil way, and return to Thee with a perfect repentance.

Help me that I may not again turn unto folly, but walk before thee in truth and uprightness. Rejoice the soul of Thy servant, for unto Thee do I lift up my soul. *Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed. Save me and I shall be saved, for Thou art my praise.* Amen.

Confession on a Death Bed.

I acknowledge, O Lord, my God, and the God of my fathers, that both my cure and death are in Thy hands. May it be Thy will to send me a perfect

healing. Yet if my death be fully determined by Thee, I will accept it at Thy hand. May my death be an atonement for all the sins of which I have been guilty against Thee. Vouchsafe unto me the abounding happiness that is treasured up for the righteous. Make known to me the path of life. In Thy presence, is fullness of joy. At Thy right hand, are pleasures forevermore. Thou who art the Father of the fatherless and judge of the widow, protect my beloved kindred with whose soul my soul is knit. Into Thy hands, I commend my spirit. Thou hast redeemed me, O God of truth. Amen.

Passages That Bear on the Truth of Jewish Science.

"I AM THAT I AM."

And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is His name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations. Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, hath appeared unto me, saying, I have

surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt: and I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hittite, and the Jebusite, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.—(Exodus 3:13-17.)

LENGTH OF LIFE FROM KEEPING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.

Now this is the commandment, the statutes, and the ordinances, which the Lord your God commanded to teach you; that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it; that thou mightest fear the Lord thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the Lord, the God of thy fathers, hath promised unto thee, in a land flowing with milk and honey.
—(Deuteronomy 6:1-3.)

THE MOST IMPORTANT PRAYER IN JUDAISM.

Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God, the Lord is one: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt speak of them when thou sittest in thy house, when

thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up; And thou shalt bind them as a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thy house, and upon thy gates.—(Deuteronomy 6:4-9.)

BLESSING THAT FOLLOWS FROM TRUE FAITH.

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all the nations of the earth: and all these blessings shall come upon thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy beasts, the increase of thy cattle, and the young of thy flock. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy kneading-trough. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.—(Deuteronomy 28:1-5.)

TRUE RELIGION IS WITHIN MAN.

For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not too hard for thee, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us,

and make us to hear it, that we may do it? Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, and make us to hear it, that we may do it? But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.—(Deuteronomy 30:11-14.)

LIFE AND GOOD, THE RESULT OF FAITH IN GOD.

See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; in that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his ordinances, that thou mayest live and multiply, and that the Lord thy God may bless thee in the land whither thou goest in to possess it. But if thy heart turn away, and thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish; ye shall not prolong your days in the land, whither thou passest over the Jordan to go in to possess it. I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before thee life and death, the blessing and the curse: therefore choose life, that thou mayest live, thou and thy seed; to love the Lord thy God, to obey his voice, and to cleave unto him; for this is thy life, and the length of thy days; that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

—(Deuteronomy 30:15-20.)

WISDOM BRINGETH LIFE AND PROSPERITY.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom,
And the man that getteth understanding.
For the gaining of it is better than the gaining of
silver,
And the profit thereof than fine gold.
She is more precious than rubies:
And none of the things thou canst desire are to be
compared unto her.
Length of days is in her right hand;
In her left hand are riches and honor.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her:
And happy is every one that retaineth her.
The Lord by wisdom founded the earth;
By understanding he established the heavens.
By his knowledge the depths were broken up,
And the skies drop down the dew.
My son, let them not depart from thine eyes;
Keep sound wisdom and discretion:
So shall they be life unto thy soul,
And grace to thy neck.
Then shalt thou walk in thy way securely,
And thy foot shall not stumble.
When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid:
Yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be
sweet.
Be not afraid of sudden fear,
Neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it
cometh:

For the Lord will be thy confidence,
And will keep thy foot from being taken.

—(Proverbs 3:13-26.)

THE OMNIPRESENT AND OMNIPOTENT GOD

To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him? Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sitteth above the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in; that bringeth princes to nothing; that maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. To whom then will ye liken me, that I should be equal to him? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see who hath created these, that bringeth out their host by number; he calleth them all by name; by the greatness of his might, and for that he is strong in power, not one is lacking.

Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and the justice due to me is passed away from my God? Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary; there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to him that hath no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait

for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not be faint.

—(Isaiah 40:18-31.)

GOD, THE ONLY SAVIOUR.

But now saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed thee; I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy saviour; I have given Egypt as thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in thy stead. Since thou hast been precious in my sight, and honorable, and I have loved thee; therefore will I give men in thy stead, and peoples instead of thy life. Fear not; for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back; bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the end of the earth; every one that is called by my name, and whom I have created for my glory, whom I have formed, yea, whom I have made.

Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the peoples be assembled: who among them can declare this, and show us former

things? let them bring their witnesses, that they may be justified; or let them hear, and say, It is truth. Ye are my witneasses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and besides me there is no saviour. I have declared, and I have saved, and I have showed; and there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and I am God. Yea, since the day was, I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who can hinder it?

—(Isaiah 43:1-13.)

MORNING PRAYER OF TRUST IN GOD.

O Lord, how are mine adversaries increased!
Many are they that rise up against me.
Many there are that say of my soul,
There is no help for him in God.
But thou, O Lord, art a shield about me;
My glory, and the lifter up of my head.
I cry unto the Lord with my voice,
And he answereth me out of his holy hill.
I laid me down and slept;
I awaked; for the Lord sustaineth me.
I will not be afraid of ten thousands of the people
That have set themselves against me round about.
Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God;
For thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the
cheek bone;

Thou hast broken the teeth of the wicked.
Salvation belongeth unto the Lord:
Thy blessing be upon thy people.—(The Third Psalm.)

EVENING PRAYER OF TRUST IN GOD.

Answer me when I call,
O God of my righteousness;
Thou hast set me at large when I was in distress:
Have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
O ye sons of men, how long shall my glory be turned
 into dishonor?
How long will ye love vanity, and seek after falsehood?
But know that the Lord hath set apart for himself
 him that is godly;
The Lord will hear when I call unto him.
Stand in awe, and sin not:
Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and
 be still.
Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And put your trust in the Lord.
Many there are that say, Who will show us any good?
O Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance
 upon us.
Thou hast put gladness in my heart.
More than they have when their grain and their new
 wine are increased.
In peace will I both lay me down and sleep;
For thou, O Lord, alone makest me dwell in safety.
—(The Fourth Psalm.)

MAN HAS DIVINE DIGNITY.

O Lord, our God,
How excellent is thy name in all the earth,
Who hast set thy glory upon the heavens!
When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
What is man, that thou art mindful of him?
And the son of man, that thou visitest him?
Thou hast made him but little lower than the angels,
And crowned him with glory and honor.
Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of
thy hands;
Thou hast put all things under his feet:
All sheep and oxen,
Yea, and the beasts of the field,
The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
Whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.
O Lord, our God,
How excellent is thy name in all the earth!
—(The Eighth Psalm.)

PRAYER FOR HELP IN AFFLICTION.

How long, O Lord, wilt thou forget me for ever?
How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
How long shall I take counsel in my soul,
Having sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?
Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;
Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him;
Lest mine adversaries rejoice when I am moved.

But I have trusted in thy loving-kindness;
My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.
I will sing unto the Lord,
Because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

—(The Thirteenth Psalm.)

THE LORD THE PSALMIST'S PORTION IN LIFE AND DELIVERER IN DEATH.

Preserve me, O God; for in thee do I take refuge.
O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art
my God;
I have no good beyond thee.
As for the saints that are in the earth,
They are the excellent in whom is all my delight.
Their sorrows shall be multiplied that give gifts for
another god.
Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer,
Nor take their names upon my lips.
The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of
my cup;
Thou maintainest my lot.
The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places;
Yea, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the Lord who hath given me counsel;
Yea, my heart instructeth me in the night seasons.
I have set the Lord always before me:
Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth:
My flesh also shall dwell in safety.
For thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave,
Neither wilt thou suffer thy holy one to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me the path of life;
In thy presence is fulness of joy;
In thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.
—(The Sixteenth Psalm.)

A PSALM OF FEARLESS TRUST IN GOD.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?
When evil-doers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
Even mine adversaries and my foes, they stumbled
and fell.
Though a host should encamp against me.
My heart shall not fear;
Though war should rise against me,
Even then will I be confident.
One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek
after:
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the
days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the Lord,
And to inquire in his temple.
For in the day of trouble he will keep me secretly
in his pavilion:
In the covert of his tabernacle will he hide me;
He will lift me up upon a rock.
And now shall my head be lifted up above mine
enemies round about me;
And I will offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice:
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
When thou saidest, Seek ye my face; my heart said
unto thee,
Thy face, O Lord, will I seek.
Hide not thy face from me;
Put not thy servant away in anger;
Thou hast been my help;
Cast me not off, neither forsake me, O God of my
salvation.
When my father and my mother forsake me,
Then the Lord will take me up.
Teach me thy way, O Lord,
And lead me in a plain path,
Because of mine enemies.
Deliver me not over unto the will of mine adversaries:
For false witnesses are risen up against me,
And such as breathe out cruelty.
I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness
of the Lord
In the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord:
Be strong and let thy heart take courage;
Yea, wait thou for the Lord.
—(The Twenty-Seventh Psalm.)

GOD, THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE.

Thy loving kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens;
Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the skies.
Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God;
Thy judgments are a great deep:

O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.
How precious is thy loving kindness, O God!
Yea, the children of men take refuge under the shadow
of thy wings.
They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness
of thy house;
And thou wilt make them drink of the river of thy
pleasures.
For with thee is the fountain of life:
In thy light shall we see light.
O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that
know thee,
And thy righteousness to the upright in heart.
Let not the foot of pride come against me,
And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.
There are the workers of iniquity fallen:
They are thrust down, and shall not be able to rise.
—(Psalm 36:5-12.)

THE LIVING GOD.

As the hart panteth after the water brooks,
So panteth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God:
When shall I come and appear before God?
My tears have been my food day and night,
While they continually say unto me, Where is thy
God?
These things I remember, and pour out my soul
within me,
How I went with the throng, and led them to the
house of God,

With the voice of love and praise, a multitude keeping
holyday.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul?

And why art thou disquieted within me?

Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him

For the help of his countenance.

O my God, my soul is cast down within me:

Therefore do I remember thee from the land of the
Jordan,

And the Hermons, from the hill Mozar.

Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterfalls:

All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

Yet the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the
daytime;

And in the night his song shall be with me,

Even a prayer unto the God of my life.

I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten
me?

Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the
enemy?

As with a sword in my bones, mine adversaries re-
proach me,

While they continually say unto me, Where is thy
God?

Why art thou cast down, O my soul?

And why are thou disquieted within me?

Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him,

Who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

—(The Forty-Second Psalm.)

How goodly are thy tabernacles,

O Lord of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of
the Lord;
My heart and my flesh cry out unto the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found a house,
And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may
lay her young,
Even thine altars, O Lord of hosts,
My King, and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
They will be still praising thee.
Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee;
In whose heart are the highways to Zion.
Passing through the valley of Weeping they make
it a place of springs;
Yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.
They go from strength to strength;
Every one of them appeareth before God in Zion.
O Lord, God of hosts! hear my prayer;
Give ear, O God of Jacob.
Behold, O God, our shield,
And look upon the face of thine anointed.
For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.
I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,
Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
For the Lord God is a sun and a shield:
The Lord will give grace and glory;
No good thing will he withhold from them that
walk uprightly.
O Lord of hosts,
Blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

—(The Eighty-Fourth Psalm.)

THE PRAYER OF MOSES, THE MAN OF GOD.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place

In all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

Or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,

Even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction,

And sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight

Are but as yesterday when it is past,

And as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are
as a sleep:

In the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up;

In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath:

We bring our years to an end as a sigh.

The days of our years are three-score years and ten,

Or even by reason of strength fourscore years;

Yet is their pride but labor and sorrow;

For it is soon gone, and we fly away.

Who knoweth the power of thine anger,

And thy wrath according to the fear that is due
unto thee?

So teach us to number our days,

That we may get us a heart of wisdom.

Return, O Lord; how long?

And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

Oh satisfy us in the morning with thy loving-kindness,

That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou
hast afflicted us,
And the years wherein we have seen evil.
Let thy work appear unto thy servants,
And thy glory upon their children.
And let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us;
And establish thou the work of our hands upon us;
Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.
—(The Ninetieth Psalm.)

SECURITY OF HIM WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in whom I trust.
For he will deliver thee from the snare of the fowler,
And from the deadly pestilence.
He will cover thee with his pinions,
And under his wings shalt thou take refuge:
His truth is a shield and a buckler.
Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night,
Nor of the arrow that flieth by day;
For the pestilence that walketh in darkness,
Nor of the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
A thousand shall fall at thy side,
And ten thousand at thy right hand;
But it shall not come nigh thee.
Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold,
And see the reward of the wicked.
For thou, O Lord, art my refuge!
Thou hast made the Most High thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee,
Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.
For he will give his angels charge over thee,
To keep thee in all thy ways.
They shall bear thee up in their hands,
Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder;
The young lion and the serpent shalt thou trample
under foot.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will
I deliver him:

I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble:
I will deliver him, and honor him.
With long life will I satisfy him,
And show him my salvation.

—(The Ninety-First Psalm.)

PROSPERITY OF HIM THAT FEARS THE LORD.

Praise ye the Lord.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord,
That delighteth greatly in his commandments.
His seed shall be mighty upon the earth:
The generations of the upright shall be blessed.
Wealth and riches are in his house;
And his righteousness endureth for ever.
Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness:
He is gracious, and merciful, and righteous.
Well is it with the man that dealeth graciously and
lendeth;

He shall maintain his cause in judgment.
For he shall never be moved;
The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings;
His heart is firm, trusting in the Lord,
His heart is established, he shall not be afraid,
Until he see his desire upon his adversaries.
He hath dispersed, he hath given to the needy;
His righteousness endureth for ever:
His horn shall be exalted with honor.
The wicked shall see it, and be grieved;
He shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away:
The desire of the wicked shall perish.

—(One Hundred Twelfth Psalm.)

THE LORD PRAISED FOR EXALTING THE HUMBLE.

Praise ye the Lord.
Praise, O ye servants of the Lord,
Praise the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord
From this time forth and for evermore.
From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the
same
The Lord's name is to be praised.
The Lord is high above all nations,
And his glory above the heavens.
Who is like unto the Lord our God,
That hath his seat on high,
That humbleth himself to behold

The things that are in the heaven and in the earth?
He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,
And lifteth up the needy from the dunghill;
That he may set him with princes,
Even with the princes of his people.
He maketh the barren woman to keep house,
To be a joyful mother of children.
Praise ye the Lord.

—(One Hundred Thirteenth Psalm.)

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S SAVING GOODNESS.

Oh give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good;
For his lovingkindness endureth for ever.
Let Israel now say,
His lovingkindness endureth for ever.
Let the house of Aaron now say,
His lovingkindness endureth for ever.
Let them now that fear the Lord say,
His lovingkindness endureth for ever.
Out of my distress I called upon the Lord:
The Lord answered me and set me in a large place.
The Lord is on my side; I will not fear:
What can man do unto me?
The Lord is on my side among them that help me:
Therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate
me.
It is better to trust in the Lord
Than to put confidence in man.
It is better to trust in the Lord
Than to put confidence in princes.

All nations compassed me about:

In the name of the Lord I will triumph.

They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me
about;

In the name of the Lord I will triumph.

They compassed me about like bees; they are
quenched as the fire of thorns:

In the name of the Lord I will triumph.

They did thrust sore at me that I might fall;

But the Lord helped me.

The Lord is my strength and song;

And he is become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents
of the righteous:

The right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

The right hand of the Lord is exalted:

The right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

I shall not die, but live,

And declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened me;

But he hath not given me over unto death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness:

I will enter into them, and give thanks unto the
Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;

The righteous shall enter into it.

I will give thanks unto thee; for thou hast answered
me,

And art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;
It is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day which the Lord hath made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
Save now, we beseech thee, O Lord:
O Lord, we beseech thee, send now prosperity.
Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord:
We bless you out of the house of the Lord,
Thou art my God, and I will give thanks unto thee:
Thou art my God, I will exalt thee.
Oh give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good;
For his lovingkindness endureth for ever.

—(The One Hundred Eighteenth Psalm.)

GOD, THE KEEPER OF ISRAEL.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills:
From whence cometh my help?
My help cometh from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel
Will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper:
The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day,
Nor the moon by night.
The Lord will guard thee from all evil;
He will guard thy soul.
The Lord will guard thy going out and thy coming in
From this time forth and for evermore.

—(The One Hundred Twenty-First Psalm.)

If the Lord had not been on our side,
Let Israel now say,
If the Lord had not been on our side,
When men rose up against us;
Then they had swallowed us up alive,
When their wrath was kindled against us:
Then the waters had overwhelmed us,
The stream had gone over our soul;
Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.
Blessed be the Lord;
Who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.
Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the
fowlers:
The snare is broken, and we are escaped.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

—(One Hundred Twenty-Fourth Psalm.)

CHILDREN, THE HERITAGE OF GOD.

Except the Lord build the house,
They labor in vain that build it:
Except the Lord keep the city,
The watchman watcheth in vain.
It is vain for you to rise up early,
To take rest late,
To eat the bread of toil;
For he giveth unto his beloved sleep.
Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord;
And the fruit of the womb is his reward.
As arrows in the hand of a mighty man,
So are the children of youth.

Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:
They shall not be put to shame,
When they speak with their enemies in the gate.
—(One Hundred Twenty-Seventh Psalm.)

BLESSEDNESS FROM THE FEAR OF GOD.

Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord,
That walketh in his ways.
For thou shalt eat the labor of thy hands:
Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.
Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine,
In the innermost parts of thy house;
Thy children like olive plants,
Round about thy table.
Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
That feareth the Lord.
The Lord bless thee out of Zion:
And see thou the good of Jerusalem all the days of
thy life.
Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children.
Peace be upon Israel.
—(One Hundred Twenty-Eighth Psalm.)

THE UNITY OF BRETHREN.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity!
It is like the precious oil upon the head,
That ran down upon the beard,
Even Aaron's beard;
That came down upon the skirt of his garments;
Like the dew of Hermon,

That cometh down upon the mountains of Zion:
For there the Lord commanded a blessing,
Even life for evermore.

—(One Hundred Thirty-Third Psalm.)

GOD'S OMNIPRESENCE AND OMNISCIENCE.

Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me
Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising;
Thou understandest my thought afar off.
Thou searchest out my path and my lying down,
And art acquainted with all my ways.
For there is not a word in my tongue,
But, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.
Thou hast beset me behind and before,
And laid thy hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is high, I cannot attain unto it.
Whither shall I go from thy spirit?
Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
If I ascend into heaven, thou art there:
If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou art there.
If I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
Even there shall thy hand lead me,
And thy right hand shall hold me.
If I say, Surely the darkness shall overwhelm me,
And the light about me shall be night;
Even the darkness hideth not from thee,
But the night shineth as the day:
The darkness and the light are both alike to thee.
I will give thanks unto thee; for I am fearfully and
wonderfully made:

Wonderful are thy works;
And this my soul knoweth right well.
My frame was not hidden from thee,
When I was made in secret.
And curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the
earth.
Thine eyes did see mine unformed substance;
And in thy book they were all written,
Even the days that were ordained for me
When as yet there was none of them.
How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
If I should count them, they are more in number
than the sand:
When I awake, I am still with thee.
Search me, O God, and know my heart:
Try me, and know my thoughts;
And see if there be any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way ever-lasting.
—(Psalm 139:1-18, 22-24.)

PRAISE TO THE CREATOR AND PRESERVER.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous:
Praise is comely for the upright.
Give thanks unto the Lord with the harp:
Sing praises unto him with the psaltery of ten strings.
Sing unto him a new song;
Play skillfully with a loud noise.
For the word of the Lord is right;
And all his work is done in faithfulness.
He loveth righteousness and justice:

The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the Lord.
By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,
And all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap:
He layeth up the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord:

Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of
him.

For he spake, and it was done;

He commanded, and it stood fast.

The Lord bringeth the counsel of the nations to
nought;

He maketh the thoughts of the peoples to be of no
effect.

The counsel of the Lord standeth fast for ever,

The thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

The people whom he hath chosen for his own in-
heritance.

The Lord looketh from heaven;

He beholdeth all the sons of men;

From the place of his habitation he looketh forth

Upon all the inhabitants of the earth,

He that fashioneth the hearts of them all,

That considereth all their works.

There is no king saved by the multitude of a host:

A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.

A horse is a vain thing for safety;

Neither doth he deliver any by his great power.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear
him,

Upon them that hope in his lovingkindness;
To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.
Our soul hath waited for the Lord:
He is our help and our shield.
For our heart shall rejoice in him,
Because we have trusted in his holy name.
Let thy lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,
According as we have hoped in thee.

—(The Thirty-Third Psalm.)

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