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*Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM*

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Heidelberg Catechism:

Q. 9. But doesn't God do us an injustice by requiring in the law what we are unable to do?
A. No. God created human beings with the ability to keep the law. They, however, tempted by the devil, in deliberate disobedience, robbed themselves and all their descendants of these gifts.

Ephesians 4:22-24: That is, that ye cast off, concerning the conversation in time past, that old man, which is corrupt through the deceivable lusts, And be renewed in the spirit of your mind, And put on the new man, which after God is created unto righteousness, and true holiness.

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6. Thy way teach Thou me; I will walk in Thy truth;
 Unite Thou my heart in Thy fear.
 My Lord and my God with my whole heart I'll praise,
 And ever Thy name will revere.

7. For great are Thy love and Thy kindness to me.
 My soul from the grave Thou dost raise.
 The proud and the violent seek for my life,
 Forgetful of Thee and Thy praise.

8. But Thou, Lord, art merciful; gracious Thou art,
 Abundant in truth and in love.
 Turn Thou unto me; Thy rich grace now bestow;
 Thy servant make strong from above.

9. The son of Thine handmaid redeem by Thy grace;
 A token for good show Thou me;
 That all those who hate me may see and be shamed.
 My comfort and help are in Thee.

PSALM 87

ST. LEONARD. C. M.

Henry Smart

1. Up - on the hills of ho - li - ness He His foun - da - tion sets.
 A - bove all Ja - cob's tents the Lord De - lights in Zi - on's gates.

2. Things glorious are said of thee,
 Thou city of our God.
 Both Egypt, Babylon, as friends
 I will proclaim abroad;

3. Behold ev'n Tyrus and with it
 The land of Palestine,
 And likewise Ethiopia;
 This one was born therein.

4. This man and that was born in her,
 Of Zion they shall say;
 And He that is Himself Most High
 Shall stablish her for aye.

5. When God the people writes He'll count
 That this man born was there.
 The singers dancing say that all
 Our fountains in thee are.

THE BOOK OF PSALMS
PSALM 88

MARTYRDOM. C.M.

Hugh Wilson



1. Lord God my Sav-iour, day and night Be-fore Thee cried have I.



Be-fore Thee let my pray-er come; Give ear to this my cry.



2. For troubles great do fill my soul;
My life draws nigh the grave.
I'm counted with those that go down
To pit and no help have;

3. Cast off among the dead as slain,
Removed from off the land,
Whom Thou rememberest no more,
And severed from Thy hand.

4. Thou hast me laid in lowest pit,
In deeps and darksome caves;
Thy wrath lies hard on me, and I
Am pressed with all Thy waves.

5. Thou hast put far from me my friends,
Made me their scorn to know;
And I am so shut up that I
No longer forth can go.

6. By reason of affliction great
Mine eye doth waste away;
I call upon Jehovah's name
With hands spread forth each day.

Ezekiel 24

1 Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, write thee the name of the day, even of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day.

3 And utter a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Set on a pot, set it on, and also pour water into it:

4 Gather the pieces thereof into it, even every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it with the choice bones.

5 Take the choice of the flock, and burn also the bones under it, and make it boil well, and let them seethe the bones of it therein.

6 Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose scum is therein, and whose scum is not gone out of it! bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall upon it.

7 For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the top of a rock; she poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with dust;

⁸ That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance; I have set her blood upon the top of a rock, that it should not be covered.

⁹ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the bloody city! I will even make the pile for fire great.

¹⁰ Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned.

¹¹ Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and that the filthiness of it may be molten in it, that the scum of it may be consumed.

¹² She hath wearied herself with lies, and her great scum went not forth out of her: her scum shall be in the fire.

¹³ In thy filthiness is lewdness: because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till I have caused my fury to rest upon thee.

¹⁴ I the LORD have spoken it: it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord GOD.

¹⁵ Also the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

¹⁶ Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down.

¹⁷ Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, bind the tire of thine head upon thee, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not thy lips, and eat not the bread of men.

¹⁸ So I spake unto the people in the morning: and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

¹⁹ And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these things are to us, that thou doest so?

²⁰ Then I answered them, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

²¹ Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall fall by the sword.

²² And ye shall do as I have done: ye shall not cover your lips, nor eat the bread of men.

²³ And your tires shall be upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet: ye shall not mourn nor weep; but ye shall pine away for your iniquities, and mourn one toward another.

²⁴ Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign: according to all that he hath done shall ye do: and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord God.

²⁵ Also, thou son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters,

²⁶ That he that escapeth in that day shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears?

²⁷ In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

John 3

1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

⁹ Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

¹⁰ Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

¹¹ Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

¹² If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

¹³ And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

¹⁵ That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

22 After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.

23 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

24 For John was not yet cast into prison.

25 Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying.

26 And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him.

27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.

29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.

32 And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.

33 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.

34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

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PATMOS. C.M.

Arr. from a Gregorian Chant



7. Wilt Thou show won-ders to the dead? Shall they rise and Thee bless?



Shall in the grave Thy love be told? In death Thy faith- ful - ness?



8. Shall Thy great wonders in the dark,
Or shall Thy righteousness
Be known to any in the land
Of deep forgetfulness?

9. But, Lord, to Thee I cried; my prayer
Each morn shall rise to Thee.
Why, Lord, dost Thou cast off my soul?
Why hide Thy face from me?

10. Distressed am I, and from my youth
I ready am to die;
Thy terrors I have borne and am
Distracted fearfully.

11. By Thy fierce wrath I'm overwhelmed,
Cut off by dread of Thee;
Like floods Thy terrors round me close;
All day they compass me.

12. My friends Thou hast put far from me
And him that did me love;
And those that mine acquaintance were
To darkness didst remove.

Hebrews 10

1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.

3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.

4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

⁸ Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;

⁹ Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

¹⁰ By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

¹¹ And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

¹² But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

¹³ From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

¹⁴ For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

¹⁵ Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

¹⁶ This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

¹⁷ And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

¹⁸ Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

¹⁹ Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

²¹ And having an high priest over the house of God;

²² Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

²³ Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

²⁵ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

²⁶ For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

²⁷ But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

²⁸ He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

²⁹ Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

³⁰ For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

³² But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;

³³ Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.

³⁴ For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

³⁵ Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

³⁶ For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

³⁷ For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

³⁸ Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

³⁹ But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

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PSALM 90

ST. CATHERINE. 8,8,8,8,8,8.

James G. Walton

1. Lord, Thou hast been our dwell-ing place Through all the a-ges of our race.

Be-fore the moun-tains had their birth, Or ev-er Thou hadst formed the earth,

From years which no be-gin-ning had To years un-end-ing, Thou art God.

2. Thou turnest man to dust again;
And say'st, Return, ye sons of men.
As yesterday, when past, appears,
So are to Thee a thousand years;
They like a day are in Thy sight.
Yea, like a passing watch by night.
3. As with a flood Thou mak'st them pass;
They like a sleep are; like the grass
That in the morning may be seen
To grow and flourish fresh and green;
At morn its growing blades arise;
At eve cut down it withered lies.
4. For in Thine anger we're consumed,
And by Thy wrath to trouble doomed.
Our sins Thou in Thy sight dost place,
Our secret faults before Thy face;
For in Thy wrath our days we spend;
Yea, like a sigh our years we end.
5. Threescore and ten the years we see,
Or if by strength fourscore they be,
Their pride is labor, grief, decay;

For soon 'tis gone,—we fly away.
Who knows the power Thine anger
As is Thy fear so is Thy wrath. [hath?

6. O teach Thou us to count our days,
And set our hearts on wisdom's ways.
How long, O Lord? Return, relent,
And for Thy servants' sake repent.
O fill us early with Thy grace,
And we'll have gladness all our days.
7. According to the days wherein
Thou hast afflicted us for sin,
The years of evil and of grief,
Now make us glad and send relief.
Thy doings to Thy servants show:
Thy glory let their children know.
8. So let there be on us bestowed
The beauty of the Lord our God.
Our handiwork, O let it be
Established evermore by Thee;
Yea, let our handiwork now be
Established evermore by Thee.

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NEW JERUSALEM. C.M.

R. S. Taylor

1. The lov-ing-kind-ness of the Lord For-ev-er I will sing;
Thy faith-ful-ness to ev'-ry age My mouth in song shall bring.

2. For mercy shall be built, said I,
Forever to endure;
Thy faithfulness ev'n in the heav'ns
Thou wilt establish sure.
3. I with My chosen one have made
A cov'nant graciously;
And to My servant whom I loved,
To David sworn have I:
4. Thy seed I will establish firm,
Forever to remain;
And unto generations all
Thy throne I will maintain.
5. The praises of Thy wonders, Lord,
The heav'ns shall express,
And in the throng of holy ones
Thy faithfulness confess.
6. Who with the Lord can be compared
In all the lofty sky?
And who among the sons of might
Is like the Lord Most High?
7. In council of the holy ones
He is a God revered,
Above all them that round Him stand
Most greatly to be feared.

ST. MAGNUS. C. M.

Jeremiah Clarke



8. O who, Je - ho - vah, God of hosts, Is like to Thee in might?



And Thou, O Lord, art gird - ed round With faith- ful - ness and right!



9. For o'er the proudly swelling sea
Thou rulest at Thy will;
And when its raging billows rise
Thou biddest them be still.

13. Thy hand is strong and lifted high;
Thou hast an arm of might.
Before Thee truth and mercy go;
Thy throne is based on right.

10. In pieces Thou didst Egypt break,
Like one in battle slain;
And all Thy foes Thy mighty arm
Hath scattered in disdain.

14. O greatly blessed the people are
The joyful sound that know;
In brightness of Thy face, O Lord,
They ever on shall go.

11. The heav'ns above belong to Thee;
The earth is all Thine own;
The world with all that it contains
Was formed by Thee alone.

15. Yea, they rejoice in Thy great name
With gladness all the day;
And in Thy perfect righteousness
Exalted high are they.

12. By Thy command the north and south
At first to being came;
Both Tabor mount and Hermon hill
Rejoice in Thy great name.

16. Because the glory of their strength
Doth only stand in Thee;
And in Thy favor shall our horn
And power exalted be.

17. Our shield belongeth to the Lord,
And He will safety bring;
And unto Isr'el's Holy One
Belongs our chosen king.

Matthew 3

1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,

6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

¹⁰ And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

¹² Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

¹³ Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

¹⁴ But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

¹⁵ And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

¹⁶ And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

¹⁷ And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Joshua 11

1 And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard those things, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph,

2 And to the kings that were on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west,

3 And to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and to the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, and to the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpeh.

4 And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that is upon the sea shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many.

5 And when all these kings were met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

6 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

⁷ So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly; and they fell upon them.

⁸ And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto great Zidon, and unto Misrephothaim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining.

⁹ And Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

¹⁰ And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms.

¹¹ And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them: there was not any left to breathe: and he burnt Hazor with fire.

¹² And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, and he utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded.

¹³ But as for the cities that stood still in their strength, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only; that did Joshua burn.

¹⁴ And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe.

¹⁵ As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

¹⁶ So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same;

¹⁷ Even from the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baalgad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and smote them, and slew them.

¹⁸ Joshua made war a long time with all those kings.

¹⁹ There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon: all other they took in battle.

²⁰ For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, as the LORD commanded Moses.

²¹ And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities.

²² There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained.

²³ So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

18. Thou saidst in vision to Thy saints, De-liv-er-ance I laid Up-on a mighty
 one raised up, Of whom I choice have made. 19. My serv-ant Dav-id I have found And
 have a-noint-ed king; My hand shall ev-er be with him And strength Mine arm shall bring.

20. The foe shall not exact from him,
 Nor son of mischief wrong;
 His haters I will smite, and crush
 His adversaries strong.

21. My mercy and My faithfulness
 With him shall ever be;
 And in My name his kingly power
 Exalted they shall see.

22. I also will impose his hand
 Upon the mighty sea;
 And I will set his strong right hand
 Where'er the rivers be.

23. Thou art my Father and my God,
 He unto Me shall cry;
 Thou also art the rock on which
 For safety I rely.

24. I'll make him My first born, more high
 Than kings of any land;
 My love I'll ever keep for him;
 My cov'nant fast shall stand.

25. And I will also make his seed
 Forever to endure;

And as the days of heavèn are
 His throne shall stand secure.

26. But if his seed forsake My law
 Nor walk as I ordain;
 If they My statutes disobey
 And My commands profane;

27. Then for their faults I'll visit them;
 My rod I'll on them lay;
 And I will their iniquity
 With heavy stripes repay.

28. Yet I'll not take My love from him
 Nor false My promise make;
 I will not break My covenant
 Nor change the word I spoke.

29. Once by My holiness I swear;
 To David I'll not lie;
 His seed and throne shall still endure
 While lasts the sun on high.

30. It like the moon shall ever be
 Established most secure;
 And like the witness in the sky
 It ever shall endure.

Deuteronomy 21

1 If one be found slain in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it, lying in the field, and it be not known who hath slain him:

2 Then thy elders and thy judges shall come forth, and they shall measure unto the cities which are round about him that is slain:

3 And it shall be, that the city which is next unto the slain man, even the elders of that city shall take an heifer, which hath not been wrought with, and which hath not drawn in the yoke;

4 And the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer unto a rough valley, which is neither eared nor sown, and shall strike off the heifer's neck there in the valley:

5 And the priests the sons of Levi shall come near; for them the LORD thy God hath chosen to minister unto him, and to bless in the name of the LORD; and by their word shall every controversy and every stroke be tried:

6 And all the elders of that city, that are next unto the slain man, shall wash their hands over the heifer that is beheaded in the valley:

⁷ And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it.

⁸ Be merciful, O LORD, unto thy people Israel, whom thou hast redeemed, and lay not innocent blood unto thy people of Israel's charge. And the blood shall be forgiven them.

⁹ So shalt thou put away the guilt of innocent blood from among you, when thou shalt do that which is right in the sight of the LORD.

¹⁰ When thou goest forth to war against thine enemies, and the LORD thy God hath delivered them into thine hands, and thou hast taken them captive,

¹¹ And seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and hast a desire unto her, that thou wouldest have her to thy wife;

¹² Then thou shalt bring her home to thine house, and she shall shave her head, and pare her nails;

¹³ And she shall put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and shall remain in thine house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month: and after that thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife.

¹⁴ And it shall be, if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will; but thou shalt not sell her at all for money, thou shalt not make merchandise of her, because thou hast humbled her.

¹⁵ If a man have two wives, one beloved, and another hated, and they have born him children, both the beloved and the hated; and if the firstborn son be hers that was hated:

¹⁶ Then it shall be, when he maketh his sons to inherit that which he hath, that he may not make the son of the beloved firstborn before the son of the hated, which is indeed the firstborn:

¹⁷ But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.

¹⁸ If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them:

¹⁹ Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place;

²⁰ And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard.

²¹ And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

²² And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree:

²³ His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

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31. But Thine a - noint - ed Thou hast shamed, In an - ger cast him down,
 Thy serv - ant's cov - e - nant ab - horred, Pro - faned to earth his crown.

32. His hedges Thou hast broken through, 37. What man is he that liveth here
 His strongholds down hast torn; And death shall never see?
 By all that pass he is despoiled; Or from the pow'r of the grave
 He is his neighbor's scorn. What man his soul shall free?

33. Thou hast raised up his foes' right hand 38. Thy former lovingkindnesses,
 And given them delight. O Lord, where are they now?
 His sword is turned, and Thou hast left Those which in truth and faithfulness
 Him vanquished in the fight. To David sworn hast Thou?

34. His glory Thou hast made to cease, 39. Remember, Lord, Thy servants' shame
 His throne to earth cast down; And how in heart I bear
 Made short his days of youth, with The scornings of the peoples all
 Hast covered his renown. [shame Who great in number are.

40. And how Thine enemies reproached,
 Jehovah, think upon;
 Ev'n how they have reproached the
 Of Thine anointed one. [steps

35. How long, Lord, wilt Thou hide Thy-
 Forever in Thine ire? [self?
 And shall Thine indignation hot
 Burn like a flaming fire?

41. All blessings to Jehovah be
 Ascribed forever then;
 For evermore, so let it be.
 Amen, yea, and amen.

36. O keep in mind how short a time
 I shall on earth remain;
 O wherefore is it so that Thou
 Hast made all men in vain?