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Golden Text: Psalms 18:46

46 The LORD lives, blessed is my rock, high above all is God who saves me.

Responsive Reading: Nehemiah 9:6, 9, 11, 12, 15, 21, 23

⁶ Thou alone art the LORD; thou hast made heaven, the highest heaven with all its host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. Thou preservest all of them, and the host of heaven worships thee. ⁹ 'And thou didst see the misery of our forefathers in Egypt and didst hear their cry for help at the Red Sea [Or the Sea of Reeds], ¹¹ Thou didst tear the sea apart before them so that they went through the middle of it on dry ground; but thou didst cast their pursuers into the depths, like a stone cast into turbulent waters. ¹² Thou didst guide them by a pillar of cloud in the day-time and by a pillar of fire at night to give them light on the road by which they travelled. ¹⁵ Thou gavest them bread from heaven to stay their hunger and thou broughtest water out from a rock for them to quench their thirst, and thou didst bid them enter and take possession of the land which thou hadst solemnly sworn to give them. ²¹ Forty years long thou didst sustain them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing; their clothes did not wear out and their feet were not swollen. ²³ Thou didst multiply their descendants so that they became countless as the stars in the sky, bringing them into the land which thou didst promise to give to their forefathers as their possession.

Psalms 42:8

8 The LORD makes his unfailing love shine forth [makes ... forth: or entrusts me to his unfailing love] alike by day and night; his praise on my lips is a prayer to the God of my life.

Section 1: (1) Psalms 27:1

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is the refuge of my life; of whom then should I go in dread?

(2) Psalms 121:1-6, 8

1 If I lift up my eyes to the hills, where shall I find help? 2 Help comes only from the LORD, maker of heaven and earth. 3 How could he let your foot stumble? How could he, your guardian, sleep? 4 The guardian of Israel never slumbers, never sleeps. 5 The LORD is your guardian, your defence at your right hand; 6 the sun will not strike you by day nor the moon by night. 8 The LORD will guard your going and your coming, now and for evermore.

(3) Psalms 66:8, 9

8 Bless our God, all nations; let his praise be heard far and near. 9 He set us in the land of the living; he keeps our feet from stumbling.

(4) Isaiah 43:16, 19

16 Thus says the LORD, who opened a way in the sea and a path through mighty waters, 19 Here and now I will do a new thing; this moment it will break from the bud. Can you not perceive it? I will make a way even through the wilderness and paths in the barren desert;

Section 2: (5) Isaiah 40:8

8 the grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God endures for evermore.'

(6) Deuteronomy 30:14, 19, 20

¹⁴ It is a thing very near to you, upon your lips and in your heart ready to be kept. ¹⁹ I summon heaven and earth to witness against you this day: I offer you the choice of life or death, blessing or curse. Choose life and then you and your descendants will live; ²⁰ love the

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LORD your God, obey him and hold fast to him: that is life for you and length of days in the land which the LORD swore to give to your forefathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.'

(7) Romans 8:6

⁶ but those who live on the level of the spirit have the spiritual outlook, and that is life and peace.

Section 3: (8) Psalms 145:9, 14-16

9 The LORD is good to all men, and his tender care rests upon all his creatures. 14 In all his promises the LORD keeps faith, he is unchanging in all his works; the LORD holds up those who stumble and straightens backs which are bent. 15 The eyes of all are lifted to thee in hope, and thou givest them their food when it is due; 16 with open and bountiful hand thou givest what they desire [they desire: or thou wilt] to every living creature.

(9) 2 Kings 25:27-30

²⁷ In the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin king of Judah, on the twenty-seventh day of the twelfth month, Evil-merodach [Or Ewil-marduk] king of Babylon in the year of his accession showed favour to Jehoiachin king of Judah. He brought him out of prison, ²⁸ treated him kindly and gave him a seat at table above the kings with him in Babylon. ²⁹ So Jehoiachin discarded his prison clothes and lived as a pensioner of the king for the rest of his life. ³⁰ For his maintenance, a regular daily allowance was given him by the king as long as he lived.

(10) Psalms 84:11, 12

11 The LORD God is a battlement and a shield; grace and honour are his to give. The LORD will hold back no good thing from those whose life is blameless. 12 O LORD of Hosts, happy the man who trusts in thee!

(11) Psalms 55:16

16 But I will call upon God; the LORD will save me.

Section 4: (12) Luke 5:36-38

³⁶ He told them this parable also: 'No one tears a piece from a new cloak to patch an old one; if he does, he will have made a hole in the new cloak, and the patch from the new will not match the old. ³⁷ Nor does anyone put new wine into old wine-skins; if he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will be wasted, and the skins ruined. ³⁸ Fresh skins for new wine!

(13) Luke 12:32

³² 'Have no fear, little flock; for your Father has chosen to give you the Kingdom.

(14) Matthew 4:23

²³ He went round the whole of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and curing whatever illness or infirmity there was among the people.

(15) Matthew 9:20-22

²⁰ Then a woman who had suffered from haemorrhages for twelve years came up from behind, and touched the edge of his cloak; ²¹ for she said to herself, 'If I can only touch his cloak, I shall be cured.' ²² But Jesus turned and saw her, and said, 'My daughter, your faith has cured you.' And from that moment she recovered.

(16) 2 Corinthians 3:4, 5

⁴ It is in full reliance upon God, through Christ, that we make such claims. ⁵ There is no question of our being qualified in ourselves: we cannot claim anything as our own. The qualification we have comes from God;

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Section 5: (17) Isaiah 49:22

22 The Lord GOD says, Now is the time: I will beckon to the nations and hoist a signal to the peoples, and they shall bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders;

(18) Proverbs 3:25, 26

25 Do not be afraid when fools are frightened or when ruin comes upon the wicked; 26 for the LORD will be at your side, and he will keep your feet clear of the trap.

(19) Acts 5:12

¹² Many remarkable and wonderful things took place among the people at the hands of the apostles. THEY USED TO MEET by common consent in Solomon's Portico,

(20) Acts 13:49, 52

⁴⁹ So the word of the Lord spread far and wide through the region. ⁵² And the converts were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

(21) Acts 14:4, 19, 20, 27

⁴ The mass of the townspeople were divided, some siding with the Jews, others with the apostles. ¹⁹ Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came on the scene and won over the crowds. They stoned Paul, and dragged him out of the city, thinking him dead. ²⁰ The converts formed a ring round him, and he got to his feet and went into the city. Next day he left with Barnabas for Derbe. ²⁷ When they arrived and had called the congregation together, they reported all that God had done through them, and how he had thrown open the gates of faith to the Gentiles.

(22) Acts 16:9, 10, 14, 15

⁹ During the night a vision came to Paul: a Macedonian stood there appealing to him and saying, 'Come across

to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ After he had seen this vision we at once set about getting a passage to Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to bring them the good news. ¹⁴ One of them named Lydia, a dealer in purple fabric from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshipper of God, was listening, and the Lord opened her heart to respond to what Paul said. ¹⁵ She was baptized, and her household with her, and then she said to us, 'If you have judged me to be a believer in the Lord, I beg you to come and stay in my house.' And she insisted on our going.

(23) Colossians 3:1, 3, 4

¹ Were you not raised to life with Christ? Then aspire to the realm above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God, ³ I repeat, you died; and now your life lies hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is our life, is manifested, then you too will be manifested with him in glory.

Section 6: (24) 2 Corinthians 9:8

⁸ And it is in God's power to provide you richly with every good gift; thus you will have ample means in yourselves to meet each and every situation, with enough and to spare for every good cause.

(25) Revelation 22:17

'Come!' say the Spirit and the bride. 'Come!' let each hearer reply. Come forward, you who are thirsty; accept the water of life, a free gift to all who desire it.

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