

Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:  
Both low and high, rich and poor, together.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation  
of my heart shall be of understanding.

I will incline mine ear to a parable:  
I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

Wherefore should I fear in the days  
of evil, when the iniquity of my heels  
shall compass me about?

They that trust in their wealth,  
and boast themselves in the multitude  
of their riches; None of them can by  
any means redeem his brother,  
nor give to God a ransom for him:  
(For the redemption of their soul is  
precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)

That he should still live for ever, and not  
see corruption. For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool  
and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.  
Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever,  
and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands  
after their own names.

Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not:  
he is like the beasts that perish. This their way  
is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings.

Selah. Like sheep they are laid in the grave;  
death shall feed on them; and the upright  
shall have dominion over them in the morning;  
and their beauty shall consume in the grave  
from their dwelling. But God will redeem  
my soul from the power of the grave:  
for he shall receive me. Selah.

Be not thou afraid when one is made rich,  
when the glory of his house is increased;  
For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away:  
his glory shall not descend after him.

Though while he lived he blessed his soul:  
and men will praise thee, when  
thou doest well to thyself. He shall  
go to the generation of his fathers;  
they shall never see light. Man that is in  
honour, and understandeth not, is like  
the beasts that perish.

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