

**Becoming A Brilliant Star**  
**Selections from Jewish Scriptures**

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## General

God said, 'Let us make man with our image and likeness. Let him dominate the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock animals, and all the earth - and every land animal that walks the earth.'

Bereshit (Genesis) 1: 26 Kaplan

And G-d said: 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.'

Bereshit (Genesis) 1: 26 Kaplan

God [thus] created man with His image. In the image of God, He created him, male and female He created them. God blessed them. God said to them, 'Be fertile and become many. Fill the land and conquer it. Dominate the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every beast that walks the land.'

Bereshit (Genesis) 1: 27-28 Kaplan

And G-d created man in His own image, in the image of G-d created He him; male and female created He them. And G-d blessed them; and G-d said unto them: 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that creepeth upon the earth.'

Bereshit (Genesis) 1: 27-28 JPS

This is HaShem's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which HaShem hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Tehilim (Psalms) 118: 23-24 JPS

I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains: from whence shall my help come? My help cometh from HaShem, who made heaven and earth.

Tehilim (Psalms) 121: 1-2 JPS

HaShem is thy keeper; HaShem is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

Tehilim (Psalms) 121: 5-6 JPS

HaShem shall keep thee from all evil; He shall keep thy soul. HaShem shall guard thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth and for ever.

Tehilim (Psalms) 121: 7-8 JPS

HaShem is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my G-d, my rock, in Him I take refuge; my shield, and my horn of salvation, my high tower.

Tehilim (Psalms) 2) 18: 3 JPS

Shout unto HaShem, all the earth. Serve HaShem with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

Tehilim (Psalms) 100: 1-2 JPS

Know ye that HaShem He is G-d; it is He that hath made us, and we our His, His people, and the flock of His pasture.

Tehilim (Psalms) 100: 3 JPS

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; give thanks unto Him, and bless His name.

For HaShem is good; His mercy endureth for ever; and His faithfulness unto all generations.

Tehilim (Psalms) 100: 4-5 JPS

For the commandment is a lamp, and the teaching is light, and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 6: 23 JPS

Trust in HaShem with all thy heart, and lean  
not upon thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He  
will direct thy paths.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 3: 5-6 JPS

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is riotous;  
and whosoever reeleth thereby is not wise.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 20: 1 JPS

The sun will set without my assistance.

The Talmud

Beloved is man, for he was created in the  
image of God. But it was by a special love  
that it was made known to him that he was  
created in the image of God.

Mishnah, Abot 3: 18

## Character

God spoke to Moses, telling him to speak to the entire Israelite community and say to them:

“You must be holy, since I am God your Lord [and] I am holy.”

Vayikra (Leviticus) 19: 1-2 Kaplan

“Do not take revenge nor bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbor as [you love] yourself. I am God.”

Vayikra (Leviticus) 19: 18 Kaplan

‘And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us.’

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6: 25  
Kaplan

[Y]ou must keep the Torah as they interpret it for you, and follow the laws that they legislate for you. Do not stray to the right or left from the word that they declare to you.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 17: 11  
Kaplan

When thou vowest a vow unto G-d, defer not to pay it; for He hath no pleasure in fools; pay that which thou vowest. Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay.

Keholet (Ecclesiastes) 5: 3-4 JPS

Fret not thyself because of evil-doers, neither be thou envious against them that work unrighteousness. For they shall soon wither like the grass, and fade as the green herb.

Tehilim (Psalms) 37: 1-2 JPS

Do not envy a man of violence and do not choose any of his ways; for the perverse man is an abomination to the LORD, but the upright are in his confidence.

Misheli (Proverbs) 3: 31-32 RSV

He that walketh uprightly walketh securely; but he that perverteth his ways shall be found out.

Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 9 JPS

The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver; the heart of the wicked is little worth.

Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 20 JPS

It is as sport to a fool to do wickedness, and so is wisdom to a man of discernment.

Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 23 JPS

Evil pursueth sinners; but to the righteous good shall be repaid.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 13: 21 JPS

Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity than he that is perverse in his lips and a fool at the same time.

Misheli (Proverbs) 19: 1 JPS

The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 21: 25 JPS

There is that coveteth greedily all the day long; but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 21: 26 JPS

He that walketh in his integrity as a just man, happy are his children after him.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 20: 7 JPS

He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity; and the rod of his wrath shall fail.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 22: 8 JPS

Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 28: 6 JPS

He that covereth his transgressions shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall obtain mercy.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 28: 13 JPS

Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved; but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 28: 18 JPS

There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet are not washed from their filthiness.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 30: 12 JPS

But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand.

Yisheyah (Isaiah) 32: 8 JPS

Hillel said, "Be of the disciples of Aaron—one that loves peace, that loves mankind, and brings them nigh to the Law."

Mishnah, Abot 1:12

As God is called merciful and gracious, so you be merciful and gracious, offering gifts gratis to all; as the Lord is called righteous and loving, so you be righteous and loving.

Midrash, Sifre Deuteronomy

## Style

But HaShem said unto Samuel: 'Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have rejected him; for it is not as man seeth: for man looketh on the outward appearance, but HaShem looketh on the heart.'

Shmuel A (Samuel I) 16: 7 JPS

Grace is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth HaShem, she shall be praised.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 31: 30 JPS

## Spirit

Moses said to God, 'So I will go to the Israelites and say, 'Your fathers' God sent me to you.' They will immediately ask me what His name is. What shall I say to them?'

'I Will Be Who I Will Be,' replied God to Moses. God then] explained, 'This is what you must say to the Israelites: *'I Will Be sent me to you.'*

Shemot (Exodus) 3: 13-14 Kaplan

God then said to Moses, 'You must [then] say to the Israelites, 'YHVH, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, sent me to you.' This is My eternal name, and this is how I am to be recalled for all generations.

Shemot (Exodus) 3: 15 Kaplan

Listen, Israel, God is our Lord, God is One. Love God your Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6: 4-5  
Kaplan

The fool hath said in his heart: 'There is no G-d'; they have dealt corruptly, they have done abominably; there is none that doeth good.

Tehilim (Psalms) 14: 1 JPS

Trust in HaShem, and do good; dwell in the land, and cherish faithfulness. So shalt thou delight thyself in HaShem; and He shall give thee the petitions of thy heart.

Tehilim (Psalms) 37: 3-4 JPS

Commit thy way unto HaShem; trust also in Him, and He will bring it to pass. And He will make thy righteousness to go forth as the light, and thy right as the noonday.

Tehilim (Psalms) 37: 5-6 JPS

Resign thyself unto HaShem, and wait

patiently for Him; fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Tehilim (Psalms) 37: 7 JPS

My son, despise not the chastening of HaShem, neither spurn thou His correction; For whom HaShem loveth He correcteth, even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 3: 11-12 JPS

The name of HaShem is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is set up on high.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 18: 10 JPS

He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 28: 9 JPS

Happy is the man that feareth alway; but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into evil.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 28: 14 JPS

Take thou away from Me the noise of thy songs; and let Me not hear the melody of thy psalteries. But let justice well up as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

Amos 5: 23-24 JPS

Just as God fills the whole world, so the soul fills the body. Just as God sees, but is not seen, so the soul sees, but is not itself seen. Just as God feeds the whole world, so the soul feeds the whole body. Just as God is pure, so the soul is pure. Just as God dwells in the innermost precincts [of the Temple], so also the soul dwells in the innermost part of the body.

Talmud, Berakot 10a

Let a man always consider himself as if the  
Holy One dwells within him.

Talmud, Ta'anit 11b

It matters not whether a man does much or  
little, if only he directs his heart toward  
Heaven.

Talmud



## Physical

## Cognition

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy ways prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Yehoshua (Joshua) 1: 8 JPS

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith HaShem.

Yisheyah (Isaiah) 55: 8 JPS

To know wisdom and instruction; to comprehend the words of understanding; To receive the discipline of wisdom, justice, and right, and equity;

Misheli (Proverbs) 1: 2-3 JPS

The fear of HaShem is the beginning of knowledge; but the foolish despise wisdom and discipline.

Misheli (Proverbs) 1: 7 JPS

Turn you at my reproof; behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

Misheli (Proverbs) 1: 23 JPS

For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of HaShem; They would none of my counsel, they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

Misheli (Proverbs) 1: 29-31 JPS

The beginning of wisdom is: Get wisdom; yea, with all thy getting get understanding.

Misheli (Proverbs): 4: 7 JPS

My son, attend unto my wisdom; incline thine ear to my understanding;

That thou mayest preserve discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.

Misheli (Proverbs) 5: 1-2 JPS

Wise men lay up knowledge; but the mouth of the foolish is an imminent ruin.

Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 14 JPS

The wages of the righteous is life; the increase of the wicked is sin.

Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 16 JPS

He is in the way of life that heedeth instruction; but he that forsaketh reproof erreth.

Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 17 JPS

Every prudent man dealeth with forethought; but a fool unfoldeth folly.

Misheli (Proverbs) 13: 16 JPS

Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction; but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

Misheli (Proverbs) 13: 18 JPS

A fool hath no delight in understanding, but only that his heart may lay itself bare.

Misheli (Proverbs) 18: 2 JPS

Also, that the soul be without knowledge is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth.

Misheli (Proverbs) 19: 2 JPS

He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul; he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

Misheli (Proverbs) 19: 8 JPS

Apply thy heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

Misheli (Proverbs) 23: 12 JPS

Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thy heart in the way.

Misheli (Proverbs) 23: 19 JPS

Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

Misheli (Proverbs) 23: 23 JPS

Through wisdom is a house builded; and by understanding it is established; And by knowledge are the chambers filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Misheli (Proverbs) 24: 3-4 JPS

A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength. For with wise advice thou shalt make thy war; and in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

Misheli (Proverbs) 24: 5-6 JPS

My son, eat thou honey, for it is good, and the honeycomb is sweet to thy taste; So know thou wisdom to be unto thy soul; if thou hast found it, then shall there be a future, and thy hope shall not be cut off.

Misheli (Proverbs) 24: 13-14 JPS

He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool; but whoso walketh wisely, he shall escape.

Misheli (Proverbs) 28: 26 JPS

## Affect

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalms 16: 11 NKJV

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

Psalms 40: 1-2 RSV

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods!

Psalms 40: 3-4 RSV

Thou hast multiplied, O LORD my God, thy wondrous deeds and thy thoughts toward us; none can compare with thee! Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be numbered.

Psalms 40: 5 RSV

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Misheli (Proverbs) 9: 10 RSV

Hatred stirreth up strifes; but love covereth all transgressions.

Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 12 JPS

Hope deferred maketh the heart sick; but desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

Misheli (Proverbs) 13: 12 JPS

Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, and before honour goeth humility.

Misheli (Proverbs) 18: 12 JPS

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Misheli (Proverbs) 15: 1 JPS

My son, if thy heart be wise, my heart will be glad, even mine; Yea, my reins will rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

Misheli (Proverbs) 23: 15-16 JPS

For surely there is a future; and thy hope shall not be cut off.

Misheli (Proverbs) 23: 18 JPS

Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

Misheli (Proverbs) 20: 5 JPS

Is not thy fear of G-d thy confidence, and thy hope the integrity of thy ways?

Eyov (Job) 4: 6 JPS

The Holy Spirit rests on him only who has a joyous heart.

Jerusalem Talmud, Sukkot 5: 1

## Conation

Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid or feel insecure before them. God your Lord is the One who is going with you, and He will not fail you or forsake you.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 31: 6  
Kaplan

Be strong and brave, since you will be the one to bring this nation to the land that God swore to their fathers that He would give it to them. You will be the one to parcel it out to them.

Deuteronomy 31: 7 Kaplan

Be strong and brave, since you will bring the Israelites to the land that I promised them, and I will be with you.

Deuteronomy 31: 23 Kaplan

“Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.”

Joshua 1: 6-7 NKJV

‘Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not affrighted, neither be thou dismayed: for HaShem thy G-d is with thee whithersoever thou goest.’

Yehoshua (Joshua) 1: 9 JPS

‘Whosoever he be that shall rebel against thy commandment, and shall not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death; only be strong and of good courage.’

Yehoshua (Joshua) 1: 18 JPS

And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

Joshua 2: 11 KJV

And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.

Joshua 10: 25 KJV

“Be of good courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And may the Lord do what is good in His sight.”

Samuel II 10: 12 NKJV

For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me; when you seek me with all your heart...

Jeremiah 29: 11-13 RSV

“Be strong, and let us show ourselves courageous for the sake of our people and for the cities of our God; and may the LORD do what is good in His sight.”

Chronicles I 19: 13 ASB

“Be of good courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And may the Lord do what is good in His sight.”

Chronicles I 22: 13 NKJV

Then David said to Solomon his son, “Be strong and of good courage, and do it. Fear

not, be not dismayed; for the LORD God, even my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished.

Chronicles I 28: 20 RSV

When Asa heard these words, the prophecy of Azari'ah the son of Oded, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities which he had taken in the hill country of E'phraim, and he repaired the altar of the LORD that was in front of the vestibule of the house of the LORD.

Chronicles II 15: 8 RSV

'Arise; for the matter belongeth unto thee, and we are with thee; be of good courage, and do it.'

Ezra (Ezra) 10: 4 JPS

If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small indeed.

Misheli (Proverbs) 24: 10 JPS

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yea, wait for the LORD!

Psalms 27: 14 RSV

O love HaShem, all ye His godly ones; HaShem preserveth the faithful, and plentifully repayeth him that acteth haughtily.

Tehilim (Psalms) 31: 24 JPS

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all ye that wait for HaShem.

Tehilim (Psalms) 31: 25 RSV

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard that the everlasting G-d, HaShem, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? His discernment is past searching out.

Yisheyah (Isaiah) 40: 28 JPS

[T]hey that wait for HaShem shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.

Yisheyah (Isaiah) 40: 31 JPS

[HaShem] giveth power to the faint; and to him that hath no might He increaseth strength.

Isaiah 40: 29 JPS

[T]hey that wait for HaShem shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.

Yisheyah (Isaiah) 40: 31 JPS

And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.

Daniel 11: 25 RSV

## Family

Praise the LORD. Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments!

His descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Psalms 112: 1-2 RSV

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and reject not your mother's teaching; for they are a fair garland for your head, and pendants for your neck.

Misheli (Proverbs): 1: 8-9 RSV

Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight; for I give you good precepts: do not forsake my teaching.

Misheli (Proverbs) 4: 1-2 RSV

When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one in the sight of my mother, he taught me, and said to me, "Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. Get wisdom; get insight.

Misheli (Proverbs) 4: 3-5 RSV

Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well.

Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets?

Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you.

Misheli (Proverbs) 5: 15-17 RSV

Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely hind, a graceful doe. Let her affection fill you at all times with delight, be infatuated always with her love.

Misheli (Proverbs) 5: 18-19 RSV

My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. Bind them upon your heart always; tie them about your neck.

Misheli (Proverbs) 6: 20-21 RSV

For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life, to preserve you from the evil woman, from the smooth tongue of the adventuress.

Misheli (Proverbs) 6: 23-24 RSV

A wise son maketh a glad father; but a foolish son is the grief of his mother.

Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 1 JPS

A wise son gathereth in summer; but a son that doeth shamefully sleepeth in harvest.

Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 5 JPS

A good wife is the crown of her husband, but she who brings shame is like rottenness in his bones.

Misheli (Proverbs) 12: 4 RSV

A wise son is instructed of his father; but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

Misheli (Proverbs) 13: 1 JPS

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children; and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the righteous.

Misheli (Proverbs) 13: 22 JPS

Every wise woman buildeth her house; but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

Misheli (Proverbs) 14: 1 JPS

Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

Misheli (Proverbs) 17: 6 JPS

A foolish son is the calamity of his father; and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.

Misheli (Proverbs) 19: 13 JPS

House and riches are the inheritance of fathers; but a prudent wife is from HaShem.

Misheli (Proverbs) 19: 14 JPS

He that walketh in his integrity as a just man, happy are his children after him.

Misheli (Proverbs) 20: 7 JPS

Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Misheli (Proverbs) 22: 6 JPS

Withhold not correction from the child; for though thou beat him with the rod, he will not die. Thou beatest him with the rod, and wilt deliver his soul from the nether-world.

Misheli (Proverbs) 23: 13-14 JPS

Hearken unto thy father that begot thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

Misheli (Proverbs) 23: 22 JPS

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; and he that begetteth a wise child will have joy of him.

Misheli (Proverbs) 23: 24 JPS

Let thy father and thy mother be glad, and let her that bore thee rejoice.

Misheli (Proverbs) 23: 25 JPS

There is a generation that curse their father, and do not bless their mother.

Misheli (Proverbs) 30: 11 JPS

A woman of valour who can find? for her

price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, and he hath no lack of gain. She doeth him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Misheli (Proverbs) 31: 10-12 JPS

[A good wife] seeketh wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchant-ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth food to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

Misheli (Proverbs) 31: 13-15 JPS

[A good wife] considereth a field, and buyeth it; with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and maketh strong her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good; her lamp goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.

Misheli (Proverbs) 31: 16-19 JPS

[A good wife] stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

She maketh for herself coverlets; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Misheli (Proverbs) 31: 20-22 JPS

[A good wife's] husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

Misheli (Proverbs) 31: 23 JPS



[A good wife] maketh linen garments and selleth them; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and dignity are her clothing; and she laugheth at the time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and the law of kindness is on her tongue. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Misheli (Proverbs) 31: 24-27 JPS

[A good wife's] children rise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her:

‘Many daughters have done valiantly, but thou excellest them all.’

Misheli (Proverbs) 31: 28-29 JPS

Grace is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth HaShem, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her works praise her in the gates.

Misheli (Proverbs) 31: 30-31 JPS

Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life which he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 9: 9 RSV

## Friendship

“Do not hate your brother in your heart. You must admonish your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him.”

Vayikra (Leviticus) 19: 17 Kaplan

Do not take revenge nor bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbor as [you love] yourself. I am God.

Vayikra (Leviticus) 19: 18 Kaplan

Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow...

Keholet (Ecclesiastes) 4: 9-10 JPS

[I]f a man prevail against him that is alone, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Keholet (Ecclesiastes) 4: 12 JPS

Every one helps his neighbor, and says to his brother, “Take courage!”

Isaiah 41: 6 RSV

The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Misheli (Proverbs) 12: 26 NKJV

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise; but the companion of fools shall smart for it.

Misheli (Proverbs) 13: 20 JPS

He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth; but he that is gracious unto the humble, happy is he.

Misheli (Proverbs) 14: 21 JPS

There are friends that one hath to his own hurt; but there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Misheli (Proverbs) 18: 24 JPS

It is an honour for a man to keep aloof from strife; but every fool will be snarling.

Misheli (Proverbs) 20: 3 JPS

Make no friendship with a man that is given to anger; and with a wrathful man thou shalt not go; Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

Misheli (Proverbs) 22: 24-25 JPS

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are importunate.

Misheli (Proverbs) 27: 6 JPS

Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart; so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.

Misheli (Proverbs) 27: 9 JPS

Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity; better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off.

Misheli (Proverbs) 27: 10 JPS

Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

Misheli (Proverbs) 27: 17 JPS

Rabbi Baruqa of Huza often went to the marketplace at Lapet. One day, the prophet Elijah appeared to him there, and Rabbi Baruqa asked him, "Is there anyone among all these people who will have a share in the World to Come?" Elijah answered, "There is none." Later, two men came to the marketplace, and Elijah said to Rabbi Baruqa, "Those two will have a share in the World to Come!" Rabbi Baruqa asked the newcomers, "What is your occupation?" They replied, "We are clowns. When we see someone who is sad, we cheer him up. When we see two people quarreling, we try to make peace between them."

Talmud, Ta'anit 22a

A certain heathen came to Shammai and said to him, "Make me a proselyte, on condition that you teach me the whole Torah while I stand on one foot." Thereupon he repulsed him with the rod which was in his hand. When he went to Hillel, he said to him, "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor: that is the whole Torah; all the rest of it is commentary; go and learn."

Talmud, Shabbat 31a

## Career/Work

God took the man and placed him in the Garden of Eden to work it and watch it.

Genesis 2: 15 Kaplan

‘HaShem recompense thy work, and be thy reward complete from HaShem, the G-d of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to take refuge.’

Ruth (Ruth) 2: 12 JPS

Even one that is slack in his work is brother to him that is a destroyer.

Misheli (Proverbs) 18: 9 JPS

Behold, what I have seen to be good and to be fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life which God has given him, for this is his lot.

Ecclesiastes 5: 18 RSV

No labor, however humble, is dishonoring.

The Talmud

## Finances/Wealth

You must thus meditate on the fact that just as a man might chastise his child, so God your Lord is chastising you. Safeguard the commandments of God your Lord, so that you will walk in His ways and remain in awe of Him.

Deuteronomy 8: 5-6 Kaplan

Be careful that you not forget God your Lord, not keeping His commandments, decrees and laws, which I am prescribing to you today. You may then eat and be satisfied, building fine houses and living in them.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 8: 11-12  
Kaplan

[Be careful that you not] say to yourself, 'It was my own strength and personal power that brought me all this prosperity.'

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 8: 17  
Kaplan

You must remember that it is God your Lord who gives you the power to become prosperous. He does this so as to keep the covenant that He made with an oath to your fathers, even as [He is keeping it] today.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 8: 18  
Kaplan

When...any of your brothers is poor, do not harden your heart or shut your hand against your needy brother. Open your hand generously, and extend to him any credit he needs to take care of his wants.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 15: 7-8  
Kaplan

The poor will never cease to exist in the land, so I am commanding you to open your

hand generously to your poor and destitute brother in your land.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 15: 11  
Kaplan

Each person shall bring his hand-delivered gift, depending on the blessing that God your Lord grants you.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 16: 17  
Kaplan

“Go back to your homes with much wealth, and with very many cattle, with silver, gold, bronze, and iron, and with much clothing; divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren.”

Joshua 22: 8 RSV

I will extol thee, O LORD, for thou hast drawn me up, and hast not let my foes rejoice over me.

Psalms 30: 1 RSV

O LORD my God, I cried to thee for help, and thou hast healed me.

Psalms 30: 2 RSV

O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Psalms 30: 3 RSV

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

Psalms 30: 4 RSV

By thy favor, O LORD, thou hadst established me as a strong mountain; thou didst hide thy face, I was dismayed.

Psalms 30: 7 RSV

Vindicate me, O LORD, my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me!

Psalms 35: 24 RSV

Let them be put to shame and confusion  
altogether who rejoice at my calamity! Let  
them be clothed with shame and dishonor  
who magnify themselves against me!

Psalms 35: 26 RSV

Let those who desire my vindication shout  
for joy and be glad, and say evermore,  
“Great is the LORD, who delights in the  
welfare of his servant!”

Then my tongue shall tell of thy  
righteousness and of thy praise all the  
day long.

Psalms 35: 27-28 RSV

Happy is he that considereth the poor;  
HaShem will deliver him in the day of evil.

Tehilim (Psalms) 41: 2 JPS

Thou art my King and my God, who  
ordainest victories for Jacob.

Through thee we push down our foes;  
through thy name we tread down our  
assailants.

Psalms 44: 4-5 RSV

For not in my bow do I trust, nor can my  
sword save me.  
But thou hast saved us from our foes, and  
hast put to confusion those who hate us.

Psalms 44: 6-7 RSV

In God we have boasted continually, and we  
will give thanks to thy name for ever.

[Selah]

Psalms 44: 8 RSV

Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all  
inhabitants of the world, both low and  
high, rich and poor together!

Hear this, all ye peoples; give ear, all ye  
inhabitants of the world,

Both low and high, rich and poor together.  
My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the  
meditation of my heart shall be  
understanding.

Tehilim (Psalms) 49: 2-4 JPS

Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil,  
when the iniquity of my supplanters  
compasseth me about,  
Of them that trust in their wealth, and boast  
themselves in the multitude of their  
riches?

Tehilim (Psalms) 49: 6-7 JPS

No man can by any means redeem his  
brother, nor give to G-d a ransom for  
him--

For too costly is the redemption of their  
soul, and must be let alone for ever--  
That he should still live alway, that he  
should not see the pit.

Tehilim (Psalms) 49: 8-10 JPS

For he seeth that wise men die, the fool and  
the brutish together perish, and leave their  
wealth to others.

Tehilim (Psalms) 49: 11 JPS

But man abideth not in honour; he is like the  
beasts that perish.

Tehilim (Psalms) 49: 13 JPS

But G-d will redeem my soul from the  
power of the nether-world; for He shall  
receive me. Selah

Tehilim (Psalms) 49: 16 JPS

Be not thou afraid when one waxeth rich,  
when the wealth of his house is  
increased;  
For when he dieth he shall carry nothing  
away; his wealth shall not descend after  
him.  
Tehilim (Psalms) 49: 17-18 JPS

Light rises in the darkness for the upright;  
the LORD is gracious, merciful, and  
righteous.  
Psalms 112: 4 RSV

It is well with the man who deals generously  
and lends, who conducts his affairs with  
justice.  
For the righteous will never be moved; he  
will be remembered for ever.  
Psalms 112: 5-6 RSV

Save us, we beseech thee, O LORD! O  
LORD, we beseech thee, give us success!  
Psalms 118: 25 RSV

Blessed be he who enters in the name of the  
LORD! We bless you from the house of the  
LORD.  
Psalms 118: 26 RSV

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they  
prosper who love you!  
Peace be within your walls, and security  
within your towers!"  
Psalms 122: 6-7 RSV

For my brethren and companions' sake I  
will say, "Peace be within you!"  
For the sake of the house of the LORD our  
God, I will seek your good.  
Psalms 122: 8-9 RSV

Honor the LORD with your substance and  
with the first fruits of all your produce; then

your barns will be filled with plenty, and  
your vats will be bursting with wine.  
Misheli (Proverbs) 3: 9-10 RSV

Treasures of wickedness profit nothing; but  
righteousness delivereth from death.  
Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 2 JPS

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack  
hand; but the hand of the diligent maketh  
rich.  
Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 4 JPS

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his  
children's children; and the wealth of the  
sinner is laid up for the righteous.  
Misheli (Proverbs) 13: 22 JPS

Wealth addeth many friends; but as for the  
poor, his friend separateth himself from him.  
Misheli (Proverbs) 19: 4 JPS

He that is gracious unto the poor lendeth  
unto HaShem; and his good deed will He  
repay unto him.  
Misheli (Proverbs) 19: 17 JPS

He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack;  
but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a  
curse.  
Misheli (Proverbs) 28: 27 JPS

The blessing of HaShem, it maketh rich, and  
toil addeth nothing thereto.  
Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 22 JPS

The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is  
a fleeting vapor and a snare of death.  
Misheli (Proverbs) 21: 6 RSV

The rich ruleth over the poor, and the  
borrower is servant to the lender.  
Misheli (Proverbs) 22: 7 JPS

A faithful man shall abound with blessings;

but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be unpunished.

Misheli (Proverbs) 28: 20 JPS

He that hath an evil eye hasteneth after riches, and knoweth not that want shall come upon him.

Misheli (Proverbs) 28: 22 JPS

He that tilleth his ground shall have plenty of bread; but he that followeth after vain things shall have poverty enough.

Misheli (Proverbs) 28: 19 JPS

And on that day a great panic from the LORD shall fall on them, so that each will lay hold on the hand of his fellow, and the hand of the one will be raised against the hand of the other; even Judah will fight against Jerusalem. And the wealth of all the nations round about shall be collected, gold, silver, and garments in great abundance.

Zechariah 14: 14 RSV

Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.

Malachi 3: 10 RSV



## Social

God said to Moses, ‘Come up to Me, to the mountain, and remain there. I will give you the stone tablets, the Torah and the commandment that I have written for [the people’s] instruction.’

Shemot (Exodus) 24: 12 Kaplan

You shall have one law for him who does anything unwittingly, for him who is native among the people of Israel, and for the stranger who sojourns among them.

Numbers 15: 29 RSV

“Take good care to observe the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways...”

Joshua 22:5 RSV

He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

Misheli (Proverbs) 22: 9 JPS

They that forsake the law praise the wicked; but such as keep the law contend with them.

Misheli (Proverbs) 28: 4 JPS

He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.

Misheli (Proverbs) 28: 9 JPS

And it shall come to pass in the end of days, that the mountain of HaShem’s house shall be established as the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

Yisheyah (Isaiah) 2: 2 JPS

...For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of HaShem from Jerusalem.

Yisheyah (Isaiah) 2: 3 JPS

And He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Yisheyah (Isaiah) 2: 4 JPS

All men are responsible for one another.

Judaism, Talmud, Sanhedrin 27b