



**THE POWER TO DO  
GOOD OR EVIL**

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# MORNING READING

## Psalms 119

**1** Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD.

**2** Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart

**3** they do no wrong but follow his ways.

**4** You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.

**5** Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!

**6** Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands.

**7** I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws.

**8** I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.

**9** How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.

**10** I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.

**11** I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

## MAIN READING

**2 Kings 17: 1-18 KJV - (REIGN OF HOSHEA)**

**1** In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years.

**2** And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him.

**3** Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and gave him presents.

**4** And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

**5** Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years.

**6** In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel

**away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.**

**7** For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods,

**8** And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from

before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.

**9** And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

**10** And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree:



**11** And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger:

**12** For they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing.

**13** Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying,

**Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.**

**14** Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God.

**15** And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers,

**and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them.**

**16** And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.

**17** And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

**18** Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

## **Psalm 75:6 & 7**

**6** For exaltation comes neither from east nor west, nor out of the desert,

**7** but it is God who judges; He brings down one and exalts another.

## **Ecclesiastes 11:9-10,**

**“Do what you want and enjoy life, but remember one day you will need to explain it all.**

**9** Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

**10** Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity.

## **2 Corinthians 5:10 - NIV**

**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.**

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