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with a nation

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1. Judges: Rebellion & God's Mercy

Music: Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho

Bible: Judges/Ruth

Judges 2: With Joshua alive, the people served YHWH. After that *generation* died, their children did evil. They followed the surrounding peoples' gods. God was unhappy. Soon their enemies were *oppressing* them. YHWH raised up judges to rescue them. When the *judge* died, they left YHWH. The people became worse and worse.

Judges 3-5: YHWH sent many judges: Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah, Barak, Gideon....

Judges 6-8: The example of Gideon. The Israelites tried to grow food. At harvest time their enemies came and stole their food. The people cried to YHWH. He sent a prophet. He explained to them why they were *suffering*. | The angel of YHWH (A-YHWH) spoke to Gideon: "YHWH is with you!". Gideon: "Why then do we *suffer*?" A-YHWH: "I am sending you to save Israel!" Gideon: "Me?? My family is poor!" A-YHWH: "I will be with you." Gideon: "Wait. I will prepare a sacrifice." A-YHWH: "Destroy the altar of Baal." He *sneaked* out a night with his servants and destroyed the altar. When the townspeople saw the broken idol, they tried to kill Gideon. But Gideon's father protected him.

The enemies arrived in Israel. God's spirit came upon Gideon. He organized an army of 32,000 men. YHWH: "Too many people. If the people win, they will say: 'We are great.'. Let those who are afraid go home." 22,000 men went home. YHWH said to Gideon: "Too many people." At night, Gideon took 300 men. He surrounded the army of 135,000 men. Suddenly they blew their trumpets, exposed lamps and shouted: "The sword of YHWH and Gideon". They stood still. The enemy panicked and ran away.

Judges 19: More judges came. The people became worse and worse. For example, a man and his concubine were traveling. One night they stayed in a house in a village controlled by the tribe of Benjamin. Some young men came to rape the man. | To protect himself, the man threw his concubine out the door. All night, the young men enjoyed her.

When the man woke up the next morning, he found his concubine dead. | He cut her body into 12 pieces. He sent the pieces all over the country. There was a national meeting. They decided the murderers should be put to death. | The members of the tribe of Benjamin refused and prepared for war. There was a civil war. 65,000 men died. Benjamin was defeated. The remaining 600 men fled into the desert. After the battle, the Israelite army went from city to city. They killed everyone.

Ruth: During this time one woman was praised. She was a foreigner named Ruth.

generation (世代)
oppress (壓迫)
judge (法官)
suffer (遭受)
sneak ()
concubine (姘婦)
altar (法壇)
panic (恐慌)

2. Samuel: The Last Judge

Music: Psalm 100

Bible: 1 Samuel 1-9

1 Samuel 1: A man had two wives. One had children. God did not let the other – Hannah – have children. Every year they went to the *temple* to worship YHWH. The wife with children mocked Hannah. Hannah cried and would not eat. She went to the temple to pray. She promised: “If you give me a male child, I will never cut his hair. I will let him serve you all his life.”

temple (聖殿)
mock (譏笑辱罵)
grant (應允)
wean (使斷奶)
obey (順從)
prophet (先知)
covenant box (約櫃)
nevertheless(然而)
cart (牛車)
bribe(賄賂)
repent (悔改)

YHWH answered her prayer. She called her son: Samuel¹. When Samuel was weaned, she brought him to the temple to serve YHWH.

1 Samuel 2-3: Eli's sons were very bad men. They stole from the offering. They had sex with women worshipers. YHWH told Eli: “Unless you stop your sons, I will destroy them.” Eli warned his sons. They did not change. Meanwhile, Samuel served YHWH. One night YHWH called Samuel. Samuel replied: “Yes, sir” He ran to Eli. Eli said: “I didn't call you, go back to bed.” The third time this happened, Eli realized that YHWH was calling the boy. He told Samuel to say: “Speak, YHWH, your servant is listening.” The boy went back to bed. YHWH called: “Samuel, Samuel”. Samuel replied: “Speak, YHWH, your servant is listening.” YHWH said: “I am going to destroy Eli's family. It is too late for them.” As Samuel grew up, YHWH was with him. He made everything Samuel said come true. The people knew he was a prophet. When Samuel spoke, everyone listened.

1 Samuel 4-6: The Israelites' enemies attacked them. They were losing. They brought the covenant box to the battlefield. Their enemies were afraid. Nevertheless, they fought hard. They defeated the Israelites. They killed Eli's sons. They took the covenant box to their temple. When Eli heard this he fell off his chair and died.

God punished their enemies for taking the box. To see if it was God punishing them, they put the box with gifts on a cart. They tied two cows to the cart. They shut their calves in a barn. The cows walked straight to Israel.

1 Samuel 7-8: The Israelites called to God for help. Samuel said: “Stop worshiping other gods. Worship only YHWH and He will save you.” The people repented. God saved them. The land had peace. Samuel ruled Israel as long as he lived.

1 Samuel 9: When Samuel was old, he made his sons judges. They took bribes. The leaders went to Samuel: “Give us a king.” Samuel was unhappy. He prayed. YHWH said. “Give them a king. But warn them about how their king will treat them.”

¹ Heard of God

3. The 1st king Saul: Starting well, ending poorly

Music: Psalm 23

Bible: 1 Samuel 9 - 15

luggage (行李)
surrender (投降)
garrison (駐防要塞)
involved (糾纏的)
monument(紀念碑)

I Samuel 9-10: Saul, a tall handsome young man, was looking for his father's donkeys. His servant suggested they ask Samuel. YHWH told Samuel: "This man will be king." When Saul asked about the donkeys, Samuel told Saul he would be king. The spirit of YHWH came on Saul. Saul went home. He did not tell anyone about this.

Samuel called a national meeting. But no one could find Saul. They prayed. YHWH said: "He is hiding in the *luggage*." Saul was made king. Everyone went home. God moved some men to join Saul. Others laughed at Saul. Saul didn't care.

I Samuel 11: A small border city was attacked. The people said: "We will *surrender* and be your slaves." The enemy said: "OK, but first everyone must cut out their right eye and give it to me." The people said: "Wait 7 days. If no one comes to rescue us, we will do this." The people sent messengers to ask for help. Everyone was sad -- but no one did anything. When Saul heard, the Spirit of YHWH came upon him. He flew into a rage. He killed his two oxen. He sent the pieces all over Israel. 320,000 men came. They defeated the enemy. The happy people said: "Kill those who laughed at Saul." Saul said, "No. Lets worship YHWH."

I Samuel 13: A few years passed. Part of Israel was occupied by the Philistines. Jonathan, Saul's son, attacked and destroyed a *garrison* city. The Philistines prepared to attack. The Israelite army was afraid. Saul knew they needed God's help. He waited for Samuel to prepare a sacrifice. The army was running away. After 7 days, he sacrificed to God himself. Just after he finished, Samuel arrived. He told Saul: "Your kingdom will end." Jonathon attacked the Philistines. God gave him victory.

I Samuel 15: Samuel told Saul: "YHWH says: 'Destroy the Amalekites and all their animals. Don't leave any alive. Destroy everything.'¹ Saul and the people defeated the Amalekites. But, they did not destroy the king, the best sheep, best cattle and other good things.

YHWH told Samuel: "I am sorry I made Saul king." Samuel cried all night. He went to find Saul. Saul had already gone to set up a *monument* to himself. Samuel found him just finishing sacrificing.

Saul: "I have done what God asked."

Samuel: "Then why do I hear animal sounds?"

Saul: "To sacrifice"

Samuel: "To obey is better than sacrifice."

Memory: "To obey is better than sacrifice." (聽命(順服)勝於獻祭)

¹ Similar to the case of Jericho

4. The 2nd King- David: Man after God's Own Heart

mourn (哀痛)
anoint (授任)
stature (身材)
eliminate(不加考慮)
giant (巨人)
mock (耻笑)
slingshot (彈弓)
extraordinary(特別)
forbid (阻止)
rebuke (指責)
pregnant (懷孕)

I Samuel 16. Samuel *mourned* for Saul. YHWH told Samuel: “*Anoint* Jesse's son as king.” He visited Jesse. Jesse introduced his oldest son. Samuel thought: “What a wonderful young man!” YHWH said: “Don't be impressed with his looks and stature. I've already *eliminated* him. YHWH judges persons differently than humans do. Men and women look at the face; YHWH looks into the heart.” Jesse introduced 7 of his sons. Samuel: “Are these all your children?” Jesse: “There is one more but he is short and...He is looking after the sheep.” Samuel: “Get him”. David came. YHWH: “This is the one.”

I Samuel 18. The Philistine and Israelite armies faced each other. A *giant*, Goliath, mocked the Israelites. He shouted: “Choose a man to fight me!” All the Israelites were afraid to fight. Jesse ordered David: “Take some food to your brothers.” When he heard the giant, David was angry: “Who is this who *mocks* the armies of the living God?” He heard people talking: “The king will give reward the man who kills the giant with money, his daughter and tax free status for his family.” He told King Saul: “YHWH, who delivered me from the teeth of the lion and the claws of the bear, will deliver me from this Philistine.” David approached Goliath with a slingshot and 5 small stones. Goliath *mocked* him. David replied: “You come with sword and spear. I come in the name of YHWH whose armies you are *mocking*. Today YHWH is handing you over to me. The whole earth will know that there's an *extraordinary* God in Israel. Everyone here will learn that YHWH doesn't save by sword or spear.” David hit Goliath with a stone. The giant fell. David grabbed Goliath's sword and cut off his head.

I Samuel 19-31 Jonathon and David became friends. Saul made David a leader of the army. He was a good leader. One day Saul heard some women singing: “Saul has killed his thousands, David his ten thousands.” Saul became jealous. He was also afraid of David because YHWH was with David. He tried to kill David many times. When David had a chance to kill Saul he said: “YHWH *forbid* I hurt YHWH's anointed.”

II Samuel 1-10 Later, Saul and Jonathon were killed in battle. The people asked David to be king. He was 30 years old. He ruled for 40 years. In making decisions, David asked God what to do. He usually obeyed God. He looked after Jonathon's children.

II Samuel 11- One day, David saw a beautiful woman. Even though she was married to his friend, he enjoyed her. She became *pregnant*. He had her husband killed. He married her. God was not happy. He sent a prophet to rebuke David. David repented. God forgave. Although God forgave David, this sin had serious consequences for David and his family. The baby died. However, later they had a son whom they called Solomon.

5. Solomon: A man of wisdom

promised(應許)
proverbs (箴言)
appear (顯現)
vinegar (醋)
nagging (嘮叨的)

Music “Dust in the Wind”

Bible: 1 Kings, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes

1 Kings 2: David told Solomon: “I am going to die. I am making you king.

Be strong. Obey God. Follow the laws of Moses. If you do, everything will go well with you. God *promised* me: 'If your children follow me, then a member of your family will always be king.' ”

1 Kings 3-4: Solomon loved God. One day, after sacrificing to God...

YHWH (appearing in a dream): “What can I give you? Ask.”

Solomon: “Please give me understanding to judge your people. Help me to distinguish between good and evil.”

YHWH (happy): “Because you did not ask for riches or long life, I will not only give you wisdom but also give you both riches and honor. If you keep my commandments, I will also give you a long life”

Narrator: The next day two prostitutes came to see Solomon.

P1: “We live together. We both had babies. Her baby died at night and she took my baby.

P2: “No, the dead one is yours. The living one is mine.”

Narrator: The two women started arguing.

Solomon: “Get me a sword. Cut the living baby in half and give each woman a part.”

P1 (crying): “No. Give her the whole baby. Don't cut him in half.”

Solomon: “Give the baby to her. She is the real mother.”

Solomon became famous for his wisdom. He wrote three thousand *proverbs*; his songs added up to 1,005. He was also very interested in nature: both plants and animals.

1 Kings 5-6: Solomon built a temple for YHWH. Solomon raised a workforce of 200,000 men to build the temple. It took seven years to build. YHWH said to Solomon: “About this temple. If you keep my commandments, I will be with this people.”

1 Kings 11: King Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines. When Solomon was old, his wives caused him to start to follow other gods. He did evil in the sight of YHWH. He was not like his father David. YHWH said: “I am going to take most of the kingdom away from your family. Because of David, I will leave one tribe for your son to rule.”

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 10:26 A lazy employee will give you nothing but trouble. He is like *vinegar* in the mouth, smoke in the eyes.

Proverbs 19:13 If a child is foolish, he destroys his father. A *nagging* wife is like a leaky faucet.

Ecclesiastes 1:2 Smoke, nothing but smoke. There's nothing to anything--it's all smoke.

6. Elijah: Who will you serve?

Music: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Bible: 1 Kings 17-18.

Narrator: After Solomon's death, the country broke apart. In the north, leaders had gone from bad to worse. King Ahab was the most evil leader to date. God sent Elijah with a message.

Elijah (to Ahab): As surely as YHWH, the God of Israel lives, there will be no rain for years, unless I say otherwise.

Narrator: God told Elijah where to hide. In the 3rd year...

YHWH (to Elijah): Go and present yourself to Ahab. I am going to send rain.

Narrator: Elijah *obeyed*. On the way, he met the *governor*.

Elijah: Tell Ahab to come here to meet me."

Governor (very afraid): Ahab has looked everywhere for you. He will kill me if he finds you are here. Be kind to me. I am a good person. Don't you know? When the queen murdered YHWH's prophets, I *hid* 100 men.

Narrator: The governor brought Ahab to meet Elijah

Ahab: So it's you, old troublemaker!

Elijah: It's not I who has caused trouble in Israel. It's you and your *government*. You've stopped following YHWH's commands. You follow other gods. Now gather all the people and the 450 prophets of Baal together at Mount Carmel.

Narrator: Ahab, the prophets, and the people arrived at the mountain.

Elijah (to people): How long will you *halt* between two *opinions*? If YHWH is the real God, follow him. If Baal is the real God, follow him.

People: (Silence)

Elijah: Give us 2 oxen for sacrifices. Let Baal's 450 prophets cut one up and put on wood for sacrifice. But do not light the fire. I will do the same. Then you call on your gods and I will call on YHWH. The God who answers by fire is God.

People: Good idea.

Narrator: All morning Baal's prophets prayed. They jumped on the altar cutting themselves.

Elijah: Shout louder. Maybe he is talking. Maybe he is *having a shit*. Maybe he is sleeping!

Narrator: All afternoon they continued, cutting themselves with swords and knives. But nothing happened. When it was time for the evening sacrifice...

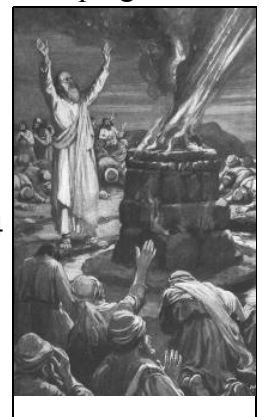
Elijah: Come here.

Narrator: Elijah repaired the broken *altar* of YHWH. He used 12 stones -- one for each tribe. He made a *trench* around the altar. Three times he *poured* 4 barrels of water on the *altar*. He then prayed:

Elijah: YHWH, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Let people know you are the true God. Hear me.

Narrator: Fire came from the sky. The sacrifice, the wood, the stones, and the dust was all burned up. The water was also licked up--even that in the *trench*.

hide (皮)
obey (服從)
governor (州長)
troublemaker (鬧事者)
government (政府)
have a shit (大便)
halt (猶豫)
altar (聖壇)
trench (溝渠)
opinion (見解)
pour (倒(水))



7. God's Prophet Isaiah

Music: "The Steadfast Love of the Lord" (by Jeremiah, Prophet in Trouble)

Bible: Isaiah 1, 11, 53 (Prophet in Prosperity)

Isaiah 1: YHWH: "The ox knows its owner. The mule knows his owner's barn. But Israel does not know me.... What use are your many sacrifices? I am full of burnt offerings. Stop your pretend worshipping. I hate your meetings. I am tired of them. When you pray, I will not listen because your hands are full of blood.

YHWH: Stop doing evil. Learn to do good. Work for justice. Help and guide the poor, orphans and widows.

YHWH: Come now, and let us reason together, says YHWH: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land. If you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of YHWH has spoken it."

Isaiah 11: There is a descendant of Jesse coming. The spirit of YHWH will be on him. His joy will be to fear YHWH. He will judge the poor with righteousness. The wolf will live with the lamb. All the earth will know of YHWH.

Isaiah 53: Who would have believed our report? He has no beauty or charm. He was despised and rejected by people. He suffered and knew grief. We thought he was being punished by God, but he was wounded because of our transgressions. It is with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way; and YHWH has laid on him the iniquity of us all. As a lamb that is led to the slaughter, he opened not his mouth. He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people. His grave was with the wicked. His tomb was with the rich. But he will look back on this sorrow and be happy when he sees he has made many righteousness.

8. The Prophets: God plans blessing for Nations

trick (伎俩)
rush (匆忙)
vomit (呕吐)

Daniel: Leadership stability -- leader in 2 dynasties

Prince 1: The king loves Daniel. Lets get rid of him.

Prince 2: But he never does anything wrong. His only weakness is he prays to God.

Prince 1: We must *trick* the king.

Prince 1 to King: All the princes have agreed this law will be good for the kingdom. Anyone who requests anything from any god or man but you for 30 days will be thrown in the lions den.

King: OK. If you think it is good for the kingdom.

Narrator: Daniel continued to pray 3 times a day as he always had done.

Prince 2 to King: We caught Daniel praying to YHWH. He must be thrown to the lions.

Narrator: The king was angry with himself. But he had Daniel thrown in with the lions. All night he fasted. Early in the next morning, he *rushed* to the lion's den.

King: Daniel, Was your God able to deliver you from the lions?

Daniel: God sent his angel to shut their mouths. I am unhurt.

Jonah: God's mercy revealed

YHWH: Go to the great and wicked city of Nineveh and give them my message.

Narrator: Jonah refused. He got on a ship sailing to Spain. God sent a storm. The sailors reluctantly threw Jonah overboard. The storm stopped. A giant fish swallowed Jonah. Jonah was its belly 3 days and 3 nights. Jonah thanked God for saving his life. The fish *vomited* Jonah out on land.

YHWH: Go to the great and wicked city of Nineveh and give them my message.

Narrator: Jonah went.

Jonah: Yet 40 days and Nineveh will be destroyed.

Narrator: Jonah stayed outside the city. He wanted to see God destroy it. But the people believed God. They called a fast, prayed to God and repented. God saw their works and repented of the evil that he said he would do. Jonah was very angry.

Jonah: I know you are a loving God. I knew you would repent. That is why I tried to go to Spain.

Prophecies about the Messiah

Jacob (Genesis 49#10): The scepter shall not leave Judah; nor the ruler's staff from between his feet until Shiloh comes and the nations obey him.

Micah (5#2 || 5#1) (~750BC): But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village in Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel will come from you, one whose origins are from the distant past.

Zechariah (9#9) (~520BC) Rejoice greatly, O people[a] of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey--even on a donkey's colt.

Zechariah (11#10-14) Then I took my staff called Favor and snapped it in two, showing that I had revoked the covenant I had made with all the nations. That was the end of my covenant with them. Those who bought and sold sheep were watching me, and they knew that the LORD was speaking to them through my actions. And I said to them, "If you like, give me my wages, whatever I am worth; but only if you want to." So they counted out for my wages thirty pieces of silver. And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potters"--this magnificent sum at which they valued me! So I took the thirty coins and threw them to the potters in the Temple of the LORD. Then I broke my other staff, Union, to show that the bond of unity between Judah and Israel was broken.

MUSIC

1. Joshua fought the battle of Jericho

Traditional American Tune

<p>(Oh) Joshua fought the battle of Jericho Jericho Jericho Joshua fought the battle of Jericho And the walls came tumbling down</p> <p>I know you've heard about Joshua He was the son of Nun He never stopped his work until Until the work was done</p> <p>You may talk about your kings of Gideon, You may brag about your men of Saul, There's none like good old Joshua At the battle of Jericho.</p> <p>Up to the walls of Jericho He marched with spear in hand Go blow them ram horns, Joshua cried: 'Cause the battle is in God's hands</p> <p>Then the lamb ram sheep horns began to blow The trumpets began to sound The people shouted "Glory to God." And the walls came tumblin' down</p> <p>Down, down, down, down, down Tumblin' down</p>	<p>(噢) 約書亞在耶利哥作戰 遙遠的地方，遙遠的地方，（耶利哥） 約書亞在耶利哥作戰 而城牆翻滾般的塌下來</p> <p>我知道你聽說過約書亞 他是修女的兒子。 他從未停止他的工作直到... 直到工作被完成</p> <p>你可以談論你的吉甸國王 你可以誇耀你的所羅人 沒有一個像很好的老約書亞 在耶利哥作戰</p> <p>到耶利哥的城牆 他帶著手中矛前進 開始！吹響公羊角，喬休爾大聲地說 因為作戰在上帝的手中</p> <p>然後羔羊公羊綿羊角開始吹響 喇叭開始響起 人們大叫”榮耀歸於上帝”。 而城牆翻滾般的塌下來</p> <p>塌下來 塌下來 塌下來 塌下來 翻滾般的塌下來</p>
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2. Psalm 100: Make a joyful noise unto to Lord

<p>Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all you (all you) lands. Serve the LORD (the LORD) with gladness: come before his presence with singing.</p> <p>Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that has made us, And not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.</p> <p>Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: Be thankful unto him, and bless (bless) his (holy) name.</p>	<p>普天下當 向耶和華歡呼！ 你們當樂意事奉耶和華， 當來向他歌唱！ 你們當曉得耶和華是神！ 我們是他造的， 也是屬他的； 我們是他的民，也是他草場的羊。 當稱謝進入他的門； 當讚美進入他的院。 當感謝他， 稱頌他的名！</p>
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For the LORD (the Lord) is good;
 his mercy is everlasting;
 and his truth (his truth) endures
 (endures) to all generations. (Praise the LORD)
 (Halleluyah¹, glory halleluyah, Praise the LORD)

因為耶和華本為善。
 他的慈愛存到永遠；
 他的信實直到
 萬代。

3. Psalm 23: The Good shepherd

David (大衛的詩)

The LORD is my shepherd;
 I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures:
 He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul:
 He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil:
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
 in the presence of my enemies:
 You anoint my head with oil;
 my cup runs over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days (all the days) of my life:
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
 for ever.**

(I will feast at the table set for me)

耶和華是我的牧者，
 我必不至缺乏。

他使我躺臥在青草地上，
 領我在可安歇的水邊。

他使我的靈魂甦醒，
 為自己的名引導我走義路。

我雖然行過死蔭的幽谷，
 也不怕遭害，
 因為你與我同在；
 你的杖，你的竿，都安慰我。

在我敵人面前，
 你為我擺設筵席；
 你用油膏了我的頭，
 使我的福杯滿溢

我一生一世必有
 恩惠慈愛隨著我；
 我且要住在耶和華的殿中，
 直到永遠。

4. Psalm 51: Create in Me a Clean Heart

David

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
 and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from thy presence; (dear God)
 and take not thy holy spirit from me.
 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation....
 (and renew a right spirit within me.)

As sung by Gilberto Barreto²

Make me know you, O Lord,
 In the depths of my soul.
 Purify me and I will be clean.
 Wash me whiter than snow.

Create in me a clean heart, O God And renew your Spirit within me. (2x)
 The sacrifices acceptable to you, O Lord, are a broken spirit.
 A broken heart, a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

¹ Hallel = Praise, u = you/ye, yah=YH, a short form for YHWH

² Words and music downloaded from <http://songsofpraise.org/song.php?songid=80> (c)1996

5. Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Words & Music: African-American Spiritual

<i>Swing low, sweet chariot, Comin' for to carry me home,</i>	輕慢地行走 漂亮的馬車 來帶我回家
I looked over Jordan, and what did I see? Comin' for to carry me home, A band of angels comin' after me, Comin' for to carry me home,	我朝向約旦河看過去而我看到了什麼 來帶我回家 一群天使跟在我的後面 來帶我回家
If you get there before I do, Comin' for to carry me home, Jess tell my friends I'm a comin' too, Comin' for to carry me home.	如果你比我先到天堂 來帶我回家 請告訴我的朋友我也將要來 來帶我回家
I'm sometimes up and sometimes down, Comin' for to carry me home, But still my soul feels heavenly bound, Comin' for to carry me home.	我心忐忑不安 來帶我回家 然而我的靈魂仍感到天國的所在 來帶我回家
The brightest day that I can say, Comin' for to carry me home, When Jesus washed my sins away, Comin' for to carry me home	我說在這燦爛的日子 來帶我回家 當夜宿洗警我的罪 來帶我回家

6. Dust in the Wind (風中之塵)

(Kansas 堪薩斯合唱團)

I close my eyes, Only for a moment, and the moment's gone All my dreams, Pass before my eyes, a curiosity Dust in the wind, All they are is dust in the wind.	我閉上雙眼 不過是一瞬間，而這一瞬間已消逝 我所有的夢 神奇的飄過我眼前 風中的塵埃 它們就像風中的塵埃
Same old song, Just a drop of water in an endless sea All we do, Crumbles to the ground, though we refuse to see Dust in the wind, All we are is dust in the wind	同樣的老歌 像無垠大海中的一滴水 我們所做的一切 終究要回歸塵土 儘管我們不願去面對 風中的塵埃 我們都是風中的塵埃
Don't hang on, Nothing lasts forever but the earth and sky It slips away, And all your money won't another minute buy.	別太堅持 除了天與地，世間萬物皆非永恆 當時光溜走 所有的金錢也買不回一分鐘
Dust in the wind, All we are is dust in the wind Dust in the wind, Everything is dust in the wind.	風中的塵埃， 我們都是風中的塵埃 風中的塵埃， 萬事萬物都是風中的塵埃

7. The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Jeremiah (3:21-23)

This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the LORD never fails, His mercies never come to an end, They are new every morning, new every morning, Great is Thy faithfulness, Oh God! Great is Thy faithfulness.	上帝最穩固的愛永不消失， 祂的憐憫也不會結束。 它們每晨都更新， 它們每晨都更新。 哦上帝 你的信實是何等偉大， 你的信實是何等偉大。
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8. Dare to be a Daniel

Dare to be a Daniel Dare to stand alone Dare to have a purpose firm, and, Dare to make it known.	敢於成為丹尼爾 敢於獨自面對（獨立） 敢於懷有堅定的目的 敢於使人認識他
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CHINESE TRANSLATION

1. Judges: Rebellion & God's Mercy
2. Samuel: The Last Judge
3. The 1st king Saul: Starting well, ending poorly
4. The 2nd King- David: Man after God's Own Heart
5. Solomon: A man of wisdom

Proverbs 1:7 敬畏耶和華是知識的開端；愚妄人藐視智慧和訓誨。

Proverbs 10:26 懶惰人叫差他的人如醋倒牙，如煙薰目。

Proverbs 19:13 人的愚昧傾敗他的道；他的心也抱怨耶和華。

Ecclesiastes 1:2 虛空的虛空，虛空的虛空，凡事都是虛空。

6. Elijah: Who will you serve?

7. God's Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 53:1-11 我們所傳的（或作：所傳與我們的）有誰信呢？耶和華的膀臂向誰顯露呢？他在耶和華面前生長如嫩芽，像根出於乾地。他無佳形美容；我們看見他的時候，也無美貌使我們羨慕他。他被藐視，被人厭棄；多受痛苦，常經憂患。他被藐視，好像被人掩面不看的一樣；我們也不尊重他。他誠然擔當我們的憂患，背負我們的痛苦；我們卻以為他受責罰，被神擊打苦待了。哪知他為我們的過犯受害，為我們的罪孽壓傷。因他受的刑罰，我們得平安；因他受的鞭傷，我們得醫治。我們都如羊走迷；各人偏行己路；耶和華使我們眾人的罪孽都歸在他身上。他被欺壓，在受苦的時候卻不開口（或作：他受欺壓，卻自卑不開口）；他像羊羔被牽到宰殺之地，又像羊在剪毛的人手下無聲，他也是這樣不開口。因受欺壓和審判，他被奪去，至於他同世的人，誰想他受鞭打、從活人之地被剪除，是因我百姓的罪過呢？他雖然未行強暴，口中也沒有詭詐，人還使他與惡人同埋；誰知死的時候與財主同葬。

耶和華卻定意（或作：喜悅）將他壓傷，使他受痛苦。耶和華以他為贖罪祭（或作：他獻本身為贖罪祭）。他必看見後裔，並且延長年日。耶和華所喜悅的事必在他手中亨通。他必看見自己勞苦的功效，便心滿意足。有許多人因認識我的義僕得稱為義；並且他要擔當他們的罪孽。

8. The Prophets: God plans blessing for Nations

Jacob (Genesis 49#10): 圭必不離猶大，杖必不離他兩腳之間，直等細羅（就是賜平安者）來到，萬民都必歸順。

Micah (5#2 || 5#1) (~750BC): 伯利恆、以法他啊，你在猶大諸城中為小，將來必有一位從你那裡出來，在以色列中為我作掌權的；他的根源從亙古，從太初就有。

Zechariah (9#9) (~520BC) 錫安的民哪，應當大大喜樂；耶路撒冷的民哪，應當歡呼。看哪，你的王來到你這裡！他是公義的，並且施行拯救，謙謙和和地騎著驢，就是騎著驢的駒子。

Zechariah (11#10-14) 我折斷那稱為「榮美」的杖，表明我廢棄與萬民所立的約。當日就廢棄了。這樣，那些仰望我的困苦羊就知道所說的是耶和華的話。我對他們說：「你們若以為美，就給我工價。不然，就罷了！」於是他們給了三十塊錢作為我的工價。耶和華吩咐我說：「要把眾人所估定美好的價值丟給窯戶。」我便將這三十塊錢，在耶

和華的殿中丟給窰戶了。我又折斷稱為「聯索」的那根杖，表明我廢棄猶大與以色列弟兄的情誼。

