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PRAYER OF AZARIAH & SONG OF THE THREE JEWS

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The Prayer of Azariah

{1:1} And they walked in the midst of the fire, praising God, and blessing the Lord.

{1:2} Then Azarias stood up, and prayed on this manner; and opening his mouth in the midst of the fire said,

{1:3} Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: thy name is worthy to be praised and glorified for evermore:

{1:4} For thou art righteous in all the things that thou hast done to us: yea, true are all thy works, thy ways are right, and all thy judgments truth.

{1:5} In all the things that thou hast brought upon us, and upon the holy city of our fathers, even Jerusalem, thou hast executed true judgment: for according to truth and judgment didst thou bring all these things upon us because of our sins.

{1:6} For we have sinned and committed iniquity,

departing from thee.

{1:7} In all things have we trespassed, and not obeyed thy commandments, nor kept them, neither done as thou hast commanded us, that it might go well with us.

{1:8} Wherefore all that thou hast brought upon us, and every thing that thou hast done to us, thou hast done in true judgment.

{1:9} And thou didst deliver us into the hands of lawless enemies, most hateful forsakers of God, and to an unjust king, and the most wicked in all the world.

{1:10} And now we cannot open our mouths, we are become a shame and reproach to thy servants; and to them that worship thee.

{1:11} Yet deliver us not up wholly, for thy name's sake, neither disannul thou thy covenant:

{1:12} And cause not thy mercy to depart from us, for thy beloved Abraham's sake, for thy servant Issac's sake, and for thy holy Israel's sake;

{1:13} To whom thou hast spoken and promised, that

thou wouldest multiply their seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand that lieth upon the seashore.

{1:14} For we, O Lord, are become less than any nation, and be kept under this day in all the world because of our sins.

{1:15} Neither is there at this time prince, or prophet, or leader, or burnt offering, or sacrifice, or oblation, or incense, or place to sacrifice before thee, and to find mercy.

{1:16} Nevertheless in a contrite heart and an humble spirit let us be accepted.

{1:17} Like as in the burnt offerings of rams and bullocks, and like as in ten thousands of fat lambs: so let our sacrifice be in thy sight this day, and grant that we may wholly go after thee: for they shall not be confounded that put their trust in thee.

{1:18} And now we follow thee with all our heart, we fear thee, and seek thy face.

{1:19} Put us not to shame: but deal with us after thy lovingkindness, and according to the multitude of thy

mercies.

{1:20} Deliver us also according to thy marvellous works,
and give glory to thy name, O Lord: and let all them that do
thy servants hurt be ashamed;

{1:21} And let them be confounded in all their power and
might, and let their strength be broken;

{1:22} And let them know that thou art God, the only
God, and glorious over the whole world.

{1:23} And the king's servants, that put them in, ceased
not to make the oven hot with rosin, pitch, tow, and small
wood;

{1:24} So that the flame streamed forth above the furnace
forty and nine cubits.

{1:25} And it passed through, and burned those
Chaldeans it found about the furnace.

{1:26} But the angel of the Lord came down into the oven
together with Azarias and his fellows, and smote the flame
of the fire out of the oven;

{1:27} And made the midst of the furnace as it had been a

moist whistling wind, so that the fire touched them not at all, neither hurt nor troubled them.

{1:28} Then the three, as out of one mouth, praised, glorified, and blessed, God in the furnace, saying,

{1:29} Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

{1:30} And blessed is thy glorious and holy name: and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

{1:31} Blessed art thou in the temple of thine holy glory: and to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

{1:32} Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and sittest upon the cherubims: and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

{1:33} Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom: and to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

{1:34} Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven: and above all to be praised and glorified for ever.

{1:35} O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever,

{1:36} O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:37} O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:38} O all ye waters that be above the heaven, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

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{1:39} O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:40} O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:41} O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:42} O every shower and dew, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:43} O all ye winds, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever,

{1:44} O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:45} O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:46} O ye dews and storms of snow, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:47} O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord: bless and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:48} O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:49} O ye ice and cold, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:50} O ye frost and snow, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:51} O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:52} O let the earth bless the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:53} O ye mountains and little hills, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:54} O all ye things that grow in the earth, bless ye the

Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:55} O ye mountains, bless ye the Lord: Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:56} O ye seas and rivers, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:57} O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:58} O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:59} O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:60} O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:61} O Israel, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:62} O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:63} O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:64} O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:65} O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

{1:66} O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever: for he hath delivered us from hell, and saved us from the hand of death, and delivered us out of the midst of the furnace and burning flame: even out of the midst of the fire hath he delivered us.

{1:67} O give thanks unto the Lord, because he is gracious: for his mercy endureth for ever.

{1:68} O all ye that worship the Lord, bless the God of gods, praise him, and give him thanks: for his mercy endureth for

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