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In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit One God Amen

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The Book of Sirach

Part one

Introduction of the book

+ Written by Joshua bin Sirach of Jerusalem, around 180 B.C. He was one of the dignitaries of Jerusalem and loved the Law from his youth. He wanted to benefit others from the fruit of his reflections and to defend the religious and cultural heritage of Judaism.

+ Many councils endorsed the legitimacy of the Book, the first of which was the Council of Nicaea. Likewise, the fathers, such as Pope Athanasius, Clement of Alexandria and Saint Basil.

+ The Book was written in the same manner as Solomon the Wise in the Book of Proverbs.

+ It is considered one of the wisdom books

+ Many parts of the Book are read among the Holy Week's readings.

+ Book sections:

(Ch. 1—43): Includes a lot of wisdom and advices.

(Ch. 44—50): Includes biographies of some of the first fathers and saints.

(Ch. 51): Conclusion of the Book and the prayer of Joshua bin Sirach.

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Chapter 1

Match from column (A) to column (B)

(A)

- 1- The drops of the rain
- 2- Prudence
- 3- Desires

(B)

- the weight of his anger ( )
- worship Him knowingly ( )
- practical behavior of wisdom ( )

- 4- Heavy anger                                  raindrops (   )
- 5- Fear of the Lord                             cravings (   )

**Answer the following questions:**

- 1- What are the fruits and blessings of the fear of the Lord mentioned in the chapter?  
With reference  
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**Provide the reference:**

- 1- The wise man knows when to speak and when to be silent -----
- 2- Man’s anger does not produce God’s righteousness -----
- 3- Wisdom (the Hypostasis of the Son) is eternal -----
- 4- Pride goes before destruction -----
- 5- The fruits of joy are longsuffering and patience -----

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**Chapter 2**

**Answer the following questions:**

- 1- What are the benefits of sufferings as you understood from the chapter? What does Joshua advise us at the time of trial?  
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- 2- What are the attributes of God mentioned in the chapter?  
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- 3- What are the characteristics of those who fear God, as you understood from the chapter? With reference  
+ -----
- 4- To whom woes are given in this chapter?  
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**Provide the reference:**

- 1- All who want to live in godliness are persecuted -----
- 2- Three consecutive verses, including the virtues of faith, hope and love -----
- 3- God is the same yesterday, today and forever -----
- 4- He who loves the Lord will keep His word -----

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Chapter 3

Answer the following questions:

- 1- Choose one of the ten commandments to be the title of this chapter?  
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- 2- Name a person from the Old Testament to whom verse (12) applies?  
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- 3- What are the consequences of the hardened heart as you understood from the chapter?  
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Provide the reference:

- 1- Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days -----
- 2- Not to think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think -----
- 3- Love through actions, not just words -----
- 4- For whatever a man sows, he will also reap -----
- 5- The sin of pride prevents a person from repenting -----
- 6- Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth -----
- 7- God dwells with the humiliated and the downtrodden -----

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Chapter 4

Answer the following questions:

- 1- Name a person from the Old Testament who refused to confess his sin and perished ---  
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- 2- Name a person from the Old Testament, who was rude and foolish in his words and brought ruin upon himself -----
- 3- Name a person From the New Testament, who defended the right to death? -----  
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Provide the reference:

- 1- Don't let shyness stop you from the sacrament of confession -----
- 2- No partiality -----
- 3- God responds to the cry of the oppressed -----
- 4- It is more blessed to give than to receive -----
- 5- A time to keep silence, and a time to speak -----
- 6- He who is merciful imitates his Creator -----
- 7- Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so -----

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Chapter 5

Match from column (A) to column (B);

- | (A)                                 | (B)   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1- Does not fluctuate with the wind | praise someone to benefit from him ( )        |
| 2- Put your hand over your mouth    | who speaks bad of people in their absence ( ) |
| 3- The one who gossips              | don't be hypocritical ( )                     |
| 4- You swagger with your tongue     | be quite ( )                                  |

Provide the reference:

- 1- Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak -----
- 2- Don't postpone your repentance because you do not guarantee your life -----
- 3- Don't rely on your strength and your money -----
- 4- Don't underestimate the mercy and long-suffering of God -----
- 5- Let your Yes be Yes, and your No, No -----

Answer the following question:

- 1- Name a character in a parable that the Lord Christ said, to whom verse 10 applies?  
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Chapter 6

Match from column (A) to column (B)

- | (A)                          | (B)                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1- The double-tongued sinner | unfold for you ( )   |
| 2- The witless               | color of the sky ( ) |
| 3- Revealed to you           | intelligence ( )     |
| 4- Blue                      | mindless ( )         |
| 5- Savvy                     | the hypocrite ( )    |

Answer the following questions:

- 1- What are the specifications of a faithful friend? And to whom it applies? With reference.-----  
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- 2- Name from the Old Testament an example of good friendship and another wrong one?-----  
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**Provide the reference:**

- 1- Do not rush to choose friends -----
- 2- Consequences of the sin of pride -----
- 3- By will and hearing the commandment, you become wise -----
- 4- A faithful friend is a rare currency -----
- 5- He who sows will reap -----
- 6- Birds of a feather flock together -----

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**Chapter 7**

**Answer the following questions:**

- 1- Give us examples from the Old Testament regarding people who lied and perished?  
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- 2- A situation with the Lord Christ clarifies that God does not look at the quantity of the offering, but rather the quality?  
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- 3- Mention someone from the Old Testament whose evil deed backfired on him?  
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**Provide the reference:**

- 1- He has put down the mighty from the thrones, and exalted the lowly -----
- 2- Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies -----
- 3- You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind -----
- 4- The thought of eternity protects us from falling into sin -----
- 5- Your business is bouncing on your head -----
- 6- Don't ask for the first recline -----
- 7- Honor the servants of God -----
- 8- Wisdom in raising children -----

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**Chapter 8**

**Write from the Old Testament :**

- 1- A king who refused to listen to the sayings of the elders and lost his kingdom?  
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- 2- People to whom the verses (20—22) apply?  
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**Provide the reference on how to deal with these different categories:**

- 1- Those with power -----
- 2- Materially rich -----
- 3- The elderly -----
- 4- The repentant sinner -----
- 5 Quarrels with a scolding tongue -----
- 6- The impolite person -----

**Provide the reference:**

- 1- Trusting others requires wisdom -----
- 2- The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil -----
- 3- He who is next to the blacksmith, will be scalded by his fire -----

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**Chapter 9**

**Provide the reference:**

- 1- Do not let your eyes pursue your desires -----
- 2- No adulterers will enter the kingdom of God -----
- 3- Whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart -----
- 4- Your language shows you as the son of the Most High -----
- 5- The point in the end -----
- 6- Let our company be with the righteous who love the Lord -----

**Answer the following questions:**

- 1- Find a character in a parable that the Lord Christ said to which verse 6 applies?  
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- 2- Find people from the Old Testament who were alienated from God by women?  
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**Match from column (A) to column (B)**

- | (A)                       | (B)                          |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1- Prostitute woman       | slick tongue ( )             |
| 2- The wife of your bosom | involved in drinking ( )     |
| 3- A man full of words    | its corners are desolate ( ) |
| 4- Thoroughfares          | your wife ( )                |
| 5- Argue                  | the fornicator ( )           |

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Chapter 10

Provide the reference:

- 1- The Lord is the grantor of wisdom, success and power -----
- 2- A verse the Virgin Mary said it in her praise -----
- 3- A wise servant will rule over a son who causes shame -----
- 4- God honors those who fear Him -----
- 5- The causes of war among nations -----
- 6- Money does not value its owner -----
- 7- Don't make a decision when you're angry -----
- 8- Pride is the root of every sin -----
- 9- Sin is alien to man -----
- 10- Prompting to work -----

Name it from the Old Testament :

- 1- The first one to fall into the sin of pride -----
- 2- The first one to fall into the sin of anger -----

Match from column (A) to column (B) :

- | (A)                                   | (B)                            |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1- He casts aside his innermost being | a time of need and poverty ( ) |
| 2- The scribe                         | the need for bread ( )         |
| 3- The time of distress               | don't be too high ( )          |
| 4- Lacks bread                        | Copy of Law ( )                |
| 5- Don't extol yourself               | he lost his feelings ( )       |

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Chapter 11

Provide the reference:

- 1- Mediocrity is wisdom -----
- 2- Punching over your weight -----
- 3- The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and he adds no sorrow with it -----
- 4- Always has been, always will be -----
- 5- Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing -----
- 6- Polite Discussion rules-----

Match from column (A) to column (B):

- | (A)                             | (B)                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1- Reaped                       | the poor ( )            |
| 2- One whom no one would admire | refers to the devil ( ) |
| 3- Will not apprehend           | the needy ( )           |
| 4- As a partridge               | don't get it ( )        |
| 5- Poverty                      | got it ( )              |

Name a parable that Jesus said and applies to :

- 1- Verses from (18—20) -----
- 2- Verse (29) -----

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### Chapter 12

Answer the following question:

- 1- Put a title for this chapter -----

Provide the reference:

- 1- The enemy (the devil), gloats when you fall into sin -----
- 2- Bad associations spoil good manners -----
- 3- Wisdom in choosing friends -----
- 4- Wisdom in giving -----
- 5- Don't be deceived by the appearance -----

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### Chapter 13

Match from column (A) to column (B)

- | (A)                              | (B)                        |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1- Asphalt/pitch                 | Zebra ( )                  |
| 2- Earthen vessel                | no benefit ( )             |
| 3- Have nothing                  | His work and blessings ( ) |
| 4- Wait for the hand of the Lord | Tar ( )                    |
| 5- The wild donkey               | Iron vessel ( )            |



**Provide the reference:**

- 1- For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks -----
- 2- The sin of showing off -----
- 3- No need to daydream -----
- 4- The wisdom of the last seating place -----
- 5- Birds of a feather flock together -----
- 6- Hope in God only -----
- 7- Not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think -----

**Answer the following questions:**

- 1- Name a character in a parable that the Lord Christ said to whom verse (5) applies  
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- 2- Mention the categories of whom Christ cursed with woes because of their hypocrisy  
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**Chapter 14**

**Provide the reference:**

- 1- Richness is a talent and a blessing, if not associated with miserliness and envy ----
- 2- The miserly person destroys himself -----
- 3- Death is a fact that man does not ignore -----
- 4- Every human being dies and his deeds follow him -----
- 5- Repentance and hope -----
- 6- The virtue of chastity of the tongue -----
- 7- After death, there is no chance -----

**Answer the following question:**

- 1- Name a sinner who lost his hope and another who did not lose it? And what is the fate of each of them? -----  
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**Chapter 15**

**Provide the reference:**

- 1- God put before man the end of every path -----
- 2- The work of wisdom in the life of a person who adheres to it -----
- 3- Let no one say, when tempted, that I am tempted by God -----
- 4- God tests the hearts and minds -----

Chapter 16

Answer the following questions:

- 1- List the people to whom verse 16 applies?  
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- 2- Where did God's justice and mercy appear?  
-----
- 3- An example of nature's obedience to God and human disobedience at the same time  
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Provide the reference:

- 1- It is wise to learn from past events -----
- 2- The lesson is not in the number, but in the quality -----
- 3- God is perfect in His mercy and Justice -----
- 4- From dust and to dust we shall return -----
- 5- God the Pantocrator -----

Match from column (A) to column (B)

- | (A)                               | (B)  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1- The children of Eli the priest | they are the people of Israel out of Egypt ( ) |
| 2- Lot's generation               | they are the first giants ( )                  |
| 3- John the Baptist               | they had no fear of God ( )                    |
| 4- People in the days of Noah     | They are Sodom and Gomorrah ( )                |
| 5- 600 thousand hard-hearted      | one boy fears the Lord ( )                     |

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Chapter 17

Answer the following questions:

- 1- Whom is meant by "He created from him a helper, similar to himself" in verse (5)?  
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- 2- What is God's purpose in creating man? With reference  
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Provide the reference:

- 1- God made man in His image and likeness -----
- 2- God created man with glory and power -----
- 3- Blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear-----
- 4- Repent my soul, as long as you dwell on this earth -----
- 5- The commandment of love for one's neighbor -----

- 6- Return to me and I will return to you-----
- 7- And among the dead, no one remembers, neither in hades, does anyone give thanks

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**Chapter 18**

**Provide the reference:**

- 1- How unsearchable are His judgment and His ways past finding out! -----
- 2- The giver without reproach -----
- 3- The age of man on earth in relation to eternity -----
- 4- God’s longsuffering for humans to return to Him -----
- 5- Kind words make the heart happy -----
- 6- Wisdom and moderation in everything -----
- 7- The necessity of fulfilling a vow -----

**Answer the following question:**

- 1- What is the name of a person in the Old Testament who hastened and vowed a wrong oath? And what was the result?

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**Chapter 19**

**Provide the reference:**

- 1- Underestimating the little foxes that spoil the vines -----
- 2- In the multitude of words sin is not lacking -----
- 3- Keep your secrets and the secrets of others -----
- 4- He who follows his whims loses his wisdom -----
- 5- Two consecutive verses with the same meaning -----
- 6- By their characteristics you know them -----

**Answer the following questions:**

- 1- List the names of people from the two Testaments who got drunk, and the result were other sins? And what were the results?

+ OT -----

+NT-----

- 2- What are the proverbs mentioned about a person who keeps a secret or is entrusted with it? -----

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Chapter 20

Match from column (A) to column (B):

- | (A)  | (B)                         |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1- Persons from the OT to whom<br>Verses (7-8) apply                         | the owner of one talent ( ) |
| 2- A person from the NT speaks of the tongue<br>And its slips in his Epistle | The devil ( )               |
| 3- A person in a parable said by Jesus<br>Christ to whom verse (32) applies  | Job's friends ( )           |
| 4- His title is the liar and the<br>Father of the liar                       | James ( )                   |

Provide the reference:

- 1- A time to keep silence, and a time to speak -----
- 2- Admonition is better than a person carrying his anger inside him -----
- 3- Being careful about from whom you take and what you take -----
- 4- Acknowledging a mistake is a virtue -----
- 5- Control of tongue -----
- 6- No liars enter the kingdom of heaven -----

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Chapter 21

Provide the reference:

- 1- Repentance and not to persist in sin -----
- 2- Do not enter through the wide gate -----
- 3- God avenges the cry of the poor -----
- 4- Respect the boundaries and privacy of others -----
- 5- Disciplining the wise makes him more beautiful -----

Answer the following questions:

- 1- Sin is similar to what according to King Solomon? With reference  
+ -----
- 2- A person who is foolish as a trait?  
+ -----
- 3- A woman who kept her home with her wisdom?  
+ -----

Chapter 22

Provide the reference:

- 1- The danger of laziness to man -----
- 2- Discipline is required at all times -----
- 3- Evil company corrupts good habits -----
- 4- He who is faithful in what is least, is faithful also in much -----

Answer the following questions:

- 1- Verse 33 was taken from a Psalm of David, so what is the number of the Psalm?  
+ -----
- 2- Provide from the Old Testament a person to whom verse 10 applies?  
+ -----
- 3- Verses (19—23) resemble a parable that the Lord Christ said, so what is the parable?  
And what is the significance of it?  
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Match from column (A) to column (B):

- | (A)                          | (B)  |
|------------------------------|--|
| 1- The dung of oxen          | insults and threats ( )                              |
| 2- Speak about his rejection | he teaches you his wrong ways ( )                    |
| 3- Polluted by his sin       | indication of the bad<br>Condition of the sinner ( ) |
| 4- Curses                    | an expression of the severity of<br>filth ( )        |

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Chapter 23

Provide the reference:

- 1- Prayer for the sanctification of the senses -----
- 2- The danger of swearing -----
- 3- In the multitude of words sin is not lacking -----
- 4- The adulterer ends by destruction of himself -----
- 5- Honor your father and mother -----
- 6- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom -----

**Answer the following questions:**

- 1- What is the sin, which is mentioned in the chapter, that was allowed in the OT with consideration, but was forbidden in the NT?  
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- 2- What are the problems associated with adultery for women? With reference  
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**Chapter 24**

**Provide the reference:**

- 1- Christ the Creator -----
- 2- Christ is eternal and before all creatures-----
- 3- The incarnation of Christ in Israel -----
- 4- I am the true vine -----
- 5- God invites us to be filled with Him -----
- 6- How unsearchable are His judgment and His ways past finding out! -----

**Match from column (A) to column (B):**

- | (A)                           | (B)  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| 1- A cedar in Lebanon         | the work of Christ is fragrant ( )                   |
| 2- A rose bush in Jericho     | materials used in the holy anointing ( )             |
| 3- Like a beautiful olive     | the symbol of Christ in the middle of his Church ( ) |
| 4- Cinnamon, balsam and myrrh | its oil symbolizes the Holy Spirit ( )               |

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**Chapter 25**

**Provide the reference:**

- 1- How sweet it is to gather together with love, says the Lord to us -----
- 2- Remember your Creator in the days of your youth -----
- 3- The gateway to the fear of God is faith in Him -----
- 4- Emotional pain is worse than physical pain -----
- 5- Inner evil appears on human features -----

**Answer the following question:**

- 1- What is the thing that was mentioned in the chapter and was allowed in the OT, but it was forbidden in the NT? -----

Match from column (A) to column (B) :

- | (A)                           | (B)                                       |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 1- Not worth it               | unable to walk in the road to success ( ) |
| 2- Acumen                     | unable to work ( )                        |
| 3- He tears her from his body | he doesn't deserve it ( )                 |
| 4- Enfeebles the hands        | wisdom ( )                                |
| 5- Weakened knees             | Divorce her ( )                           |

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Chapter 26

Provide the reference:

- 1- A good wife is the reason for blessing and peace for her husband -----
- 2- The evil wife is a heavy burden on her husband's neck -----
- 3- The beauty of a good woman is reflected on her home -----
- 4- Whoever turns away from the faith is destined to perish -----
- 5- The damages of jealousy -----

Match from column (A) to column (B):

- | (A)                             | (B)                       |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1- An accusation made by a city | lying and cheating ( )    |
| 2- The gathering of a mob       | the seller ( )            |
| 3- Deceitful false accusation   | people against each other |
| 4- The shopkeeper               | frenzy ( )                |

Answer the following questions:

- 1- What are the qualities of a good wife as stated in the chapter? With reference  
+ -----  
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  - 2- What are the sins of the evil woman, as mentioned in the chapter? With reference  
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See you in the next part  
remember us in your prayers

The Team