Tehillim Inspired Recipe #8

Tehillim 91

יָשֶׁב בְּסֵתֶר עֶלְיָון בְּצֵל שַׁדַּׁי יִתְלוֹנָן:

O you who dwell in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the protection of Shaddai—

אֹמַר לֵיהֹנָה מַחְסֵי וּמְצוּדָתֵי אֱלֹהַׁי אֶבְטַח־בְּוֹ:

I say of the LORD, my refuge and stronghold, my G-d in whom I trust,

בֵּי הָוּא יַצִּילְדְּ מִפַּח יַקֹּוּשׁ מִדֶּבֵר הַוְּוֹת:

that He will save you from the fowler's trap, from the destructive plague.

בָּאֶבְרָתֹוֹ וּ יָסֶךְ לֻךְ וְתַחַת־כְּנָפֵיו מֶּחְסֶה צְנָה וְסֹחֵרָה אֲמִתְּוֹ:

He will cover you with His pinions; you will find refuge under His wings; His fidelity is an encircling shield.

לָא־תָירָא מִפַּחַד לָיֶלָה מֲחָׁץ יָעָוּף יוֹמֶם:

You need not fear the terror by night, or the arrow that flies by day,

מַדֶּבֶר בַּאָפֶל יָהַלְדְּ מִקְּטֵב יַשְׁוּד צָהַרַיִם:

the plague that stalks in the darkness, or the scourge that ravages at noon.

יַפָּל מִצְדָּךָּ וֹ אֵלֶף וּרְבַבָה מִימִינֵדְ אֵלֵידְ לְאׁ יָגַשׁ:

A thousand may fall at your left side, ten thousand at your right, but it shall not reach you.

ַרַק בָּעִינֵיךָ תַבָּיט וְשִׁלְּמַת רְשַׁעִים תִּרְאֵה:

You will see it with your eyes, you will witness the punishment of the wicked.

בִּי־אַתַּה יִהֹוָה מַחָסֵי עֲלִיוֹן שַׂמִתַּ מִעוֹנֵךְ:

Because you took the LORD—my refuge, the Most High—as your haven,

:לא־יִמְבָּב אַלֶּיךּ רָעָה וְנָּגַע לא־יִקְרַב בְּאָהָלֶךּ

no harm will befall you, no disease touch your tent.

בָּי מֻלְאָכָיו יְצַנֶּה־לֶּךְ לְשְׁמֶרְהָּ בְּכָל־דְּרָכֶיהְ:

For He will order His angels to guard you wherever you go.

צַל־כַּפַּיָם יִשָּׂאָוּנְדְ פֶּן־תִּגָּף בָּאָבֶן רַגְלֶדְ:

They will carry you in their hands lest you hurt your foot on a stone.

עַל־שַׁחַל נָפֶּתֶן תִּדְרָדְ תִּרְמָס כְּפִיר וְתַנְּין:

You will tread on cubs and vipers; you will trample lions and asps.

בִי בִי חָשַׁק וַאָפַלְּטֵהוּ אֲשַׂגְבָׁהוּ כִּי־יָדָע שְׁמְי:

"Because he is devoted to Me I will deliver him; I will keep him safe, for he knows My name.

יָקרָאֵנִי וּ וָאֵעֵנָהוּ עִמְּוֹ־אַנֹכֵי בְצַרָה אַסִלְצָׁהוּ וַאַכַבְּדֵהוּ:

When he calls on Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in distress; I will rescue him and make him honored;

אָרֶךְ יַמִים אַשְּׂבִּיעָהוּ וְאַרְאֵהוּ בִּישׁוּעַתֵי: {פּ}

I will let him live to a ripe old age, and show him My salvation."

Inspiration

This Tehillim describes a sense of the many situations in which one can always trust in Hashem whether it is a trap or just a call of distress Hashem provides what is needed to overcome. The words "trust" and "will" denote a finality in finding all things in Hashem. A shelter, a tent, and a haven are all a reminder of safety. A trust in the Hashem will bring refuge and protection from all things. Rashi's commentary elaborates on this stating trust in Hashem can help to eliminate fear. Artscroll commentary notes that after verse fourteen we are reading a response from Hashem bringing a confirmation that no conventional protection is equivalent to refuge and protection from Hashem. In this, I am inspired to think of what is given to sustain us something basic yet full of the ability to change into a multitude of things. Grains, in particular rice grains, are a diverse food crop coming in different sizes and colors working not only as a side dish but incorporated into a main dish.

Recipe

Black Rice Curried Meatloaf

Ingredients

½ cup Black rice or long-grain brown or wild rice

- 1 cup water
- 1 medium zucchini, largely shredded
- 1 tablespoon walnut oil or olive oil
- 1 tablespoon minced ginger root
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 2 stalks of celery, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon salt

2 pounds of lean ground meat of your choosing (i.e., ground beef, turkey, or chicken)

1/3 cup mango chutney or red pepper jelly

Instructions

In a small saucepan over high heat bring rice and water to a boil, then cover and reduce heat to low, simmer till rice is tender and water is absorbed, about 30 to 50 minutes (depending on the rice used) let stand for 10 minutes removed from heat

Remove moisture from shredded zucchini using a strainer or cheesecloth

In a large pan heat oil over medium heat, add ginger and garlic and stir for 30 seconds, then add onions, celery, and zucchini and let cook till tender (about 5 minutes)

Add curry powder and stir for one minute

Stir in Worcestershire sauce and salt and stir till ingredients are well combined

Remove from heat and transfer to a large bowl to cook for 15 minutes

Heat over to 350 ° F degrees (176 ° C)

Prepare a baking dish or broiler pan by coating it with cooking spray

On a cutting board, add spoons of rice and chop them into smaller pieces and add to the bowl with vegetables

Add ground meat and egg, and mix until well blended

Place mixture in a baking dish and form into a loaf

Spread mango chutney or red pepper jelly on top

Bake for 1 hour or 75 minutes depending on the meat used

Let cool for 10 minutes, then slice and add additional mango chutney or red pepper jelly

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