

## PROVERBS

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A verse can express a spiritual truth even if it is in a story which may not be historical.

Each time the subject of a verse changes from “Yahweh” to “God” and vice versa, there is a new paragraph.

(Because of Microsoft software problems, verses can independently move from where they have been placed. A ` has been placed on each vacant line in order to try to stop the verses from moving so much from where they have been placed.)

<p>`</p> <p><b>1769 King James Version</b></p>	<p>`</p> <p><b>1769 King James Version</b></p>
<p>`</p> <p>1:1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;</p> <p>2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;</p> <p>3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;</p> <p>4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.</p> <p>5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels.</p> <p>6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.</p> <p>7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.</p>	<p>`</p> <p><b>Do not fraternize with sinners</b></p> <p>1:1 These are supposedly the proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel.</p> <p>2 To know the wisdom and instruction of God, to perceive the words of understanding,</p> <p>3 to receive the instruction of wisdom, righteous-ness, justice, and fairness,</p> <p>4 to give subtlety to the simple, and knowledge and discretion to the young, are the aims of the proverbs.</p> <p>5 A wise person will pay attention to them and will increase learning, and a person of understanding will work to attain the wisdom of God,</p> <p>6 learning to understand a proverb and its interpretation, the words of the wise and their difficult sayings.</p> <p>7 The fear<sup>1</sup> of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise</p>

8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:  
 9 For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.  
 10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.  
 11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:  
 12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:  
 13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:  
 14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:  
 15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:  
 16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.  
 17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.  
 18 And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives.  
 19 So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof.  
 20 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:  
 21 She crieth in the chief place of

wisdom and instruction.  
 8 My child, hear the instruction of your father and do not forsake the teaching of your mother,  
 9 for they shall be an ornament of grace on your head and golden chains around your neck.  
 10 My child, if sinners entice you, do not consent.  
 11 They may say, "Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privately for the innocent without cause.  
 12 "Let us swallow them up alive as the grave, and whole as those who go down into the pit.  
 13 "We shall take their riches; we shall fill our houses with plunder.  
 14 "Cast in your lot among us; we will share our loot."  
 15 My child, do not walk in their ways with them; refrain your foot from their path.  
 16 For their feet run to evil and make haste to shed blood.  
 17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.  
 18 And they lie in wait for their own blood; they lurk privately for their own lives.  
 19 So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain, who takes away the life of its owners.  
 20 The wisdom of God cries outside; it utters its voice in the streets.  
 21 It cries in the chief sites of the

concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying,

22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

marketplace, in the openings of the gates; in the city it utters its words, saying:

22 "How long, you stupid ones, will you love stupidity? And how long will the scorers delight in their scorning and fools hate knowledge?

23 "Turn at my reproof; behold, I will pour out my spirit upon you; I will make my words known to you.

24 "I, the wisdom of Yahweh, have called, and you turned away; I have *stretched out my hand*, [reached out to you] and no one regarded it.

25 "You have called all my counsel worthless and would have none of my reproofs.

26 "Therefore, I will laugh at your calamity; I will mock you when what you fear comes upon you.

27 "When your fear comes as desolation and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you,

28 "then you shall call upon me, wisdom; you shall seek me incorrectly, and you shall not find me.

29 "For the foolish hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of Yahweh.

30 "They would have none of my counsel; they despised all my reproof.

31 "Therefore, they shall eat of the fruit of their own way and be filled with their own evil.

32 "For the turning away of the foolish

<p>33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.</p>	<p>shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. 33 “But whoever listens to me, the wisdom of God, shall dwell safely and shall be kept from fear of evil.”</p>
<p>2:1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; 3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; 4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. 7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. 8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. 9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. 10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Live by the fear of Yahweh</b></p> <p>2:1 My child, if you will receive my words, and keep my commandments safe within you, 2 so that you incline your ear to the wisdom of God and apply your heart to understanding, 3 if you seek after knowledge and lift up your voice for understanding, 4 if you seek the wisdom of God as silver and search for it as though for hidden treasures, 5 then you shall understand the fear of Yahweh, and you shall find the knowledge of God. 6 For God gives wisdom: <i>out of His mouth</i> [from Him] comes knowledge and understanding. 7 He lays up sound wisdom for the righteous; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly. 8 He keeps the paths of justice and preserves the way of His saints (faithful followers). 9 Then you shall understand righteousness, justice, and fairness, yes, every good path. 10 When the wisdom of God enters</p>

<p>11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: 12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; 13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; 14 Who rejoyce to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked; 15 Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths: 16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words;</p> <p>17 Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. 18 For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. 19 None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life. 20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous. 21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. 22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.</p>	<p>into your heart and knowledge is pleasant to your <i>soul</i> (spiritual sense), 11 discretion shall preserve you and understanding shall keep you safe, 12 to deliver you from the way of the evil people, from those who speak arrogant words, 13 who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness, 14 who rejoyce to do evil and delight in the perverseness of the wicked, 15 whose ways are crooked, and who are stubborn in their paths. 16 The wisdom of God will keep you away from the sinful woman, from the loose women who flatters with her words and 17 who forsakes the guidance of her youth and forgets the covenant of her God. 18 For her house inclines to death, and her paths to the dead. 19 None who go to her return again; nor do they take hold of the paths of life. 20 Take hold, so that you may walk in the way of honesty and keep the paths of the righteous. 21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. 22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and transgressors shall be rooted out of it.</p>
<p><b>3:1 My son, forget not my law; but let</b></p>	<p><b>3:1 My child, do not forget my law; let</b></p>

thine heart keep my commandments:  
 2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.  
 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:  
 4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.  
 5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.  
 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.  
 8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.  
 9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase:  
 10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.  
 11 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:  
 12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.  
 13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.  
 14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the

your heart keep my commandments. =  
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 3 Do not let mercy and truth forsake you; bind them about your neck; write them upon the tablet of your heart.  
 4 Thus you will find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and humanity.  
 5 Trust in God with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding.  
 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.  
 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear Yahweh, and depart from evil.  
 8 This will be a healing to your body and nourishment to your bones.  
 9 Honor God with your substance and with the first fruits of all your increase.  
 10 Thus your barns will be filled with plenty, and your presses will be bursting with new wine.  
 11 My child, do not despise the chastening of God, nor be weary of His correction.  
 12 For whom God loves He corrects, even as parents the child in whom they delight.  
 13 Happy is the person who finds the wisdom of God and the person who gets understanding.  
 14 For the merchandise of wisdom is better than the merchandise of silver and the gain from wisdom is more than from fine gold.

gain thereof than fine gold.

15 She is more precious than rubies:  
and all the things thou canst desire are  
not to be compared unto her.

16 Length of days is in her right hand;  
and in her left hand riches and honour.

17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
and all her paths are peace.

18 She is a tree of life to them that lay  
hold upon her: and happy is every one  
that retaineth her.

19 The LORD by wisdom hath founded  
the earth; by understanding hath he  
established the heavens.

20 By his knowledge the depths are  
broken up, and the clouds drop down  
the dew.

21 My son, let not them depart from  
thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and  
discretion:

22 So shall they be life unto thy soul,  
and grace to thy neck.

23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way  
safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

24 When thou liest down, thou shalt  
not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down,  
and thy sleep shall be sweet.

25 Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither  
of the desolation of the wicked, when it  
cometh.

26 For the LORD shall be thy  
confidence, and shall keep thy foot  
from being taken.

15 The wisdom of God is more  
precious than rubies, and all the things  
you can desire are not to be compared  
to her.

16 Length of days is *in her right hand*  
[with here], *and in her left hand* [as]  
are riches and honor.

17 Its ways are ways of pleasantness,  
and all its paths are peace.

18 The wisdom of God is a tree of life  
to those who lay hold on it, and happy  
is everyone who retains it.

19 God by wisdom has founded the  
earth; by understanding He has  
established the heavens.

20 By His knowledge, the depths are  
broken up and the clouds drop down  
the dew.

21 My child, do not let sound wisdom  
and discretion depart from your way  
of life; rather keep them.

22 So they will be life to your soul  
(spiritual sense) and grace to all your  
ways.

23 Then you will walk in your way  
safely, and your foot will not stumble.

24 When you lie down, you will not be  
afraid; yes, you will lie down and your  
sleep will be sweet.

25 Do not be afraid of sudden danger  
nor of the desolation of the wicked  
when it comes.

26 For God will be your confidence and  
will keep you from being trapped by  
evil.

<p>27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.</p> <p>28 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.</p> <p>29 Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.</p> <p>30 Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.</p> <p>31 Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.</p> <p>32 For the froward is abomination to the LORD: but his secret is with the righteous.</p> <p>33 The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.</p> <p>34 Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.</p> <p>35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.</p>	<p>27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due when it is in your power to give it.</p> <p>28 Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again, and tomorrow I will give a certain thing to you," when you have it with you.</p> <p>29 Do not devise evil against your neighbor if your neighbor dwells peacefully by you.</p> <p>30 Do not quarrel without a cause with a person if the person has not harmed you.</p> <p>31 Do not envy oppressors and choose none of their ways.</p> <p>32 For the arrogant person is an abomination to Yahweh, but His secret is with the righteous.</p> <p>33 The curse of Yahweh is in the house of the wicked, but He blesses the habitation of the just.</p> <p>34 Surely He scorns the scorners, but He gives grace to the lowly.</p> <p>35 The wise will inherit glory, but fools will acquire shame.</p>
<p>4:1 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.</p> <p>2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.</p> <p>3 For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>From God get wisdom</b></p> <p>4:1 Hear, my child, the instruction of a parent, and attend to know understanding.</p> <p>2 For I give you good doctrine; do not forsake my law.</p> <p>3 For I was my father's child and tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.</p>

4 He taught me also, and said unto me,  
Let thine heart retain my words: keep  
my commandments, and live.

5 Get wisdom, get understanding:  
forget it not; neither decline from the  
words of my mouth.

6 Forsake her not, and she shall  
preserve thee: love her, and she shall  
keep thee.

7 Wisdom is the principal thing;  
therefore get wisdom: and with all thy  
getting get understanding.

8 Exalt her, and she shall promote  
thee: she shall bring thee to honour,  
when thou dost embrace her.

9 She shall give to thine head an  
ornament of grace: a crown of glory  
shall she deliver to thee.

10 Hear, O my son, and receive my  
sayings; and the years of thy life shall  
be many.

11 I have taught thee in the way of  
wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not  
be straitened; and when thou runnest,  
thou shalt not stumble.

13 Take fast hold of instruction; let her  
not go: keep her; for she is thy life.

14 Enter not into the path of the  
wicked, and go not in the way of evil  
men.

4 My parent taught me also, "Let your  
heart retain my words; keep my  
commandments and live.

5 "From God get wisdom, get  
understanding, and do not forget  
them; neither reject the words of my  
mouth.

6 "Do not forsake the wisdom of God,  
and it will preserve you; love it and it  
will protect you.

7 "The wisdom of God is the principal  
thing; therefore, get wisdom, and with  
all your getting, strive to get the  
understanding of God.

8 "Exalt it and it will promote you; it  
will lead you to honor when you  
embrace it.

9 "It will give to your head an  
ornament of grace; it will deliver to  
you a crown of glory."

10 Hear, my child, and receive my  
sayings, and the years of your life will  
be many.

11 I have taught you in the way of the  
wisdom of God; I have led you in right  
paths.

12 When you walk, your steps will not  
meet obstruction, and when you run,  
you will not stumble.

13 Take fast hold of the instruction of  
God; do not let it go; keep it, for it is  
your life.

14 Do not enter into the path of the  
wicked, and do not go in the way of  
evil people.

15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it,  
and pass away.

16 For they sleep not, except they have  
done mischief; and their sleep is taken  
away, unless they cause some to fall.

17 For they eat the bread of  
wickedness, and drink the wine of  
violence.

18 But the path of the just is as the  
shining light, that shineth more and  
more unto the perfect day.

19 The way of the wicked is as  
darkness: they know not at what they  
stumble.

20 My son, attend to my words; incline  
thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine  
eyes; keep them in the midst of thine  
heart.

22 For they are life unto those that find  
them, and health to all their flesh.

23 Keep thy heart with all diligence;  
for out of it are the issues of life.

24 Put away from thee a froward  
mouth, and perverse lips put far from  
thee.

25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let  
thine eyelids look straight before thee.

26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let  
all thy ways be established.

27 Turn not to the right hand nor to  
the left: remove thy foot from evil.

15 Avoid them; do not pass by them;  
turn from them and pass away from  
them.

16 For the wicked do not sleep until  
they have created trouble; they cannot  
sleep unless they cause some to fall.

17 For they eat the food of wickedness  
and drink the wine of violence.

18 But the path of the just is like the  
dawning light that shines brighter and  
brighter until the perfect day.

19 The way of the wicked is like  
darkness: they do not know what they  
stumble at.

20 My children, attend to my words;  
listen to my sayings.

21 Do not let them depart from your  
eyes; keep them in the midst of your  
heart.

22 For they are life to those who find  
them and health to all their flesh.

23 Keep your heart with all diligence,  
for from it are all the issues of life.

24 Put away from you a stubborn  
mouth, and put far from you perverse  
lips.

25 Let your eyes see correctly, and let  
them look straight before you.

26 Ponder the path of your feet, and let  
all your ways be proven good.

27 Do not turn to the right hand nor  
the left; remove your foot from evil.

5:1 My son, attend unto my wisdom,  
and bow thine ear to my  
understanding:  
2 That thou mayest regard discretion,  
and that thy lips may keep knowledge.  
3 For the lips of a strange woman drop  
as an honeycomb, and her mouth is  
smoother than oil:  
4 But her end is bitter as wormwood,  
sharp as a twoedged sword.  
5 Her feet go down to death; her steps  
take hold on hell.  
6 Lest thou shouldest ponder the path  
of life, her ways are moveable, that  
thou canst not know them.  
7 Hear me now therefore, O ye  
children, and depart not from the  
words of my mouth.  
8 Remove thy way far from her, and  
come not nigh the door of her house:  
9 Lest thou give thine honour unto  
others, and thy years unto the cruel:  
10 Lest strangers be filled with thy  
wealth; and thy labours be in the  
house of a stranger;  
11 And thou mourn at the last, when  
thy flesh and thy body are consumed,  
12 And say, How have I hated  
instruction, and my heart despised  
reproof;  
13 And have not obeyed the voice of  
my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to  
them that instructed me!

### **Beware of immoral persons**

5:1 My child, attend to my wisdom,  
and humbly reflect on my  
understanding  
2 so that you may not forget discretion  
and so that your lips may utter  
knowledge.  
3 For the lips of a loose woman drop  
sweetness like a honeycomb, and her  
mouth is smoother than oil.  
4 But her end is bitter as wormwood,  
sharp as a two-edged sword.  
5 Her feet go down to death; her steps  
take hold on hell.  
6 She has missed the path that leads to  
life and does not even know it.  
7 Therefore hear me now, you young  
people, and do not disregard the  
words of my mouth.  
8 Remove your way far from her, and  
do not come near the door of her  
house,  
9 lest you give your honor to others  
and your years to one who is cruel,  
10 and lest strangers be filled with  
your wealth, and you have to labor in  
the house of a stranger,  
11 and you mourn at last when your  
flesh and your body are consumed  
12 and say, "I have hated instruction  
and my heart despised reproof,  
13 and I have not obeyed the voice of  
my teachers, nor listened to those who  
instructed me!  
14 "I was almost in all evil in the midst

<p>14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.  15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.  16 Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.  17 Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.  18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.  19 Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.  20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?  21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.  22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.  23 He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.</p>	<p>of the congregation and assembly.”  15 Drink water out of your own cistern and running waters out of your own well.  16 Do not let your personal fountains flow abroad nor your own streams flow in the streets.  17 Let them be only your own and not given to strangers.  18 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of your youth.  19 Let her be like the loving and pleasant deer; let her breasts satisfy you at all times and be always thrilled by her love.  20 And why would you, my son, be ravished by a loose woman and embrace her bosom?  21 For the acts of all people are before the eyes [sight] of God, and He knows and understands all their actions.  22 Their own sins will catch the wicked, and they will be imprisoned by their sins.  23 They will die without knowledge, and in the greatness of their foolishness they will be lost.</p>
<p>6:1 My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, if thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger,  2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the</p>	<p><b>The things Yahweh hates</b>  6:1 My child, if you guarantee payment of a friend's debt, if you have shaken hands in agreement with a stranger,  2 you have been snared by the words of your mouth, you have been trapped</p>

words of thy mouth.

3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.

4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.

5 Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:

7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

12 A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.

13 He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;

14 Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord.

15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken

by the words of your mouth.

3 Do this now, my child, and save yourself out of the hand of your friend; go, humble yourself, and ask your friend to release you from your promise.

4 Do not allow sleep to your eyes, nor slumber to yourself

5 until you have saved yourself, like a deer from the hand of the hunter, and like a bird from the hand of the hunter.

6 Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider her ways and be wise.

7 The ant, without any guide, overseer, or ruler,

8 provides her food in the summer and gathers her food in the harvest.

9 How long will you sleep, O sluggard? When will you arise out of your sleep?

10 Just a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep, and

11 your poverty will come like a robber, and lack like an enemy soldier.

12 Worthless people and wicked people walk around with crooked speech.

13 They make deceiving gestures; they shuffle their feet; they signal with their fingers.

14 Perverseness is in their hearts; they devise mischief continually and sow discord.

15 Therefore their calamity will come suddenly; suddenly they will be broken without remedy.

without remedy.

16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

26 For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

27 Can a man take fire in his bosom,

16 These six things Yahweh hates; yes, seven are an abomination to Him:

17 a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood,

18 a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil,

19 a false witness who speaks lies, and all those who sows discord among their friends and relatives.

20 My child, keep your father's commands and do not forsake the law of your mother.

21 Bind them continually on your heart, and tie them about your neck.

22 Wherever you go, they will lead you; when you sleep, they will protect you, and when you awaken, they will talk with you.

23 For the commands are a lamp, and the law is light; and the reproofs of instruction are the way of life

24 to keep you away from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of someone else's wife.

25 Do not lust after her beauty in your heart; neither let her enchant you with her eyes.

26 For a prostitute can be hired with a loaf of bread, but adultery will cost you your precious life.

27 Can one take fire in their bosom and their clothes not be burned?

28 Can one walk upon hot coals and their feet not be burned?

29 So he who goes in to his neighbor's

<p>and his clothes not be burned?                  28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?                  29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.                  30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;                  31 But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.                  32 But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.                  33 A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.                  34 For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.                  35 He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.</p>	<p>wife and gropes her will not be innocent.                  30 People do not despise thieves if they steal to satisfy their hunger,                  31 but if they are found out, they will restore sevenfold; they will give all the substance of their house to do so.                  32 But whoever commits adultery with someone forbidden lacks understanding; the person who does it destroys their own soul (spirit).                  33 The person will get a wound and dishonor and their shame will never be wiped away.                  34 Jealousy throws a spouse into a rage; therefore, the spouse will not spare an adulterer in the day of vengeance.                  35 The spouse will not regard any guilt payment; neither will the spouse rest content, though the adulterer offers money to settle the matter.                  `                  `                  `</p>
<p>`                  7:1 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.                  2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.                  3 Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.                  4 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister;</p>	<p><b>Stay away from immoral persons</b>                  7:1 My offspring, keep my words, and store up my commands within you.                  2 Keep my commands and live and my law as the apple of your eye.                  3 Tie them upon your fingers; write them upon the tablet of your heart.                  4 Say to the wisdom of God, "You are</p>

and call understanding thy  
kinswoman:  
5 That they may keep thee from the  
strange woman, from the stranger  
which flattereth with her words.  
6 For at the window of my house I  
looked through my casement,  
7 And beheld among the simple ones, I  
discerned among the youths, a young  
man void of understanding,  
8 Passing through the street near her  
corner; and he went the way to her  
house,  
9 In the twilight, in the evening, in the  
black and dark night:  
10 And, behold, there met him a  
woman with the attire of an harlot, and  
subtil of heart.  
11 (She is loud and stubborn; her feet  
abide not in her house:  
12 Now is she without, now in the  
streets, and lieth in wait at every  
corner.)  
13 So she caught him, and kissed him,  
and with an impudent face said unto  
him,  
14 I have peace offerings with me; this  
day have I payed my vows.  
15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee,  
diligently to seek thy face, and I have  
found thee.  
16 I have decked my bed with  
coverings of tapestry, with carved  
works, with fine linen of Egypt.  
17 I have perfumed my bed with

my sister,” and call the understanding  
of God your near relative,  
5 so that they can keep you from the  
loose woman, from the loose woman  
who flatters with her words.  
6 For at my house I looked through a  
window,  
7 and I saw among the simple youths a  
young man without understanding  
8 passing through the street near her  
corner, and he made his way to her  
house  
9 in the twilight, in the evening, in the  
black and dark night.  
10 And, behold, a woman with the  
attire of a prostitute, subtle of heart,  
meets him.  
11 She is loud and stubborn, and her  
feet do not stay in her house.  
12 She goes out now in the streets and  
lies in wait at every corner.  
13 So she catches him and kisses him,  
and with an impudent face says to him,  
14 “I have made an offering today; I  
have paid my vows.  
15 “Therefore I came forth to meet  
you, diligently to seek your face; and I  
have found you.  
16 “I have decked my bed with  
coverings of tapestry, with carved  
works, with fine linen from Egypt.  
17 “I have perfumed my bed with  
myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.  
18 “Come, let us take our fill of love  
until the morning; let us enjoy

<p>myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.  18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves.  19 For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey:  20 He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed.  21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him.  22 He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;  23 Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life.  24 Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth.  25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.  26 For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her.  27 Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.</p>	<p>ourselves with love.  19 “For my husband is not at home: he has gone on a long journey.  20 “He has taken a large sum of money with him and will not come home for a while.”  21 With her fair speech she causes him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she entices him.  22 He goes after her immediately, as an ox goes to the slaughter or as a fool goes to the correction of the stocks,  23 till a dart strikes through his liver, or as a bird hastens to the snare and does not know that the snare will take its life.  24 Therefore, listen to me now, you young people, and attend to the words of my mouth.  25 Do not let your heart turn to the ways of this woman. Do not go astray in her paths.  26 For she has left many wounded; yes, many strong men have been slain by her.  27 Her house is the way to hell, going down to the places of death.  `</p>
<p>`  <b>8:1</b> Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?  `  2 She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the</p>	<p><b>The wisdom of God is calling to you</b>  <b>8:1</b> Does not the wisdom of God cry out and the understanding of God lift up its voice?  2 It stands on high places beside the way where paths cross where all may</p>

paths.

3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.

4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.

5 O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.

6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.

7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.

9 They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

11 For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have

hear it.

3 It cries out at the gates at the entry of the city, at the doors of the city.

4 "To you, people, I, the wisdom of God, call; and my words are to all people.

5 "You simple ones, understand wisdom; and, you fools, get an understanding heart.

6 "Hear, for I will speak of excellent things, and the opening of my lips will be about true things.

7 "For my mouth will speak the truth and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

8 "All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing crooked or twisted in them.

9 "They are all plain to those who understand and correct to those who find knowledge.

10 "Receive my instruction rather than silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold.

11 "For the wisdom of God is better than rubies, and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

12 "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence and possess knowledge and discretion.

13 "The fear of Yahweh is to hate evil: pride, arrogance, the evil way, and the stubborn mouth.

14 "Counsel and sound wisdom are mine. I am understanding; I have

strength.

15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

18 Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.

19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.

20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:

21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

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15 "By me kings reign and nobles decree justice.

16 "By me nobles rule and all the judges of the earth.

17 "I, the wisdom of God, love those who love me, and those who seek me early shall find me.

18 "Riches and honor come through me; yes, durable riches and righteousness.

19 "My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold and my revenue better than choice silver.

20 "I, the wisdom of God, lead in the way of righteousness in the midst of the paths of justice,

21 so that I may cause those who love me to inherit substance and I will fill their treasuries.

22 "God possessed me at the beginning of His way, before He began His works.

23 "I, the wisdom of God, was established from everlasting, from the beginning before the earth was.

24 "When there were no depths and when there were no fountains abounding with water, I was brought forth.

25 "Before the mountains were settled and before there were hills, I, wisdom, was brought forth

26 while God had not yet made the earth, nor the fields, nor the soil of the world.

<p>27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: `</p> <p>28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:</p> <p>29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:</p> <p>30 Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;</p> <p>31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men. `</p> <p>32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. `</p> <p>33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.</p> <p>34 Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.</p> <p>35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.</p> <p>36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.</p>	<p>27 “When He prepared the heavens, I, the wisdom of God, was there. When He stretched a horizon across the face of the deep,</p> <p>28 when He established the clouds above, when He strengthened the fountains of the deep,</p> <p>29 “when He gave to the sea His decree that the waters should not go beyond where He commanded when He appointed the foundations of the earth,</p> <p>30 then I, the wisdom of God, was by Him, working with Him; and I was daily His delight, always rejoicing before Him,</p> <p>31 rejoicing in the habitable part of His earth. And my delights were with humanity.</p> <p>32 “Therefore, listen to me now, you young people, for blessed are those who keep my ways, the ways of the wisdom of God.</p> <p>33 “Hear instruction and be wise and do not refuse it.</p> <p>34 “Blessed are those who hear me, watching daily at my gates and waiting at the posts of my doors.</p> <p>35 “For whoever finds me finds life and will obtain the favor of God.</p> <p>36 “But those who sin against me wrong their own souls (spirit); all those who hate me love death.”</p>
<p>` `</p>	<p><b>The love of God is the real beginning of wisdom</b></p>

9:1 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:  
 2 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.  
 3 She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,  
 4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,  
 5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.  
 6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.  
 7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot.  
 8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.  
 9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.  
 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.  
 11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.  
 12 If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.  
 13 A foolish woman is clamorous: she

9:1 The wisdom of God has built its house, it has set up its seven pillars.  
 2 It has not killed any sacrificial animals; it has not blended wine; it has not furnished a table.  
 3 It has sent forth its female servants; it cries out upon the highest places of the city,  
 4 “Those who are ignorant, let them turn in here.” To the person who lacks understanding, it says,  
 5 “Come and eat my food and drink the wine which I have prepared.  
 6 “Forsake the foolish and live and follow the way of understanding.”  
 7 One who criticizes a scorner will only receive scorn, and one who rebukes a wicked person will be hurt.  
 8 If you reprove scorners, they will hate you, but if you rebuke the wise, they will love you.  
 9 Give instruction to the wise, and they will become wiser; teach the righteous and they will increase in wisdom.  
 10 The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.  
 11 For by me, the wisdom of God, your days will be multiplied, and the years of your life will be increased.  
 12 If you are wise, you will be benefitted; but if you are scornful, you will bear the consequences.  
 13 A foolish woman is loud; she is ignorant and knows nothing.

<p>is simple, and knoweth nothing.  14 For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,  15 To call passengers who go right on their ways:  16 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,  17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.  18 But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.</p>	<p>14 For she sits at the door of her house on a seat in the high places of the city  15 calling to those passing by, saying,  16 “Those who are ignorant, let them turn in here.” And to those who lack understanding, she says,  17 “Stolen waters are sweet and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.”  18 But they do not know that the dead are there and that her guests are in the world of the dead.  `  `  `</p>
<p>`  <b>10:1</b> The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.  `  2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.  3 The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.  4 He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.  5 He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.  6 Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Love covers all sins</b></p> <p><b>10:1</b> Supposedly the proverbs of Solomon: Wise children make a glad father, but foolish children are the sorrow of their mother.  2 Treasures gained by wickedness are no profit, but righteousness saves one from death.  3 Yahweh will not allow the righteous to starve, but He destroys the substance of the wicked.  4 Those who are lazy become poor, but the hands of the diligent create riches.  5 Those who gather food in the summer are wise, but those who sleep during harvest season awake ashamed.  6 Blessings are upon the head of the just, but violence comes out of the mouth of the wicked.  7 The memory of the just is blessed,</p>

7 The memory of the just is blessed:  
but the name of the wicked will rot.

8 The wise in heart will receive  
commandments: but a prating fool  
shall fall.

9 He that walketh uprightly walketh  
surely: but he that perverteth his ways  
shall be known.

10 He that winketh with the eye  
causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall  
fall.

11 The mouth of a righteous person is  
a well of life: but violence covereth the  
mouth of the wicked.

12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love  
covereth all sins.

13 In the lips of him that hath  
understanding wisdom is found: but a  
rod is for the back of him that is void of  
understanding.

14 Wise men lay up knowledge: but  
the mouth of the foolish is near  
destruction.

15 The rich man's wealth is his strong  
city: the destruction of the poor is their  
poverty.

16 The labour of the righteous tendeth  
to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.

17 He is in the way of life that keepeth  
instruction: but he that refuseth  
reproof erreth.

18 He that hideth hatred with lying  
lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a  
fool.

19 In the multitude of words there

but the name of the wicked shall rot.

8 The wise in heart will honor  
commands, but a chattering fool will  
fail.

9 Those who walk uprightly walk  
surely, but criminals will be found out.

10 Evil plotting causes sorrow, and  
one who speaks foolishly will come to  
ruin.

11 The mouth of a righteous person is  
a well of life, but violence comes out of  
the mouth of the wicked.

12 Hatred stirs up strife, but love  
covers all sins.

13 The wisdom of God is found on the  
lips of the person who has understand-  
ing, but a rod is for the back of the  
person who is void of understanding.

14 Wise people store up knowledge,  
but the mouths of the foolish bring  
them to destruction.

15 The wealth of rich people is their  
strong city; the destruction of the poor  
is their poverty.

16 The labor of the righteous tends to  
life, the fruit of the wicked leads  
towards sin.

17 Those in the way of life keep  
instruction, but those who refuse  
correction make mistakes.

18 Those who hide hatred with lying  
lips and those who utter slanders are  
fools.

19 In a multitude of words there may  
be sin, but those who restrain their

wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.

20 The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth.

21 The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.

22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

23 It is as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.

24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.

25 As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.

26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him.

27 The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

28 The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

29 The way of the LORD is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

30 The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

31 The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall

speech are wise.

20 The tongue of the just is like choice silver; the heart of the wicked is of little worth.

21 The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of wisdom.

22 The blessing of God enriches, and He adds no sorrow with it.

23 It is like sport to a fool to make mischief, but a person of understanding has wisdom.

24 The fears of the wicked will come upon them, but the desire of the righteous will be granted.

25 Like a whirlwind passing, the wicked are no more; but the righteous have an everlasting foundation.

26 Like vinegar to the teeth and like smoke to the eyes are the lazy to those who employ them.

27 The fear of Yahweh prolongs days, but the years of the wicked will be shortened.

28 The hopes of the righteous will come to pass, but the expectation of the wicked will perish.

29 The way of Yahweh is strength to the upright, but destruction will come to the workers of iniquity.

30 The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not inherit the earth.

31 The mouth of the just brings forth wisdom, but the arrogant tongue will be silenced.

<p>be cut out.  32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked speaketh frowardness.</p>	<p>32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouths of the wicked only know what is evil.  `</p>
<p>`  `  <b>11:1</b> A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight.  2 When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.  3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.  4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.  5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.  6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in their own naughtiness.  7 When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust men perisheth.  8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.  9 An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.  10 When it goeth well with the</p>	<p><b>The righteousness of the perfect directs their way</b>  <b>11:1</b> A false balance is an abomination to God, but a just weight is His delight.  2 When pride comes, then comes shame, but the lowly can have wisdom.  3 The integrity of the upright will guide them, but the crookedness of transgressors will destroy them.  4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.  5 The righteousness of the perfect directs their way, but the wicked fall by their own wickedness.  6 The righteousness of the upright will save them, but lawbreakers will be caught by their own desires.  7 When wicked people die, their expectations perish, and the hopes of unjust people perish.  8 The righteous person is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked person gets into it instead.  9 Hypocrites destroy their neighbors with their mouths, but through knowledge the just will be saved.  10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices; and when the wicked perish, there is joyful</p>

righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, there is shouting.

11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

12 He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

13 A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

14 Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

15 He that is surety for a stranger shall smart for it: and he that hateth suretiship is sure.

16 A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong men retain riches.

17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.

18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.

19 As righteousness tendeth to life: so he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death.

20 They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the LORD: but such as are upright in their way are his delight.

21 Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

shouting.

11 The city is exalted by the blessing of the upright but may be overthrown by the mouths of the wicked.

12 Those who are void of the wisdom of God despise their neighbors, but people of understanding maintain peace.

13 A talebearer reveals secrets, but those who have a faithful spirit say nothing about the matter.

14 The people will fall without guidance, but with a multitude of counselors, there is safety.

15 One who guarantees the debt of a stranger will regret it, and there is safety in not getting involved.

16 A gracious person retains honor, and strong people retain riches.

17 The merciful do good to their own souls (spirit), but those who are cruel harm their own flesh.

18 The work of the wicked is deceitful, but the one who sows righteousness will have a sure reward.

19 As righteousness tends to life, so those who pursue evil pursue it to their own death.

20 Those who have a willful, stubborn heart are an abomination to Yahweh, but those who are upright in their ways are God's delight.

21 Though hand joins in hand, the wicked will not be unpunished, but the descendants of the righteous will be

<p>22 As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion.</p> <p>23 The desire of the righteous is only good: but the expectation of the wicked is wrath.</p> <p>24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.</p> <p>25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.</p> <p>26 He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.</p> <p>27 He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.</p> <p>28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.</p> <p>29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.</p> <p>30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.</p> <p>31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.</p>	<p>delivered.</p> <p>22 A pretty woman who is without discretion is like a jewel of gold in a pigs' snout.</p> <p>23 The desire of the righteous is only good, but the wicked can expect wrath.</p> <p>24 There are those who give freely and yet increase, and there are those who withhold more than is right, and it tends to poverty.</p> <p>25 The liberal soul (spirit) will be enriched, and the people who water will also be watered themselves.</p> <p>26 Curses will be upon the person who withholds grain, but blessing will be upon the head of the person who sells it.</p> <p>27 One who diligently seeks good gains favor, but the person who seeks mischief will find trouble.</p> <p>28 Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green branch.</p> <p>29 Those who trouble their own house will inherit the wind, and the fool will be a servant to the wise of heart.</p> <p>30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the person who wins <i>souls</i> (the spirit of people) is wise.</p> <p>31 Behold, the righteous will be repaid upon the earth, but even more the wicked and the sinner.</p>
<p>12:1 Whoso loveth instruction loveth</p>	<p><b>No evil will happen to just persons</b> 12:1 The person who loves instruction</p>

knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.

2 A good man obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

3 A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.

4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

5 The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.

6 The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

7 The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.

8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.

9 He that is despised, and hath a servant, is better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.

10 A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.

11 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain persons is void of

loves knowledge, but the person who will not listen to correction is like an animal.

2 A good person obtains the favor of God, but Yahweh will condemn a person who makes wicked plans.

3 No one can be established by wickedness, but the roots of the righteous will not be moved.

4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband, but the wife who makes her husband ashamed is like rottenness in his bones.

5 The thoughts of the righteous are right, but the guidance of the wicked is deceit.

6 The wicked advise lying in wait for blood, but the wisdom of God of the upright will save them.

7 The wicked are overthrown and are no more, but the house of the righteous will stand.

8 People will be commended according to their wisdom, but the person who has a crooked heart will be despised.

9 Those who are despised and have a servant are better than those who honor themselves and lack bread.

10 Righteous persons are concerned about the welfare of their animals, but the actions by the wicked are cruel.

11 Those who till their land will be satisfied with food, but those who follow profitless plans are void of

understanding.

12 The wicked desireth the net of evil men: but the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit.

13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.

14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

16 A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame.

17 He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.

18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

20 Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace is joy.

21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.

22 Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.

23 A prudent man concealeth

understanding.

12 Evil is a trap for the wicked, but the root of the righteous yields fruit.

13 The wicked are snared by the sins of their lips, but the just will come out of trouble.

14 People will be satisfied with good by the fruit of their mouths and will receive a reward for their work.

15 The way of a fool is right in the eyes of fools, but those who listen to counsel are wise.

16 A fool's anger is immediately known, but a prudent person hides annoyance.

17 The person who speaks truth shows forth righteousness, but a false witness shows forth deceit.

18 There is speech which is like the piercings of a sword, but the tongue of the wise is health.

19 Lips which speak truth will be established forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

20 Deceit is in the heart of those who plan evil, but to the counselors of peace there is joy.

21 No evil will happen to the just, but the wicked will be filled with trouble.

22 Lying lips are an abomination to God, but those who deal truly are God's delight.

23 A prudent person proclaims knowledge, but the heart of a fool proclaims foolishness.

<p>knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness. 24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute. 25 Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad. 26 The righteous is more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them. 27 The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious. 28 In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.</p>	<p>24 The hand of the diligent will rule, but the slothful will become slaves. 25 Sorrow in the hearts of persons makes them stoop, but a good word makes them glad. 26 The righteous do good to their neighbors, but the way of the wicked seduces the people. 27 Lazy people do not roast that which they take while hunting, but the substance of a diligent person is precious. 28 In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death. , , ,</p>
<p>, , <b>13:1</b> A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke. 2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence. 3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction. , 4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat. 5 A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh</p>	<p><b>Wise children hear their parent's instruction</b> <b>13:1</b> Wise children hear their parent's instruction, but a scorner does not listen to rebuke. 2 Persons will eat well by the fruit of their mouths, but the soul (spirit) of sinners will eat violence. 3 Those who control their mouths keep their life, but those who open their lips wide will meet with destruction. 4 The sluggard desires but has nothing, but the diligent will be enriched. 5 A righteous person hates lying, but a wicked person is loathsome and comes to shame.</p>

to shame.

6 Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.

7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.

8 The ransom of a man's life are his riches: but the poor heareth not rebuke.

9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

11 Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

15 Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.

16 Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly.

17 A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador is health.

18 Poverty and shame shall be to him

6 Righteousness keeps the honest person in the right way, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.

7 There are those who make themselves rich yet have nothing, and there are those who become poor yet have great riches.

8 A person's life may be saved by riches, but the poor are not threatened.

9 The light of the righteous rejoices, but the lamp of the wicked will be put out.

10 From pride come quarrels, but with the well advised is wisdom.

11 Wealth gotten by trickery will vanish away, but that which is gathered by labor will increase.

12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when desire is fulfilled, it is a tree of life.

13 Whoever despises the word of Yahweh will be destroyed, but the one who fears Yahweh and reveres His commandments will be rewarded.

14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life to escape from the snares of death.

15 Good understanding brings reward, but the way of transgressors is hard.

16 Every prudent person deals with knowledge, but fools reveal their folly.

17 A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a faithful ambassador is healthy.

18 Poverty and shame will come to one who refuses instruction, but the

<p>that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.</p> <p>19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but it is abomination to fools to depart from evil.</p> <p>20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.</p> <p>21 Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.</p> <p>22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.</p> <p>23 Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment.</p> <p>24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.</p> <p>25 The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.</p>	<p>person who listens to correction will be honored.</p> <p>19 A good thing accomplished is sweet to the soul (spirit), but it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil.</p> <p>20 The person who walks with those who are wise will be wise, but a companion of fools will be destroyed.</p> <p>21 Evil pursues sinners, but to the righteous, good will be repaid.</p> <p>22 Good people leave an inheritance to their children's children, but the wealth of the sinner benefits no one.</p> <p>23 The poor by hard labor may grow much food, but it may be destroyed for lack of wisdom.</p> <p>24 Those who do not correct their children, hate them, but those who love their children chasten them at times.</p> <p>25 The righteous eat to the satisfying of their soul (spirit, but the belly of the wicked will lack food.</p>
<p>14:1 Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.</p> <p>2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD: but he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him.</p> <p>3 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall</p>	<p><b>There is a way which seems right to a person, but its end is death</b></p> <p>14:1 Every wise woman is a careful housekeeper, but the foolish do not maintain their homes.</p> <p>2 Those who walk in their uprightness fear Yahweh, but those who are crooked in their ways despise Him.</p> <p>3 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride, but words from the lips of the</p>

preserve them.

4 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean: but much increase is by the strength of the ox.

5 A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.

7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.

8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit.

9 Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.

10 The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth is heaviness.

14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.

15 The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going.

wise will preserve them.

4 Where no oxen are, the barn is empty of grain; but the strength of the ox brings much increase.

5 A faithful witness will not lie, but a false witness will utter lies.

6 A scorner seeks wisdom and does not find it, but knowledge comes easily to one who honors learning.

7 Go from the presence of a foolish person when you do not perceive knowledge in this person.

8 With the wisdom of God, the prudent understand where they are going, but the folly of fools is deceit.

9 Fools laugh at talk of sin, but to the righteous comes God's favor.

10 The heart knows its own bitterness, nor can another share its joy.

11 The house of the wicked will be overthrown, but the tabernacle of the upright will flourish.

12 There is a way which seems right to a person, but the end of it is the way of death.

13 Even in laughter the heart may be sorrowful, and the end of mirth may be sorrow.

14 Backsliders in heart will be filled with their own wrongdoing, but good people will be satisfied with themselves.

15 The simple person believes every word, but the wise examine everything.

16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.

17 He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.

18 The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19 The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but the rich hath many friends.

21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he.

22 Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good.

23 In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.

24 The crown of the wise is their riches: but the foolishness of fools is folly.

25 A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful witness speaketh lies.

26 In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

28 In the multitude of people is the

16 A wise person fears the power of Yahweh and departs from evil, but the fool rages and is confident.

17 He who is quickly angry deals foolishly, and a person of wicked devices is hated.

18 The simple inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19 The evil bow before the good, and the wicked bow at the gates of the righteous.

20 The poor are avoided even by their own neighbors, but the rich have many friends.

21 People who despise their neighbor sin, but those who have mercy on the poor are happy.

22 Do they not err who devise evil? But mercy and truth will come to those who devise good.

23 In all labor there is profit, but the talk of the lips tends only to poverty.

24 The crown of the wise is their riches, but the foolishness of fools leads to lack.

25 A true witness delivers souls (the spirit), but a deceitful witness speaks lies.

26 Those who fear Yahweh have strong confidence, and their children will have a place of refuge.

27 The fear of Yahweh is a fountain of life which saves from the snares of death.

28 In the multitude of people ruled by

<p>king's honour: but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince.</p> <p>29 He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.</p> <p>30 A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.</p> <p>31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.</p> <p>32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death.</p> <p>33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but that which is in the midst of fools is made known.</p> <p>34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.</p> <p>35 The king's favour is toward a wise servant: but his wrath is against him that causeth shame.</p>	<p>him is the king's honor, but in the lack of people is the destruction of the prince.</p> <p>29 One who is slow to anger is of great understanding, but one who is hasty of spirit exalts folly.</p> <p>30 A sound heart is the life of the flesh, but envy causes rottenness of the bones.</p> <p>31 Those who oppress the poor dishonor their Maker, but those who honor Him have mercy on the poor.</p> <p>32 The wicked are driven away in their wickedness, but the righteous have hope even in their passing.</p> <p>33 The wisdom of God rests in the heart of the person who has understanding, but what is in the heart of a fool?</p> <p>34 Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.</p> <p>35 The king's favor is toward a wise servant, but his wrath is against a servant who causes shame.</p>
<p>15:1 A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.</p> <p>2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.</p> <p>3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.</p> <p>4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life:</p>	<p><b>A soft answer turns away wrath</b></p> <p>15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger.</p> <p>2 The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, but the mouth of fools pours out foolishness.</p> <p>3 The eyes [sight] of Yahweh <i>are</i> [is] in every place, seeing the evil and the good.</p> <p>4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life,</p>

but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.

5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish doeth not so.

8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

9 The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

10 Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.

11 Hell and destruction are before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?

12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.

13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

15 All the days of the afflicted are evil:

but falsehood from a tongue breaks the spirit.

5 Fools despise their parents' instruction, but not those who are prudent.

6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure, but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge, but the heart of the foolish does not do so.

8 A sacrifice made by a wicked person is an abomination to Yahweh, but the prayer of the upright is God's delight.

9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to Yahweh, but God loves those who follow after righteousness.

10 Correction is hated by the person who forsakes the righteous way, and the person who hates reproof will die.

11 Even hell and destruction are well known to Yahweh; how much more then the hearts of mortals?

12 Scorners do not love one who reproves them, neither will they go to the one who is wise.

13 A merry heart makes for a cheerful face, but by sorrow of the heart, the spirit is broken.

14 The heart of one who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.

15 All the days of the oppressed are

but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.

16 Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.

17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

18 A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.

19 The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain.

20 A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

21 Folly is joy to him that is destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.

22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!

24 The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

25 The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.

26 The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD: but the words of the pure are pleasant words.

27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth

hard, but one who has a merry heart has a continual feast.

16 Better is little with the fear of Yahweh than great treasure and the trouble that attends it.

17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than to dine on a well-fed ox in the presence of hatred.

18 A wrathful person stirs up strife, but the person who is slow to anger appeases strife.

19 The path of the slothful is like a hedge of thorns, but the path of the righteous is clear and open.

20 Wise offspring make a glad father, but foolish ones despise their mother.

21 Folly is a joy to one who is destitute of the wisdom of God, but a person of understanding walks uprightly.

22 Without guidance, purposes are disappointed, but with a multitude of counselors, purposes are established.

23 Good words well said bring joy, and how good is a wise word spoken in due season!

24 The path of life leads upward for the wise away from hell below.

25 Yahweh will destroy the house of the proud, but He will establish the property rights of the widow.

26 The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to Yahweh, but the words of the pure are pleasant to Him.

27 Those who are greedy of gain trouble their own house, but the one

<p>his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.</p> <p>28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.</p> <p>29 The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.</p> <p>30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: and a good report maketh the bones fat.</p> <p>31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.</p> <p>32 He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.</p> <p>33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.</p>	<p>who hates bribes will live.</p> <p>28 The heart of the righteous is careful in answering, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.</p> <p>29 Yahweh is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous.</p> <p>30 Smiling eyes rejoice the heart, and good news makes the bones healthy.</p> <p>31 The ear that listens to correction has a place among the wise.</p> <p>32 Those who refuse instruction despise their own souls (spirit), but those who value reproof get understanding.</p> <p>33 The fear of Yahweh is the instruction of wisdom, and humility is necessary before honor.</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p>
<p>`</p> <p><b>16:1</b> The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.</p> <p>2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.</p> <p>3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.</p> <p>4 The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.</p> <p>5 Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand</p>	<p><b>God should direct one's paths</b></p> <p><b>16:1</b> The preparations of the heart in people, and the answer of the tongue, are from God.</p> <p>2 All the ways of people are right in their own eyes, but God weighs the spirit of each person.</p> <p>3 Commit your works to God, and your thoughts will be established.</p> <p>4 Yahweh has made all things for Himself, yes, even the wicked for the day of evil.</p> <p>5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to Yahweh; even though</p>

join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

8 Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.

9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

10 A divine sentence is in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.

11 A just weight and balance are the LORD's: all the weights of the bag are his work.

12 It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness.

13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.

14 The wrath of a king is as messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.

15 In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain.

16 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

they attempt to hide their wickedness, the wicked will not go unpunished.

6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged, as a result of the fear of Yahweh, people depart from evil.

7 When the ways of people please God, He makes even some of their enemies to be at peace with them.

8 Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.

9 A person's heart makes decisions, but God directs their steps.

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17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

19 Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.

21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

22 Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly.

23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

24 Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

26 He that laboureth laboureth for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him.

27 An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire.

28 A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

29 A violent man enticeth his

depart from evil. Those who steer the correct course preserve their soul (spirit).

18 Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.

19 It is better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly than to divide plunder with the proud.

20 The person who handles a matter wisely will find good, and happy is the person who trusts in God.

21 The wise in heart will be called prudent, and pleasant speech increases learning.

22 Understanding is a wellspring of life to the person who has it, but the folly of fools brings punishment.

23 The good heart of the wise teaches their mouth and adds learning to their lips.

24 Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweet to the soul (spirit) and health to the bones.

25 There is a path that seems right to a person, but the end of it is the way of death.

26 Those who labor, labor for themselves, for their mouth craves it for them.

27 Ungodly people dig up evil, and from their mouths evil comes forth like burning fire.

28 A stubborn person sows strife, and a gossiper separates close friends.

29 Violent people entice their

<p>neighbour, and leadeth him into the way that is not good.</p> <p>30 He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.</p> <p>31 The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.</p> <p>32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.</p> <p>33 The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.</p>	<p>neighbors and lead them into ways that are not good.</p> <p>30 They shut their eyes to devise crooked things. Moving their lips, they bring evil to pass.</p> <p>31 The gray head is a crown of glory if it is found in the way of righteousness.</p> <p>32 Those who are slow to anger are better than the mighty, and those who rule their spirit are better than those who take a city.</p> <p>33 The lot is cast into the lap, but the outcome of the whole matter is of God.</p>
<p>\</p> <p><b>17:1</b> Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife.</p> <p>2 A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.</p> <p>3 The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.</p> <p>4 A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.</p> <p>5 Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.</p> <p>6 Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are</p>	<p><b>God tests the hearts</b></p> <p><b>17:1</b> Better is a dry morsel of food with quietness than a house full of sacrifices with fighting.</p> <p>2 Wise servants will be promoted over their master's children who cause shame and will have part of the inheritance among the children.</p> <p>3 The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold, but God tests the hearts.</p> <p>4 A wicked doer gives heed to false lips, and a liar listens to a lying tongue.</p> <p>5 Those who mock the poor reproach their Maker, and those who are glad at calamities will not be unpunished.</p> <p>6 Grandchildren are the crown of the old, and the glory of children are their parents.</p> <p>7 Excellent speech does not become a</p>

their fathers.

7 Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.

8 A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.

10 A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool.

11 An evil man seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

12 Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.

13 Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

14 The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD.

16 Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing he hath no heart to it?

17 A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

18 A man void of understanding striketh hands, and becometh surety in the presence of his friend.

fool, much less do lying lips become a prince.

8 A gift is like a precious stone in the eyes of the person who receives it; wherever it turns it prospers.

9 The person who forgives a sin seeks love, but the person who repeats a wrong act divides friends.

10 A reproof has more effect on a wise person than a hundred lashes on a fool.

11 An evil person seeks only rebellion; therefore, a cruel messenger will be sent against him.

12 It is better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than to have dealings with fools in their folly.

13 If people reward evil for good, evil will not depart from their house.

14 The beginning of strife is as when a dam begins to leak water; therefore, stop contention before it becomes destructive.

15 The person who justifies the wicked and the person who condemns the just are both abominations to Yahweh.

16 Of what use is money in the hand of fools to get wisdom, seeing they have no heart in it?

17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother or sister is born to share adversity.

18 Only one void of understanding will guarantee the debt of another person.

19 The person who loves strife loves sin, and the person who builds a high

<p>19 He loveth transgression that loveth strife: and he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.</p> <p>20 He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.</p> <p>21 He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.</p> <p>22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.</p> <p>23 A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment.</p> <p>24 Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.</p> <p>25 A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.</p> <p>26 Also to punish the just is not good, nor to strike princes for equity.</p> <p>27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.</p> <p>28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.</p>	<p>gate is asking for trouble.</p> <p>20 The person who has a dishonest heart finds no good, and the person who has a crooked tongue falls into mischief.</p> <p>21 Having a fool for an offspring brings sorrow, and the parents of a fool have no joy.</p> <p>22 A merry heart does good like a medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones.</p> <p>23 A wicked person takes a secret bribe to pervert the ways of justice.</p> <p>24 Wisdom is the goal of the person who has understanding, but the eyes of a fool wander all over the place.</p> <p>25 Foolish children are a grief to their father and bitterness to the woman who bore them.</p> <p>26 Also, to punish the just is not good, nor to flog nobles who are righteous.</p> <p>27 The person who has knowledge speaks sparingly, and a person of understanding has an excellent spirit.</p> <p>28 Even fools, when silent, are counted wise. The person who remains silent is considered to be a person of understanding.</p>
<p>、</p> <p><b>18:1</b> Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom.</p> <p>2 A fool hath no delight in</p>	<p><b>Before honor is humility</b></p> <p><b>18:1</b> Through selfishness some, having isolated themselves, refuse to seek wisdom.</p> <p>2 A fool has no delight in understand-</p>

understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.

3 When the wicked cometh, then cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.

4 The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, and the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook.

5 It is not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

6 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.

8 The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.

12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.

13 He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.

14 The spirit of a man will sustain his

ing, only in expressing their own heart.

3 When the wicked come, then also comes contempt, and with shame comes disgrace.

4 The words of a wise person's mouth are like deep waters, and the wellspring of wisdom like a flowing brook.

5 It is not good to be partial to the wicked or to deprive the righteous of justice.

6 A fool's lips enter into contention, and their mouth calls for strokes on their back.

7 A fool's mouth is their destruction, and their lips are the snare of their soul (spirit).

8 The words of a talebearer are like wounds, and they may strike into the innermost parts of the heart.

9 Those who are slothful in their work are related to those who are great wasters.

10 The name (nature) of God is a strong tower; the righteous person runs into it and is safe.

11 The wealth of rich people is their strong city, like a high wall in their imagination.

12 Before destruction the heart of a person is haughty, but before honor is humility.

13 If a person decides a matter before fully hearing it, this is folly and shame to the person.

14 A strong spirit can win over illness,

<p>infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?                  15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.                  16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.                  17 He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.                  18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.                  `</p> <p>19 A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city: and their contentions are like the bars of a castle.                  20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.                  21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.                  22 Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.                  23 The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.                  24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.</p>	<p>but who can bear a wounded spirit?                  15 The heart of the prudent gets knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.                  16 A person's gift makes room for the person and brings the person before great people.                  17 Those who speak first in their own cause seem to be right, until their neighbor comes and questions them.                  18 Casting lots causes contentions to cease and keeps the mighty from fighting.                  19 An offended relative is harder to be won over than a strong city, and their contentions are like the bars of a castle.                  20 Some people will be satisfied with the fruit of their mouth; and with the increase of their lips, they will be filled.                  21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.                  22 Whoever finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains the favor of Yahweh.                  23 The poor have to beg, but the rich person answers roughly.                  24 To have friends, one must be friendly, and some friends stick closer than a relative.                  `</p>
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<p>`</p> <p><b>19:1</b> Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Get the wisdom of God</b></p> <p><b>19:1</b> Better are the poor who walk in their integrity, than those who are</p>
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his lips, and is a fool.

2 Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth.

3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.

4 Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.

5 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.

6 Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.

7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth them with words, yet they are wanting to him.

8 He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

9 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish.

10 Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes.

11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

12 The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but his favour is as dew upon the grass.

crooked in their talk and are fools.

2 The soul (spirit) in a hurry for knowledge is not good, and those who run after it too fast get lost.

3 The foolishness of people perverts their way, and their hearts fret against Yahweh.

4 Wealth makes many friends, but the poor are avoided by their neighbors.

5 A false witness will not be unpunished, and those who speak lies will not escape.

6 Many will entreat the favor of the prince, and every person is a friend to the person who gives gifts.

7 All the relatives of the poor hate the poor, and their friends go far from them. The poor pursue them with words, yet they flee.

8 The people who get the wisdom of God love their own soul (spirit). Those who value understanding will find good.

9 A false witness will not be unpunished, and the person who speaks lies will perish.

10 Luxury is not fitting for a fool, much less for a servant to rule over princes.

11 The discretion of a person turns away anger, and it is gracious to forgive a sin.

12 The king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion, but his favor is like dew upon the grass.

13 A foolish child is the calamity of

13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.

14 House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD.

15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

16 He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; but he that despiseth his ways shall die.

17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver him, yet thou must do it again.

20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

21 There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

22 The desire of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar.

23 The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

their parents, and the quarreling of a spouse is like the torture of continual dripping water.

14 House and riches are the inheritance of people, and a prudent wife is from Yahweh.

15 Laziness casts into a deep sleep, and an idle person will suffer hunger.

16 People who keep the commandments keep their own soul (spirit), but those who despise Yahweh's ways will die.

17 The person who has pity upon the poor lends to Yahweh, and that which is given to Yahweh will be paid back.

18 Chasten your children while there is hope, and do not spare them because of their crying.

19 A person of great wrath will suffer punishment; and if you help the person, you will have to do it again.

20 Listen to righteous advice, and receive instruction, so that you may be wise in your later years.

21 There are many conflicting thoughts in a person's heart; nevertheless, the counsel of God will stand.

22 The desire of a person is for faithfulness, and a poor person is better than a liar.

23 The fear of Yahweh tends to life, and the person who has it will abide satisfied; they will not be visited by evil.

<p>24 A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.</p> <p>25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge.</p> <p>26 He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.</p> <p>27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.</p> <p>28 An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.</p> <p>29 Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.</p>	<p>24 A Lazy person hides their hand in their bosom and will not so much as bring it to their mouth again.</p> <p>25 Strike down a scorner, and the simple will beware; and reprove one who has understanding, and this person will understand knowledge.</p> <p>26 Those who steal from their father and chase away their mother cause shame and disgrace.</p> <p>27 Cease, my children, to hear the instruction that causes you to err from the words of knowledge.</p> <p>28 An ungodly witness scorns justice, and the mouth of the wicked eagerly drinks evil.</p> <p>29 Judgments are prepared for scorners and whippings for the backs of fools.</p>
<p>、</p> <p>、</p> <p><b>20:1</b> Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.</p> <p>2 The fear of a king is as the roaring of a lion: whoso provoketh him to anger sinneth against his own soul.</p> <p>、</p> <p>3 It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.</p> <p>4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.</p>	<p><b>Whoever is deceived by strong drink is not wise</b></p> <p><b>20:1</b> Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whoever is deceived by them is not wise.</p> <p>2 The anger of a king is like the roaring of a lion; those who provoke him to anger sin against their own soul (spirit).</p> <p>3 It is honorable to cease from strife, but fools do not stop quarreling.</p> <p>4 Lazy people will not plow because of the cold; therefore, they will beg at harvest time and have nothing.</p> <p>5 Counsel in one's heart is like deep</p>

5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

7 The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

8 A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes.

9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

10 Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the LORD.

11 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them.

13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

14 It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.

16 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger: and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

17 Bread of deceit is sweet to a man;

water, but a person of understanding will draw it out.

6 Most people will proclaim their own goodness, but who can find a wholly virtuous person?

7 The just walk in their integrity, and their children are blessed after them.

8 A king sitting on the throne of judgment sifts all the evil with his eyes.

9 Who can say, "I have made my heart clean; I am pure from sin?"

10 Different weights and measures for buying versus for selling are an abomination to God.

11 Even children are known by their actions, whether their work is pure and whether it is right.

12 Both the hearing ear and the seeing eye have been made by God.

13 Do not love sleep lest you come to poverty; open your eyes, and you will be satisfied with food.

14 "It is not worth much; it is not worth much," say the buyers, but afterward they boast of clever bargaining.

15 There are gold and a multitude of rubies, but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.

16 Take a person's garment that has given surety for a stranger, and take the pledge of a person for a stranger.

17 The food of deceit is sweet to some, but afterward their mouths will be filled with gravel.

but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

18 Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.

19 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

21 An inheritance may be gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.

23 Divers weights are an abomination unto the LORD; and a false balance is not good.

24 Man's goings are of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?

25 It is a snare to the man who devoureth that which is holy, and after vows to make enquiry.

26 A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.

27 The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

28 Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.

29 The glory of young men is their

18 Wise purposes are established by wise discussion, and only with good advice make war.

19 The person who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; therefore, do not meddle with the person who is a flatterer.

20 Those who curse their father or their mother will have their lamp put out in obscure darkness.

21 An inheritance may be gotten hastily at the beginning, but the end of the matter will not be a blessing.

22 Do not say, "I will repay evil." But wait on God, and He will save you.

23 The use of different weights when buying than when selling is an abomination to God, and a false balance is not good.

24 Our lives are of God. How then can anyone understand their own way?

25 It is a mistake for a person to devour that which is holy and afterward make an inquiry.

26 A wise king winnows the wicked like chaff and drives the winnowing wheel over them.

27 The spirit of a person is the lamp of God, searching all the inward parts of the person.

28 Mercy and truth preserve the king, and his throne is upheld by mercy.

29 The glory of the young is their strength, and the dignity of the old is their gray heads.

<p>strength: and the beauty of old men is the gray head.</p> <p>30 The blueness of a wound cleanseth away evil: so do stripes the inward parts of the belly.</p>	<p>30 The blueness of a wound cleanses away evil, so do whippings the inward parts of the mind.</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p>
<p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p><b>21:1</b> The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.</p> <p>2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.</p> <p>3 To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.</p> <p>4 An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.</p> <p>5 The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.</p> <p>6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.</p> <p>7 The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment.</p> <p>8 The way of man is froward and strange: but as for the pure, his work is right.</p> <p>9 It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.</p> <p>10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil:</p>	<p><b>To do justice and righteousness is more acceptable to God than animal sacrifice</b></p> <p><b>21:1</b> The king's heart is in the <i>hand</i> [care]of God like a river of water; He directs it wherever He will.</p> <p>2 Every act is right in one's own eyes, but God ponders the hearts.</p> <p>3 To do justice and righteousness is more acceptable to God than animal sacrifice.</p> <p>4 A haughty look, a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked are sins.</p> <p>5 The plans of the diligent tend only toward plenty, but for everyone who is too hasty, plans tend to lead to lack.</p> <p>6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro by those who seek death.</p> <p>7 The crimes of the wicked will destroy them because they refuse to do what is right.</p> <p>8 The way of a wicked person is stubborn and strange, but the work of the pure is right.</p> <p>9 It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop than with a brawling spouse in a large house.</p> <p>10 The soul (spirit) of the wicked</p>

his neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.

11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.

12 The righteous man wisely considereth the house of the wicked: but God overthroweth the wicked for their wickedness.

13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.

15 It is joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

17 He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

18 The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

19 It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

20 There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life,

desires evil; their neighbor finds no favor in their eyes.

11 The scorner who is punished is made wise, and the wise person who is instructed receives knowledge.

12 The righteous person wisely considers the end of the wicked person, but Yahweh overthrowes the wicked because of their wickedness.

13 Those who shut their ears at the cry of the poor also will cry themselves but will not be heard.

14 A gift in secret pacifies anger, and a reward in the bosom pacifies strong wrath.

15 It is a joy to the just to do justice, but destruction will come eventually to the workers of iniquity.

16 The one who wanders out of the way of understanding will remain in the congregation of the dead.

17 The person who loves pleasure will be poor, and the person who loves wine and olive oil will not be rich.

18 The wicked will be a ransom for the righteous and the sinner for the upright.

19 It is better to dwell in the wilderness than with a quarrelsome and angry spouse.

20 There is always money and olive oil in the dwelling of the wise, but a foolish person spends it all up quickly.

21 The person who follows after righteousness and mercy finds life,

<p>righteousness, and honour.  22 A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.  23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.  `  24 Proud and haughty scorner is his name, who dealeth in proud wrath.  `  25 The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.  26 He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not.  27 The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind?  `  28 A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.  `  29 A wicked man hardeneth his face: but as for the upright, he directeth his way.  30 There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.  31 The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD.</p>	<p>righteousness, and honor.  22 A wise person besieges the city of the mighty and casts down the strength of its confidence.  23 Those who control their mouth and their tongue keep their soul (spirit) from troubles.  24 A proud and haughty scorner is the name of the person who deals in proud wrath.  25 The desire not to work kills the lazy ones, for their hands refuse to labor.  26 Some greedily want more all day long, but the righteous give and do not spare.  27 The sacrifices of the wicked are an abomination; how much more, when they bring them to the temple with a wicked mind?  28 A false witness will perish, but the person who listened carefully will testify faithfully.  29 The wicked harden their face, but the upright carefully direct their way.  30 There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against God.  31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but safety is only from God.  `  `</p>
<p>`  <b>22:1</b> A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.</p>	<p><b>Do not guarantee someone's debts</b>  <b>22:1</b> A good name is better than great riches, and loving favor than silver and gold. =</p>

2 The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all.

3 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

7 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

8 He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.

9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.

11 He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.

12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.

13 The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.

14 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the

2 The rich and poor meet together; God is the maker of them all.

3 The prudent foresee danger and hide themselves, but the simple minded go on and suffer.

4 By humility and fear of Yahweh, riches and honor and life are gained.

5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the stubborn; people who guard their soul (spirit) will be far from them.

6 Train a child in the right way to go, and the child will not depart from it throughout life.

7 The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is a servant to the lender.

8 Those who sow sin will reap nothing, and the power of their anger will fail.

9 Those who have a bountiful eye will be blessed, for they give food to the poor.

10 Cast out the scorner, and fighting will be greatly reduced; yes, quarreling and insults will cease.

11 Those who love pureness of heart, for the grace of their lips will have the king as a friend.

12 The eyes [sight] of Yahweh preserves knowledge, and He overthrows the words of the sinner.

13 The slothful person says, "There is a lion at large; I cannot go out; I will be slain in the streets."

14 The mouth of a strange woman is a deep pit; the man who is abhorred by Yahweh will fall into it.

LORD shall fall therein.

15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.

17 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

18 For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.

19 That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee.

20 Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge,

21 That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?

22 Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate:

23 For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

26 Be not thou one of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for

15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of children, but the rod of correction will drive it far from them.

16 Those who oppress the poor to increase their riches and those who give to the rich will surely end up impoverished.

17 Bow down your ear and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge.

18 For it is a pleasant thing if you keep these words within you, and they will be fitted to your own lips.

19 So that your trust may be in God, I have made this known to you today.

20 Have not I written to you excellent things in counsels and knowledge,

21 to make you know the certainty of words of truth so that you could answer with words of truth to those who ask you?

22 Do not rob the poor because they are poor; neither oppress the afflicted in the gate.

23 For Yahweh will plead their cause and punish the soul (material senses) of those who stole from them.

24 Do not become a friend of an angry person, and do not become a company-ion of a hot-tempered person,

25 lest you adopt their ways and get a snare to your soul (spirit).

26 Do not be one of those who guarantee someone's debts.

27 If you have nothing to pay, you risk

<p>debts.  27 If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?  28 Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.  29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.</p>	<p>a creditor taking away your bed from under you.  28 Do not remove the ancient boundary markers which your ancestors have set in place.  29 Do you see people who are diligent in their business? They will be employed by kings. They will not be dependent upon low people.</p>
<p>、  、  <b>23:1</b> When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee:  2 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite.  3 Be not desirous of his dainties: for they are deceitful meat.  4 Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.  5 Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.  6 Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:  7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.  8 The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.  9 Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he</p>	<p><b>As people think in their heart, so are they</b>  <b>23:1</b> When you sit to eat with rulers, consider carefully what is before you, 2 and put a knife to your throat if you are a person given to gluttony.  3 Do not desire their dainties, for they may not be what they seem.  4 Do not labor wearily to be rich; be moderate, using your own wisdom.  5 Will you set your eyes upon that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings: they fly away like an eagle toward the heavens.  6 Do not eat the bread of those who have an evil eye, nor desire their delicacies.  7 For as they think in their heart, so are they. “Eat and drink,” they say to you; but their heart is not with you.  8 The morsel which you have eaten, you shall vomit up and lose your sweet words.  9 Do not speak in the ears of a fool, for a fool will despise the wisdom of your</p>

will despise the wisdom of thy words.

10 Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:

11 For their redeemer is mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee.

12 Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

13 Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.

14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

15 My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.

16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

17 Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long.

18 For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.

19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

20 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:

21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

22 Harken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and

words.

10 Do not remove the old boundary markers, and do not trespass into the fields of the fatherless.

11 For their Redeemer is mighty. He will plead their cause with you.

12 Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to the words of knowledge.

13 Do not withhold correction from children, for if you beat them with the rod, they will not die.

14 You shall beat them with the rod and shall deliver their soul (spirit) from hell.

15 My child, if your heart is wise, my heart will rejoice.

16 Yes, my inner being will rejoice when your lips speak right things.

17 Do not let your heart envy sinners, but be in fear of Yahweh all day long.

18 For surely there is an end to them, but your expectation will not be cut off.

19 Hear, my children and be wise, and guide your heart in the right way.

20 Do not spend time among wine drinkers or among riotous eaters of flesh.

21 For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and drowsiness will clothe a person in rags.

22 Listen to your father who raised you, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

24 The parents of the righteous will greatly rejoice, and the parents who

understanding.

24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.

25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

27 For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit.

28 She also lieth in wait as for a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men.

29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

35 They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

have wise children will be joyful because of them.

25 Your father and your mother will be glad. The woman who bore you will rejoice.

26 My child, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways.

27 For a whore is a deep ditch, and a foreign woman is a narrow pit.

28 She, just as a predator lies in wait, lies in wait for prey, and increases sin among men.

29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who gets into fights? Who has complaining? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes?

30 Those who stay long at the wine, and those who go to seek mixed wine.

31 Do not look upon wine when it is red, when it shows its beautiful color in the cup, when it goes down smoothly.

32 At last it bites like a serpent and stings like an adder.

33 Then your eyes will look longingly at strange women, and your heart will speak crazy things.

34 Yes, you will be as one who lies down in the midst of the sea, or as one who lies on the top of a mast.

35 "They have stricken me," you will say, "and I was not sick; they beat me, and I did not feel it. When will I awake? I will seek more wine."

<p>\</p> <p>\</p> <p><b>24:1</b> Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.  <b>2</b> For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.  <b>3</b> Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:  <b>4</b> And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.  <b>5</b> A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.  <b>6</b> For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.  <b>7</b> Wisdom is too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.  <b>8</b> He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person.  <b>9</b> The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men.  <b>10</b> If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.  <b>11</b> If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain;  \</p> <p><b>12</b> If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according</p>	<p><b>Just persons may fall seven times, but they will rise again</b></p> <p><b>24:1</b> Do not be envious of evil persons nor desire to be with them.  <b>2</b> For their hearts study ways of destruction, and their lips talk of crimes.  <b>3</b> Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established.  <b>4</b> And by knowledge its rooms will be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.  <b>5</b> A wise person is strong; yes, a person of knowledge increases strength.  <b>6</b> By wise counsel you will make your war, and in a multitude of counselors, there is safety.  <b>7</b> Wisdom is too high for fools. They do not open their mouth in the gate of the city.  <b>8</b> The person who devises evil will be called a troublemaker.  <b>9</b> The planning of foolishness is a sin, and the scorner is an abomination to people.  <b>10</b> If you falter in the day of adversity, your strength being small,  <b>11</b> if you refrain from delivering those who are being taken away to death and those who are ready to be slain,  <b>12</b> if you say, "We did not know about it," does not He who ponders the heart see you? And He who watches over your soul (spirit), does He not know?</p>
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to his works?  
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13 My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste:

14 So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

15 Lay not wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting place:

16 For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

17 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:

18 Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

19 Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked;

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 20 For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.

21 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:

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 22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

23 These things also belong to the

And will He not repay to all people according to their works?

13 My children, eat honey because it is good and the honeycomb which is sweet to your taste.

14 So will the knowledge of wisdom be to your soul (spirit) when you have found it. Then there will be a reward, and your hopes will not be limited.

15 Do not lie in wait, O wicked person, against the dwelling of the righteous. Do not plunder their resting place.

16 For just persons may fall seven times, but they will rise again; but the wicked will fall into trouble.

17 Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not do not let your heart be glad when they stumble,

18 lest Yahweh see it, and it displease Him, and He turn away His wrath from them.

19 Do not fret yourself because of evil persons, neither be envious of the wicked.

20 For there will be no reward for the evil person. The lamp of the wicked will be put out.

21 My children, fear Yahweh and fear the king, and do not become involved with those who are rebellious against either of them.

22 For they can both punish suddenly. And who knows the disaster they may bring?

23 These things also belong to the

wise. It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:

25 But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.

26 Every man shall kiss his lips that giveth a right answer.

27 Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.

28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive not with thy lips.

29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.

30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

32 Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.

33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

34 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.

wise. It is not good to be partial to persons when you are making a judgment.

24 People will curse and nations will abhor one who says to the wicked, "You are righteous,"

25 But to those who rebuke the wicked will come delight, and a good blessing will come upon them.

26 Every person will kiss the lips of one who gives a truthful answer.

27 Prepare your work in the field and do it well and afterward build your house.

28 Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause, and do not deceive with your lips.

29 Do not say, "I will do to them as they have done to me. I will get even with them."

30 I went by the field of the lazy one, and by the vineyard of the person void of understanding.

31 And, behold, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered it; and the stone wall around it was broken down.

32 I saw, and considered it well. I looked upon it and received instruction.

33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep,

34 and your poverty will come upon one like a robber and lack like an armed soldier.

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<p>25:1 These are also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.</p> <p>2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.</p> <p>3 The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings is unsearchable.</p> <p>4 Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.</p> <p>5 Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.</p> <p>6 Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great men:</p> <p>7 For better it is that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.</p> <p>8 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.</p> <p>9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and discover not a secret to another:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wise criticism to an obedient listening ear is valuable</b></p> <p>25:1 These are supposedly the proverbs of Solomon, which the officials of King Hezekiah of Judah copied out.</p> <p>2 It is the glory of Yahweh to conceal a thing, but the honor of kings is to search out a matter.</p> <p>3 The heavens for height and the earth for depth, and the heart of a king are all unsearchable.</p> <p>4 Take away the dross from the silver, and a vessel shall come forth for the refiner.</p> <p>5 Take away the wicked from the court of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness.</p> <p>6 Do not push yourself forward in the presence of the king, and do not stand in the place of great persons.</p> <p>7 For it is better for you to be told, "Come up here," than that you should be put lower in the presence of the court.</p> <p>8 Do not be eager to fight lest you be embarrassed when your neighbor has put you to shame.</p> <p>9 Argue your cause with your neighbor alone, and do not share their secret with another person,</p> <p>10 lest the person who hears it puts you to shame and your bad reputation</p>

10 Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

12 As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear.

13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.

14 Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain.

15 By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

16 Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

17 Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.

18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

20 As he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, and as vinegar upon nitre, so is he that singeth songs to an heavy heart.

is established.

11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

12 Wise criticism to an obedient listening ear is as valuable as an earring of gold or an ornament of fine gold.

13 Like cold snow in the time of harvest are faithful messengers to those who send them, for the messengers refresh the soul (spirit) of their masters.

14 Whoever boasts about giving a gift which was never given is like clouds and wind without rain.

15 By long patient argument, a prince may be persuaded and soft words may break the bone.

16 Have you found honey? Eat only as much as is sufficient for you, lest you be stuffed with it and vomit it.

17 Do not overstay your welcome in your neighbor's house, lest your neighbor become weary of you and so hate you.

18 One who is a false witness against their neighbor causes injury like a club, a sword, or a sharp arrow.

19 Confidence in an unfaithful person in time of trouble is like a broken tooth or a foot out of joint.

20 Like one who takes away someone's coat in cold weather, or like vinegar upon soda, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.

<p>21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:</p> <p>22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.</p> <p>23 The north wind driveth away rain: so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.</p> <p>24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.</p> <p>25 As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.</p> <p>26 A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.</p> <p>27 It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory.</p> <p>28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.</p>	<p>21 If your enemies are hungry, give them food to eat; and if they are thirsty, give them water to drink.</p> <p>22 For you will heap shame like coals of fire upon their heads, and Yahweh will reward you.</p> <p>23 The north wind brings rain, so does an angry countenance or a backbiting tongue.</p> <p>24 It is better to dwell in the corner of a housetop than with a brawling spouse in a large house.</p> <p>25 As cold waters to a thirsty soul (spirit), so is good news from a far country.</p> <p>26 A righteous person falling down before the wicked is like a troubled fountain or a corrupt spring.</p> <p>27 It is not good to eat much honey, and for people to advertise their own glory is not glory.</p> <p>28 One who has no rule over their own spirit is like a city that is broken down without walls.</p>
<p>26:1 As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool.</p> <p>2 As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.</p> <p>3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.</p>	<p><b>The causeless curse lands nowhere</b></p> <p>26:1 Like snow in summer and like rain at harvest time, so honor is not fitting for a fool.</p> <p>2 Like a fluttering bird, like a darting swallow, so the causeless curse lands nowhere.</p> <p>3 A whip is for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a rod for the fool's back.</p>

4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.  
 5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.  
 6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, and drinketh damage.  
 7 The legs of the lame are not equal: so is a parable in the mouth of fools.  
 8 As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so is he that giveth honour to a fool.  
 9 As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools.  
 10 The great God that formed all things both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors.  
 11 As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.  
 12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.  
 13 The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets.  
 14 As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed.  
 15 The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.  
 16 The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.  
 17 He that passeth by, and meddleth

4 Do not answer fools according to their folly lest you also be like them.  
 5 Answer fools according to their folly lest they be wise in their own conceit.  
 6 The person who sends a message by the hand of a fool cuts off the feet and drinks damage.  
 7 The legs of the lame are not equal, so is a parable in the mouth of fools.  
 8 Those who give honor to a fool are like those who tie a stone tightly in a sling.  
 9 As a thorn goes up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools.  
 10 The great God who formed all things both rewards the fool and rewards sinners.  
 11 As dogs return to their vomit, so fools return to their folly.  
 12 Do you see someone wise in their own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for them.  
 13 The lazy person says, "There is a lion in the road; a lion is in the streets. I cannot do any work."  
 14 Like a door turning upon its hinges, the slothful turn over upon their beds.  
 15 The slothful hide their hand in their bosom. It grieves them to lift it to their mouth.  
 16 Sluggards believe they are wiser than seven persons who can reason.  
 17 People who are just passing-by and meddle in a fight not belonging to

with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.

18 As a mad man who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death,

19 So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?

20 Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

21 As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.

22 The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

23 Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a potsherd covered with silver dross.

24 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him;

25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart.

26 Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation.

27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

28 A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

them are like one who picks up a dog by the ears.

18 Like crazy people who cast firebrands, arrows, and death,

19 so are the people who deceive their neighbor and claim to be innocent.

20 Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceases.

21 As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a quarrelsome person to strife.

22 The words of a talebearer are like wounds, and they hurt the innermost parts of their victim.

23 Insincere words hiding a wicked heart are like broken pottery pieces covered with a silver glaze.

24 The people who hate, lie and lay up deceit within themselves.

25 When they speak pleasantly, do not believe them; for there are seven abominations in their heart.

26 Their hatred is covered by deceit; their wickedness will be shown before the whole congregation.

27 Whoever digs a pit for someone else will fall into it, and those who roll a stone with evil intention will find it rolling back on them.

28 A lying tongue hates those who are afflicted by it, and a flattering mouth works ruin.

27:1 Boast not thyself of to morrow;  
for thou knowest not what a day may  
bring forth.  
2 Let another man praise thee, and not  
thine own mouth; a stranger, and not  
thine own lips.  
3 A stone is heavy, and the sand  
weighty; but a fool's wrath is heavier  
than them both.  
4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is  
outrageous; but who is able to stand  
before envy?  
5 Open rebuke is better than secret  
love.  
6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend;  
but the kisses of an enemy are  
deceitful.  
7 The full soul loatheth an honeycomb;  
but to the hungry soul every bitter  
thing is sweet.  
8 As a bird that wandereth from her  
nest, so is a man that wandereth from  
his place.  
9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the  
heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's  
friend by hearty counsel.  
10 Thine own friend, and thy father's  
friend, forsake not; neither go into thy  
brother's house in the day of thy  
calamity: for better is a neighbour that  
is near than a brother far off.  
11 My son, be wise, and make my heart

### **The eyes of a mortal are never satisfied**

27:1 Do not boast of tomorrow, for  
you do not know what a day may bring  
forth.  
2 Let others praise you, and not your  
own mouth, a stranger, and not your  
own lips.  
3 A stone is heavy, and sand weighty,  
but a fool's wrath is heavier than them  
both.  
4 Rage is cruel, and anger is violent,  
but who is able to stand before  
jealousy?  
5 Open rebuke is better than secret  
love.  
6 Criticism from a friend is faithful, but  
the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.  
7 One who is full loathes a honeycomb;  
but to the hungry, even a bitter thing is  
sweet.  
8 Like a bird that wanders from her  
nest, so is one who wanders from their  
home.  
9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the  
heart; so does the sweetness of a  
friend's sincere words.  
10 Do not forsake your own friend nor  
your parent's friend; neither go to a  
brother's or a sister's house on the day  
of your calamity, for a neighbor who is  
near is better than a brother or sister  
far off.  
11 My children, be wise and make my  
heart glad, so that I may have an

glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.

12 A prudent man foreseeeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.

13 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

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14 He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.

15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

16 Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, which bewrayeth itself.

17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

18 Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.

19 As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man.

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20 Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

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21 As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise.

22 Though thou shouldest bray a fool

answer for one who reproaches me.

12 The prudent foresee evil and hide themselves from it, but the simple keep on and suffer.

13 Take a person's garment when the person has guaranteed payment of the debt of a stranger, and take a pledge from people when they guarantee payment of the debt of a foreign woman.

14 Greeting friends with a loud voice early in the morning is like cursing them.

15 A continual dripping on a very rainy day and a constantly quarreling person are alike.

16 Whoever can control a quarreling person can control the wind and hold olive oil in their hand.

17 Iron sharpens iron and one person may sharpen the wit of another.

18 Whoever cares for the fig tree should eat the fruit of it, so those who wait on their master should be honored.

19 As one's face is reflected in water, so one's heart is reflected in another's heart.

20 Hell and destruction are never full, so the eyes of a mortal are never satisfied.

21 As the refining pot does for silver, and the furnace does for gold, so does praise test a person.

22 Even if you would grind a fool in a

<p>in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him.</p> <p>23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.</p> <p>24 For riches are not for ever: and doth the crown endure to every generation?</p> <p>25 The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered.</p> <p>26 The lambs are for thy clothing, and the goats are the price of the field.</p> <p>27 And thou shalt have goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and for the maintenance for thy maidens.</p> <p>`</p>	<p>bowl along with the wheat, their foolishness would not depart from them.</p> <p>23 Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, and look well to your herds.</p> <p>24 For riches are not forever. And does the crown endure to every generation?</p> <p>25 When the grass appears, the tender grass shows itself, and the herbs of the mountains are gathered,</p> <p>26 the lambs will provide your clothing, and the goats the price of a field,</p> <p>27 and you will have goats' milk enough for your food, the food of your household, and the maintenance of your servants.</p>
<p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p><b>28:1</b> The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.</p> <p>2 For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged.</p> <p>3 A poor man that oppresseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.</p> <p>4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.</p>	<p><b>Those who seek God understand all things</b></p> <p><b>28:1</b> The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.</p> <p>2 Rebellion in a land will result in many rulers, but by a ruler having understanding and knowledge, the state will be strengthened.</p> <p>3 A poor person who oppresses the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaves no food.</p> <p>4 Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, but those who keep the law oppose the wicked.</p>

5 Evil men understand not judgment:  
but they that seek the LORD  
understand all things.

6 Better is the poor that walketh in his  
uprightness, than he that is perverse in  
his ways, though he be rich.

7 Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son:  
but he that is a companion of riotous  
men shameth his father.

8 He that by usury and unjust gain  
increaseth his substance, he shall  
gather it for him that will pity the poor.

9 He that turneth away his ear from  
hearing the law, even his prayer shall  
be abomination.

10 Whoso causeth the righteous to go  
astray in an evil way, he shall fall  
himself into his own pit: but the  
upright shall have good things in  
possession.

11 The rich man is wise in his own  
conceit; but the poor that hath  
understanding searcheth him out.

12 When righteous men do rejoice,  
there is great glory: but when the  
wicked rise, a man is hidden.

13 He that covereth his sins shall not  
prosper: but whoso confesseth and  
forsaketh them shall have mercy.

14 Happy is the man that feareth  
alway: but he that hardeneth his heart  
shall fall into mischief.

15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging

5 Evil persons do not understand  
justice, but those who seek God  
understand all things.

6 The poor who walk in their  
uprightness are better than those who  
are crooked in their ways, though they  
are rich.

7 Youths who keep the law are wise,  
but those who are companions of  
riotous persons shame their parents.

8 The people who by usury and unjust  
gain increase their substance will  
gather it for the person who will pity  
the poor.

9 The prayer of the people who turn  
their ear away from hearing the law  
will be abominable.

10 Those who cause the righteous to  
go astray in an evil way will  
themselves fall into their own pit, but  
the upright will possess good things.

11 Those who are rich believe  
themselves wise, but the poor who  
have understanding will see them  
truly.

12 When the righteous rejoice, there is  
great glory, but when the wicked rise,  
people hide themselves.

13 Those who cover up their sins will  
not prosper, but those who confess  
and forsake their sins will have mercy.

14 Those who always fear Yahweh are  
blessed, but those who harden their  
hearts will fall into trouble.

15 Like a roaring lion and a prowling

bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.

16 The prince that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor: but he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.

17 A man that doeth violence to the blood of any person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.

18 Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.

19 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough.

20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

21 To have respect of persons is not good: for a piece of bread that man will transgress.

22 He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

23 He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.

24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer.

25 He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

bear is a wicked ruler over poor people.

16 The prince who lacks understanding is also a great oppressor, but the people who hate covetousness will prolong their days.

17 A person who has committed murder will flee to the pit; do not let anyone try to help that person.

18 Whoever walks uprightly will be saved, but those who are crooked in their ways will fall at once.

19 The farmers who till their land will have plenty of food, but the farmer who follows after vain persons will have poverty.

20 A faithful person will abound with blessings, but one who is in a hurry to become rich will not be innocent.

21 To show partiality in dealing with others is not good; that person will commit sin for a piece of food.

22 The people who hasten to be rich have an evil eye and do not think that poverty will come upon them.

23 One who rebukes another person, afterward will find more favor than one who flatters with the tongue.

24 Those who rob their father or their mother, and say, "It is no sin," are the companions of a destroyer.

25 The person who has a proud heart stirs up strife, but the people who put their trust in God will be blessed.

26 Those who trust in their own heart

<p>26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.</p> <p>27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.</p> <p>28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.</p>	<p>are fools, but whoever walks wisely will be saved.</p> <p>27 The person who gives to the poor will not lack, but those who hide their eyes from the poverty around them will have many curses.</p> <p>28 When the wicked rise, people hide; but when the wicked perish, the righteous increase.</p>
<p>、 、</p> <p><b>29:1</b> He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.</p> <p>2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.</p> <p>3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance.</p> <p>4 The king by judgment establisheth the land: but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.</p> <p>5 A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.</p> <p>6 In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.</p> <p>7 The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: but the wicked regardeth not to know it.</p> <p>8 Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise men turn away wrath.</p>	<p><b>Where there is no vision, the people perish</b></p> <p><b>29:1</b> Those who being often reprov'd yet increase their stubbornness, will suddenly be destroyed and get no help.</p> <p>2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, the people mourn.</p> <p>3 Those who love the wisdom of God make their parents rejoice, but those who keep company with prostitutes spend their substance.</p> <p>4 The king by justice establishes the land, but one who takes bribes overthrows it.</p> <p>5 A person who flatters a neighbor spreads a net for the neighbor's feet.</p> <p>6 In the transgression of an evil person there is a snare, but the righteous sing and rejoice.</p> <p>7 The righteous consider the rights of the poor, but the wicked have no regard for it.</p> <p>8 The scornful bring a city into a snare, but wise persons turn away wrath.</p>

9 If a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, there is no rest.

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10 The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.

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11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.

12 If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked.

13 The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the LORD lighteneth both their eyes.

14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.

15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall.

17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

19 A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer.

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20 Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool

9 If a wise person contends with a foolish person, whether the person rages or laughs, there is no good ending.

10 The bloodthirsty hate the upright, but the just seek to bless their soul (spirit).

11 Fools utter all their mind, but a wise person speaks with caution.

12 If rulers listen to lies, all their servants become wicked.

13 The poor and the deceitful person have this in common: Yahweh has lightened both their eyes.

14 The throne of the king who faithfully judges the poor will be established forever.

15 The rod and reproof give wisdom, but children left to themselves bring their parents to shame.

16 When the wicked multiply, sin increases; but the righteous will see their fall.

17 Correct your children, and they will give you rest; yes, they will give delight to your soul (spirit).

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish, but all who keep the law are happy.

19 Servants will not be corrected by mere words, for though they understand, they will not correct their ways.

20 Do you see people who are hasty in their words? There is more hope for a

<p>than of him.</p> <p>21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become his son at the length.</p> <p>22 An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.</p> <p>23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.</p> <p>24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth it not.</p> <p>25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.</p> <p>26 Many seek the ruler's favour; but every man's judgment cometh from the LORD.</p> <p>27 An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.</p>	<p>fool than for these people.</p> <p>21 The parents who delicately bring up their servant from childhood will have the servant become their child eventually.</p> <p>22 An angry person stirs up fighting, and a furious person abounds in evil deeds.</p> <p>23 Pride will bring one low, but honor will uphold the humble in spirit.</p> <p>24 Those who are partners with thieves hate their own life. They know they are cursed but will not admit it.</p> <p>25 To fear other people brings a snare, but whoever puts their trust in God will be safe.</p> <p>26 Many seek the ruler's favor, but justice comes from God.</p> <p>27 An unjust person is an abomination to the just, and the upright person is an abomination to the wicked.</p>
<p>30:1 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, even the prophecy: the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal,</p> <p>2 Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man.</p> <p>3 I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy.</p> <p>4 Who hath ascended up into heaven,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Every word of God is pure</b></p> <p>30:1 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the prophecy spoken to Ithiel and Ucal,</p> <p>2 "Surely I am more brutish than any person and do not have understanding.</p> <p>3 "I neither learned wisdom nor have the knowledge of the holy.</p> <p>4 "Who has ascended up into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind <i>in His fists</i> [with His power]?</p>

or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

7 Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die:

8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: 9 Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

10 Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.

11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.

13 There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up.

14 There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as

Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His children's name, if you can tell?"

5 Every word of God is pure. He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.

6 Do not add to His words lest He reprove you and you are found to be a liar.

7 Two things I have required of You, O Yahweh. Do not deny me them before I die.

8 Remove vanity and lies far from me. Give me neither poverty nor riches. Feed me with food appropriate for me 9 lest I be full and deny You and say, "Who is Yahweh?" Or lest I be poor, steal, and take the name of Yahweh in vain.

10 Do not accuse servants to their master lest they curse you, and you are found guilty.

11 There is a generation that curses their father and does not bless their mother.

12 There is a generation who are pure in their own eyes and yet are not washed from their filthiness.

13 There is a generation, O how high they think they are. Their eyes are lifted up.

14 There is a generation whose teeth are like swords and their jaw teeth like

knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.

15 The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough:

16 The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough.

17 The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

18 There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not:

19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.

20 Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

21 For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear:

22 For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat;

23 For an odious woman when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

24 There be four things which are little

knives to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among people.

15 Greed has two daughters, crying, "Give, give." There are three things that are never satisfied, yes, four things that do not say, "It is enough":

16 the grave, the barren womb, the earth that is not filled with water, and the destroying fire.

17 The eyes that mock their father and despise obeying their mother will be picked out by the ravens of the valley, and the young eagles will eat them.

18 There are three things which are too wonderful for me, yes, four which I do not know:

19 the way of an eagle in the air, the way of a serpent upon a rock, the way of a ship in the midst of the sea, and the way of a young man with a young woman.

20 This is the way of an adulterous woman: she eats, wipes her mouth, and says, "I have not done any wickedness."

21 For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear:

22 for a servant when he reigns, for a fool when he is filled with meat,

23 for an odious woman when she is married, and for a servant who is heir to her mistress.

24 There are four things which are

<p>upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise:                  25 The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;                  26 The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;                  27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;                  28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.                  29 There be three things which go well, yea, four are comely in going:                  30 A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any;                  31 A greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up.                  32 If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, lay thine hand upon thy mouth.                  33 Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.</p>	<p>little upon the earth, but they are exceedingly wise:                  25 the ants are a people who are not strong, yet they prepare their food in the summer;                  26 rabbits are only a feeble folk, yet they make their nests in the rocks;                  27 the locusts have no king, yet all of them go forth in armies;                  28 the spider takes hold with its webs and is in kings' palaces.                  29 There are three things which go well, yes, four are beautiful in motion:                  30 a lion which is the strongest among beasts and does not turn aside for anything,                  31 a greyhound, a male goat, and a king against whom there is no rising up.                  32 If you have done foolishly in lifting up yourself or if you have thought evil, lay your hand upon your mouth.                  33 Surely the churning of milk brings forth butter, and the wringing of the nose brings forth blood, so the stirring up of wrath brings forth fighting.</p>
<p>31:1 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.                  2 What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?</p>	<p><b>The price of a virtuous women is far above rubies</b>                  31:1 These are the words of King = Lemuel regarding the prophecy that his mother taught him.                  2 What, my children? What, the children of my womb? And what, the children of my vows?</p>

3 Give not thy strength unto women,  
nor thy ways to that which destroyeth  
kings.

4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not  
for kings to drink wine; nor for princes  
strong drink:

5 Lest they drink, and forget the law,  
and pervert the judgment of any of the  
afflicted.

6 Give strong drink unto him that is  
ready to perish, and wine unto those  
that be of heavy hearts.

7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty,  
and remember his misery no more.

8 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the  
cause of all such as are appointed to  
destruction.

9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously,  
and plead the cause of the poor and  
needy.

10 Who can find a virtuous woman?  
for her price is far above rubies.

11 The heart of her husband doth  
safely trust in her, so that he shall have  
no need of spoil.

12 She will do him good and not evil all  
the days of her life.

13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and  
worketh willingly with her hands.

14 She is like the merchants' ships; she  
bringeth her food from afar.

15 She riseth also while it is yet night,  
and giveth meat to her household, and  
a portion to her maidens.

3 Do not give your strength to others  
nor your ways to that which destroys  
kings.

4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not  
for kings to drink wine, nor for princes  
to drink strong drink

5 lest they drink, forget the law and  
pervert the judgment they render  
regarding any of the afflicted.

6 Give strong drink to the person who  
is ready to perish and wine to those  
who have heavy hearts.

7 Let them drink, forget their poverty,  
and not remember their misery  
anymore.

8 Speak for those who cannot speak,  
for the rights of all condemned  
unjustly.

9 Open your mouth, judge righteously,  
and plead the rights of the poor and  
needy.

10 Who can find a virtuous woman?  
For her price is far above rubies.

11 The heart of her husband can safely  
trust in her, so that he will have no  
need of plunder.

12 She will do him good and not evil all  
the days of her life.

13 She seeks wool and flax and works  
willingly with her hands.

14 She is like the merchants' ships.  
She brings her food from afar.

15 She rises while it is still night and  
prepares food for her household and a  
portion for her women servants.

16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

16 She considers a field and buys it. With the fruit of her hands, she plants a vineyard.

17 She girds her loins with strength and strengthens her arms.

18 She perceives that her merchandise is good. Her lamp does not go out by night.

19 She puts her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff to spin her wool.

20 She stretches out her hands to the poor; yes, she reaches forth her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household, for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

22 She makes herself coverings of tapestry. Her clothing is silk and purple.

23 Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land.

24 She makes fine linen and sells it and delivers clothes and belts to the merchant.

25 Strength and honor are her clothing, and she will rejoice in time to come.

26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and in her mouth is the law of kindness.

27 She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

<p>28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.</p> <p>29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.</p> <p>30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.</p> <p>31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.</p>	<p>28 Her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband also; and he praises her.</p> <p>29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but you surpass them all.</p> <p>30 Charm may be deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears Yahweh will be praised.</p> <p>31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates of her town.</p>
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<sup>1</sup> 1:7 The Israelites believed that “fear” of Yahweh was good. “Fear” acknowledged the existence and power of Yahweh. It acknowledged that the righteous wrath of Yahweh could cause suffering and death. “Fear” involved reverence for Yahweh and a desire to be obedient to Yahweh. “Fear” of Yahweh motivated Israelites to obey the 613 ritualistic rules of right behavior in the Hebrew religion.