

Proverbs

Proverbs 1

1. The proverbs of Solomon ben-David, King of Israel.
2. To know wisdom and correction; to understand words of understanding;
3. to receive correction; to gain insight in righteousness, and judgment, and equity;
4. to give prudence to the simple-minded, to the young man, knowledge and discretion;
5. – a wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will acquire good counsels
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6. to understand a proverb and a riddle, sayings of wise men and their enigmas.
7. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge. Fools despise wisdom and correction.

- ¶8. Hear, my son, the correction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother,
9. for they will be a wreath of grace for your head and pendants for your neck.
10. My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.
11. If they say, “Come with us! Let us lie in wait for blood. Let us wait in secret for the innocent man without cause.
12. Let us swallow them up alive like sheol, and whole, like those who go down to the pit.
13. All precious substance will we find; we will fill our houses with spoil.
14. Cast in your lot among us! We will have one purse together.”
15. My son, do not walk in the way with them; withhold your foot from their pathway,
16. for their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood.
17. (Surely, the net is futile which is spread in the sight of any bird.)
18. But they lie in wait for their own blood. They wait in secret for their own souls.
19. Thus are the paths of all who get gain by violence; it takes the soul of its owners.

- ¶20. True Wisdom cries aloud outside, she gives forth her voice in the marketplaces.
21. She calls out at the head of bustling streets, at the openings of gates. In the city, she declares her words:
22. “How long, O you simple-minded, will you love simpleness, and scorners take pleasure in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?
23. Turn at my reproof. Behold, I will pour out my Spirit to you; I will make my words known to you.
24. Because I called and you refused, I stretched out my hand and no one regarded *it*,
25. you disdained all my counsel, and did not want my reproof,
26. I will also laugh at your calamity. I will mock when your terror comes,
27. when your terror comes like a devastating *storm* and your calamity strikes like a tornado, when distress and anguish come upon you.
28. Then they will call on me, but I will not answer. They will seek me early, but they will not find me,
29. forasmuch as they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD.
30. They would not receive my counsel; they spurned all my reproof.
31. Therefore, they will eat of the fruit of their own way, and they will be sated with their own devices,
32. for the apostasy of the simple-minded will kill them, and the prosperity of fools will destroy them.
33. But he who hears me will dwell safely and be at peace, without dread of evil.

Proverbs 2

1. My son, if you will receive my words, and treasure up my commandments with you,

2. inclining your ear to wisdom, *and* applying your heart to understanding –
3. yes, if you cry out for discernment *and* lift your voice for understanding,
4. if you look for her as for silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures,
5. then you will understand the fear of Jehovah, and find the knowledge of God.
6. For Jehovah gives wisdom; out of his mouth *come* knowledge and understanding.
7. He treasures up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is* a buckler to those who walk blamelessly,
8. guarding the paths of judgment, and keeping the way of His saints.
9. Then you will understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity – every good pathway!
10. For wisdom will enter into your heart, and knowledge will be a delight to your soul.
11. Discretion will keep you, understanding will guard you,
12. delivering you from the evil way, from men who speak perverse things,
13. who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness,
14. who are glad to do evil – they rejoice in perverse deeds of an evil man –
15. whose paths are twisted, and they are devious in their ways,
16. to deliver you from the strange woman, from the foreign woman who uses smooth words,
17. she who forsakes the husband of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God.
18. For her house worships death, and her ways *glorify* the dead.
19. None who go in to her will return, and they will not attain to the paths of life.
20. So that you may 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 land, and the treacherous shall be rooted out of it.

Proverbs 3

- ¶1. My son, do not forget my law, and let your heart keep my commandments,
2. for they will add to you length of days, and years of life, and peace.
3. Do not let mercy and truth forsake you. Bind them upon your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart,
4. and find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.
5. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on 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 the LORD, and depart from evil.
8. It will be a healing for your flesh, and a refreshing for your bones.
9. Honor the LORD with your substance and with the firstfruits of all your increase,
10. and your storehouses will be filled with plenty, and your winepresses will burst forth with new wine.
11. My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of His correction,
12. for whom the LORD loves, He corrects, even as a father the son in whom he delights.
13. Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who obtains understanding.
14. Indeed, its merchandise is better than merchandise bought with silver, and its fruit is better than gold's.
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Proverbs 4

- ¶1. Yield, children, to a father's discipline, and incline your ear that you may become acquainted with understanding,
2. for I give you good instruction. Do not forsake my law!
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7. Wisdom is the principal thing; get wisdom! Yea, in all your getting, get understanding!
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23. Above all else, guard your heart, for out of it are the issues of life.
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16. These six things does Jehovah hate. Yea, seven are abominations to His soul:
17. a proud look; a lying tongue; hands that shed innocent blood;
18. a heart that devises wicked schemes; feet that quickly run to evil;
19. a false witness that breathes out lies; and he who spreads discord among brothers.
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23. For the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light, and reproofs of discipline are the way of life.
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Proverbs 7

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2. Keep my commandments, and live, and my law as the apple of your eye!
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Proverbs 8

- ¶1. Does not wisdom call? And understanding give her voice?

2. At the top of high places, along the road, at the crossroads, she stands.
3. Beside the gates, at the entrance of the cities, at the doors, she cries out,
4. “Unto you, O men, I call, and my voice is to the children of Adam.
5. Understand subtlety, *you simpletons!* And *you fools*, be of an understanding heart!
6. Listen! For I speak of excellent things, and from the opening of my lips *come* right things.
7. My mouth will speak truth, and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
8. All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.
9. All of them are right to the one who understands, and upright to those who find knowledge.
10. Receive my reproof and not silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold,
11. for wisdom is better than rubies, and all that is desirable cannot compare with her.
12. I, wisdom, dwell with prudence; I uncover knowledge of cunning ways.
13. The fear of the LORD is to hate evil. I hate pride, haughtiness, an evil manner, and a perverse mouth.
14. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom. I am understanding. I have strength.
15. By me, kings rule, and rulers make righteous decrees.
16. By me, princes and nobles reign, and all who judge rightly.
17. I love those who love me, and those who seek me will find me.
18. Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness.
19. My fruit is better than gold, even pure gold, and my revenue better than choice silver.
20. I walk in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice,
21. to cause those who love me to inherit substance; I will fill their storehouses.
22. The LORD created me the beginning of His way, the first of His works.
23. I was anointed from eternity, before the beginning, before earth existed.
24. I was brought forth when there were no depths *of the sea*, when there were no springs abounding with water.
25. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I was brought forth.
26. When He had not made the earth, and the open fields, and the first elements of the world,
27. when He prepared the heavens, I was there. When He decreed a circle on the face of the deep,
28. when He established the thin clouds above, when He made strong the fountains of the sea,
29. when He made His decree for the sea, that the waters should not disobey His word, when He decreed the foundations of the earth,
30. I was at His side, like a master workman, daily His great delight, always laughing in His presence,
31. rejoicing in the world, His earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.
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35. For he who finds me finds life and obtains favor from the LORD.
36. He who fails to come to me damages his own soul; all they that hate me love death.

Proverbs 9

- ¶ 1. Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out her seven pillars.
2. She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; and she has set her table.
3. She has sent forth her maidens; she cries out from the highest places of the city,
4. “Whoever is unwise, let him turn in here.” To him lacking understanding, she says,
5. “Come! Eat of my bread, and drink of the wine I have mixed.
6. Forsake the foolish, and live! And walk in the way of understanding!”
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21. Though hand join in hand, the wicked man shall not be unpunished, but the seed of righteous men shall be delivered.
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24. There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more; but another keeps back what is right, only to want.
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Proverbs 12

- ¶1. He who loves instruction loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is brutish.
2. A good man elicits favor from the LORD, but *not* a man of wicked devices ...?
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20. He who walks with the wise becomes wise, but a companion of fools shall suffer harm.
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8. The sacrifice of wicked men is an abomination to Jehovah, but the prayer of the righteous is His delight.
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Proverbs 16

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5. Every haughty heart is an abomination to Jehovah; though hand join in hand, he shall be unpunished.
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13. He who responds to a matter before hearing it out, it is folly and shame to him.
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17. He who *is* first with his cause *seems* right, but his fellow comes and searches him out.
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22. He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the LORD.
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Proverbs 19

- ¶1. Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than he who is perverse in his speech, for he is a fool.
2. Surely, it is not good for a soul to be without knowledge, and he who hurries with his feet is sinning.
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Proverbs 20

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Proverbs 25

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2. It is the glory of God to conceal a thing, and it is the honor of kings to search it out.

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Proverbs 26

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4. Do not answer a fool according to his folly, lest you be like him yourself.

5. Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes.

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7. The legs of a lame man are unequal¹; so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

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Proverbs 28

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9. He who turns his ear away from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.

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13. He who conceals his transgressions shall not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy

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18. Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, but he who keeps the law is happy.
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Proverbs 30

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4. . . . Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name? And what is His Son's name?
Surely you know!
5. Every saying of Jehovah is pure; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.
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- 30. Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain, *but* a woman who fears the LORD, she will be praised.
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