

The Book of **PROVERBS**

Proverbs 1

1 The use of the proverbs. 7 An exhortation to fear Jehovah, and believe His word.

1 ¶ The Proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:

2 To know wisdom and instruction; to discern the words of understanding;

3 to receive instruction in prudence, righteousness, and judgment, and uprightness;

4 to give sense to the *one of* simplicity, knowledge and discretion to the young man.

5 The wise *ones* hear and increase learning, and he understanding gets wise counsel,

6 to understand a proverb and an enigma; the words of the wise *ones*, and their riddles.

7 ¶ The fear of Jehovah *is* the beginning of knowledge; foolish *ones* despise wisdom and instruction.

8 My son, hear your father's instruction, and do not forsake the law of your mother;

9 for they *shall be* an ornament of grace to your head, and chains for your neck.

10 ¶ My son, if sinners lure you, do not be willing.

11 If they say, Walk with us, let us lie in wait for blood, let us secretly lurk for the innocent *ones* without cause,

12 let us swallow them up alive as Sheol; and whole, as those going down *into* the Pit,

13 we shall find all precious wealth; we shall fill our houses *with* plunder;

14 cast in your lot among us; one purse shall be to all of us.

15 My son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their path;

16 for their feet run to evil and they haste to shed blood.

17 For in vain the net is spread in the sight of every lord of the wing.

18 And they lie in wait for their *own* blood, they are hiding for their own souls.

19 So *are* the ways of everyone who gains *unjust* gain; it takes away its owner's soul.

20 ¶ Wisdom cries aloud outside; she gives her voice in the square;

21 she calls at the head of roaring *places*, at the opening of the gates, in the city she speaks her words:

22 Until when, *ones of* simplicity, will you love simplicity? And will scorning *ones* desire scorning for themselves? And will fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn back at My warning; 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 stretch out a hand, and not *one* pays attention,

25 but you have ignored all My counsel, and you did not desire My warning.

26 I also will laugh in your calamity, I will mock when your dread comes;

27 when your dread comes like a storm, and your calamity arrives like a tempest,

when distress and anguish come on you,

28 then they shall call on Me, and I will not answer; they shall seek Me early, but they shall not find Me.

29 Instead, they hated knowledge and chose not the fear of Jehovah.

30 They did not desire My counsel; they despised all My reproof,

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

32 For the going astray of the *ones of* simplicity kills them, and the ease of fools destroys them.

33 But he who listens to Me shall live securely and shall be at ease from the dread of evil.

Proverbs 2

1 Wisdom promises godliness to her children, 10 and safety from evil company.

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

2 so that your ear attends to wisdom, you shall stretch out your heart to understanding.

3 For if you cry for discernment, giving forth your voice for understanding;

4 if you seek her as silver, and search *for* her as hidden treasures,

5 then you shall understand the fear of Jehovah and find knowledge of God.

6 For Jehovah gives wisdom; out of His mouth *are* knowledge and understanding.

7 He lays up sound wisdom for the upright *ones*; *He is* a shield to those who walk in integrity,

8 to guard the paths of judgment, and He guards the way of His godly *ones*.

9 Then you shall understand righteousness and judgment and uprightness; *yea*, every good path.

10 ¶ When wisdom enters into your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul,

11 discretion shall keep you, understanding shall watch over you;

12 to deliver you from the evil way, from the man speaking perversity;

13 those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness,

14 rejoicing to do evil; they delight in the perversity of the evil *one*,

15 whose paths *are* crooked and being devious in their tracks,

16 *these* will deliver you from the strange woman, from the foreign *woman* flattering *by* her words,

17 who forsakes the guide of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God.

18 For her house leads down to death, and her tracks to the departed spirits.

19 All going in to her do not return, and not do they reach the paths of life.

20 Then you may walk in the ways of the good and keep the ways of the righteous *ones*.

21 For the upright *ones* shall live *in* the land, and the blameless shall remain in it;

22 but the wicked *ones* shall be cut off from the earth, and *ones* acting deceitfully shall be rooted out of it.

Proverbs 3

1 ¶ My son, do not forget My law, but let your heart guard My commands,

2 for they shall add length of days and years of life and peace to you.

3 Mercy and truth will not forsake you; tie them on your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart;

4 and you shall find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

5 Trust in Jehovah with all your heart, and lean not to your *own* understanding;

6 in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

7 ¶ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear Jehovah and turn from evil.

8 Healing shall be to your navel and marrow to your bones.

9 Honor Jehovah with your substance, and with the firstfruits of all your increase,

10 and your storerooms shall be filled *with* plenty, and your wine-vats shall burst *with* new wine.

11 My son, do not reject the chastening of Jehovah, and do not loathe His chastisement;

12 for whom Jehovah loves He corrects, even as a father *corrects* the son with whom he is pleased.

13 ¶ Happy *is* the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gets understanding.

14 For better *is* its profit than the gain of silver, and its produce more than fine gold;

15 she *is* more precious than jewels, and all the things you can desire are not to be compared with her.

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

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

18 She *is* a tree of life to the ones who lay hold on her, and blessed *are* the ones holding her fast.

19 Jehovah founded the earth by wisdom; He founded the heavens by understanding;

20 the depths were broken up by His knowledge, and the clouds dropped down the dew.

21 ¶ My son, do not let them depart from your eyes; keep sound wisdom and judgment,

22 and they shall be life to your soul, and grace to your neck;

23 then you shall walk in your way safely, and your foot shall not stumble.

24 When you lie down, you shall not dread; *yea*, you shall lie down and your sleep shall be sweet.

25 Do not be afraid of sudden dread, and of the ruin of the wicked *ones* when it comes.

26 For Jehovah shall be at your loins, and He shall keep your foot from capture.

27 ¶ Do not withhold good from its owners, when it is in the power of your hand to do *it*.

28 Do not say to your neighbor, Go and return, or, Tomorrow I will give, when it is with you.

29 Do not plot evil against your neighbor, and he lives securely by you.

30 Do not strive with a man without cause, if he has dealt you no evil.

31 Do not be envious of the man of violence, and choose not among all his ways.

32 For *one* being devious *is* a disgusting thing to Jehovah, but His counsel *is* with the upright *ones*.

33 The curse of Jehovah *is* in the house of the wicked *one*, but He blesses the abode of the righteous *ones*.

34 If he will scorn at those scorning, yet He will give grace to the humble *one*.

35 The wise *ones* inherit honor, but fools exalt shame.

Proverbs 4

1 ¶ Sons, hear the instruction of a father, pay attention to know understanding.

2 For I give you good teaching, do not forsake my Law.

3 For I was my father's son, tender and an only *one* in the sight of my mother.

4 And he taught me and said to me, May my words hold to your heart; keep my commands and live.

5 Obtain wisdom, and with all your obtaining, obtain understanding; do not stretch out, and do not stretch away from the words of my mouth.

6 Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will keep you.

7 The first thing *is* wisdom; obtain wisdom, and with all your obtaining, obtain understanding.

8 Exalt her, and she will lift you up; she shall bring you to honor when you embrace her.

9 She shall give a wreath of grace to your head; she shall shield you with a crown of glory.

10 Oh my son, hear and receive my sayings, and the years of your life *shall be* many.

11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have made you walk in the right tracks;

12 when you go, your tracks shall not be narrowed, and if you run, you shall not stumble.

13 Take fast hold of instruction, do not let go; keep her, for she *is* your life.

14 ¶ Do not enter into the path of the wicked *ones*, and do not go straight in the way of evil *ones*

15 Avoid it, do not pass by it; turn from it and pass on.

16 For they do not sleep if they have done no evil, and their sleep is taken away if not they cause *some* to stumble.

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

18 But the path of the righteous *ones is* as a light of brightness going on and shining till the day is established.

19 The way of the wicked *ones is* as darkness; they do not know at what they stumble.

20 ¶ My son, pay attention to my words; stretch your ear to what I say;

21 let them not depart from your eyes; keep them in the center of your heart;

22 for they *are* life to those who find them, and healing to all his flesh.

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

24 Turn away from you the crooked mouth, and put devious lips far from you.

25 Let your eyes look straight to the front, and let your eyelids look straight before you.

26 Ponder the track of your feet, then all your ways *will be* established.

27 Do not stretch to the right or to the left; turn your foot aside from evil.

Proverbs 5

1 ¶ My son, pay attention to my wisdom; stretch out your ear to my understanding;

2 to keep discretion, and your lips may keep knowledge.

3 For the lips of a strange woman drip honey, and her palate *is* smoother than oil,

4 but afterwards she *is* bitter *as* wormwood, sharp as a sword of mouths;

5 her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on Sheol,

6 lest you ponder on the path of life, her tracks are unstable, you cannot know *them*.

7 And hear me now, O sons, and do not depart from the words of my mouth.

8 Remove your way far from her, and do not come near to the door of her house,

9 lest you give your vigor to others, and your years to the cruel *one*;

10 that strangers not be filled *with* your strength, and your labors *be* in the house of a foreigner,

11 and you groan when your end *comes*, when your flesh and muscle are used up,

12 and say, How I have hated instruction, and my heart despised correction;

13 and I have not heard the voice of my teachers, nor stretched out my ear to those teaching me.

14 In a little I was in every evil *thing* in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

15 ¶ Drink waters out of your own cistern, and running waters out of your own well.

16 Should your overflowing springs be dispersed outside, *like* rivers of waters in the streets?

17 Let them be for you alone, and not to strangers with you;

18 let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of your youth;

19 *she is* a loving deer, a graceful doe; let her breasts satisfy you at every time, always be ravished in her love.

20 And my son, why will you be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a foreigner?

21 For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of Jehovah, and He ponders all his tracks.

22 His own iniquities shall capture him, the wicked *one*, and he shall be held with the cords of his sin.

23 He shall die without instruction, and in the greatness of his foolishness he shall go astray.

Proverbs 6

1 Against suretyship, 6 idleness, 12 and mischiefousness. 16 Seven things hateful to Jehovah.

1 ¶ My son, *if* you are surety for your friend, *if* you struck your palms with an alien,

2 you are snared with the words of your mouth; you are captured with the words of your own mouth.

3 My son, do this then, and save yourself when you come into the palm of your friend: go, humble yourself and be bold *to* your friend.

4 Do not give sleep to your eyes, or slumber to your eyelids.

5 Deliver yourself like a gazelle from a hand, and as a bird from the fowler's hand.

6 ¶ Go to the ant, lazy man; see her ways and be wise;

7 who, having no leader, overseer or ruler, 8 provides her bread in the summer, *and* gathers her food in the harvest.

9 Until when will you lie down, O lazy man? When will you arise out of your sleep?

10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to lie down;

11 so shall your poverty come as one walking about, and your need like a man of a shield.

12 ¶ A worthless man, an evil man, walks with crookedness of mouth,

13 winking with his eyes, speaking with his feet, teaching with his fingers.

14 Perversity *is* in his heart; he *is* plotting evil *things* at every time, he sends out strife.

15 On account of this, calamity shall come suddenly; he is broken quickly and there is no healing.

16 These six *things* Jehovah hates; yea, seven *are* disgusting things to his soul;

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

18 a heart that devises iniquity, feet hurrying to run to evil *things*,

19 a lying witness who breathes lies, and he who causes strife among brothers.

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

21 Bind them to your heart continually; tie them around your neck.

22 When you go, it shall lead you; when you sleep, it shall watch over you; and *when* you awaken, it will muse *with* you.

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

24 to keep you from the evil woman, from tongue of flattery of the strange woman.

25 Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, and do not let her take you with her eyelids,

26 For through a woman committing adultery, *a man comes* to the *last* loaf of bread, and *another* man's wife hunts for the precious soul.

27 Can a man take fire into his bosom and his clothes not be burned?

28 Or can a man walk on hot coals and his feet not be burned?

29 So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; everyone touching her shall not be free *from guilt*.

30 They do not despise a thief, if he steals to fill his appetite when he is hungry.

31 But *if* he is found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the goods of his house.

32 He who commits adultery *with* a woman lacks heart; he *who* does it *is* a destroyer of his own soul.

33 He shall find a wound and dishonor, and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

34 For jealousy *is* the rage of a man, and he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

35 He will not lift up the face of every ransom, nor will he consent when you multiply the bribes.

Proverbs 7

1 ¶ My son, keep my words and treasure up My commands within you.

2 Keep My commands and live, and *keep* My Law as the pupil of your eye.

3 Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.

4 Say to wisdom, You *are* my sister, and call understanding *your* kinswoman,

5 to keep you from the strange woman, from the foreign *one* with her flattering words.

6 ¶ For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice,

7 and I saw in the *ones* of simplicity, I observed among the sons a young man lacking heart,

8 passing through the street near her corner; and he stepped the way to her house,

9 in the twilight, in the evening, in the black and darkness of night.

10 And, behold, a woman to meet him, *in* the dress of *one* doing adultery, and a guarded heart;

11 she *is* loud and stubborn; her feet do not abide in her own house.

12 *At this time she is* outside, now in the streets, and *she* lies in wait at every corner;

13 and she seizes him and kisses him; she hardens her face and says to him,

14 Sacrifices of peace offerings are on me, today I have completed my vows;

15 so I came out to meet you, early to seek your face, and I have found you.

16 I have spread my couch *with* coverings, *with* striped cloths of Egyptian linen.

17 I have sprinkled my bed with myrrh, aloe and cinnamon.

18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning, let us delight ourselves with caresses.

19 For my husband *is* not in his house; he is going in the way to a distant *place*.

20 He has taken a bag of silver in his hand; at the day of the full moon he will enter his house.

21 With her much persuasiveness she turned him aside; with the flattering of her lips she forced him,

22 going after her at once, as an ox goes to the slaughter; or as *one* in fetters goes to the correction of a foolish *one*,

23 until an arrow strikes through his liver, like a bird hastening to the snare, and not knowing that it *is* for his soul.

24 ¶ And now listen to Me, O sons, and attend to the words of My mouth:

25 Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways; do not go astray in her paths.

26 For many *are* the wounded she has caused to fall, and numerous all the ones being slain by her.

27 The ways of Sheol *are* in her house, leading down to the rooms of death.

Proverbs 8

1 *The fame and evidence of Wisdom. 10 The excellency, 12 the nature, 15 the power, 18 the riches, 22 and the eternity of Christ.*

1 ¶ Does not Wisdom call? And does not understanding speak?

2 She stands at the head of high places, on the way between the paths,

3 at the side of the gates; at the mouth of the city, *at* the doors, she cries.

4 I call to you, O men, and My voice *is* to the sons of men.

5 Understand prudence, *ones* of simplicity; and fools, be of an understanding heart.

6 Hear, for I will speak of excellent things, and from the opening of My lips *shall be* right things.

7 For My mouth shall speak of truth, and a disgusting thing *is* wickedness to My lips.

8 In righteousness are all the sayings of My mouth there *is* not a distorted or perverse *thing* in them;

9 they *are* all straight to those discerning and *to* the upright *ones*, to those who find knowledge.

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

11 For wisdom *is* better than jewels, and all delights cannot be compared to it.

12 ¶ I, Wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge of discretions.

13 The fear of Jehovah *is* to hate evil; I hate pride and loftiness, and the evil way, and the perverse mouth.

14 To Me *is* counsel and sound wisdom; I *am* understanding; to Me *is* strength.

15 By Me kings reign, and leaders decree righteousness.

16 Rulers and nobles rule by Me, and all the judges of the earth.

17 I love those who love Me, and those who seek Me early find Me.

18 Riches and honor *are* with Me; enduring wealth and righteousness.

19 My fruit *is* better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and My increase *is better than* the best silver.

20 I walk in the path of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice;

21 to cause those who love Me to inherit wealth, and I will fill up their treasures.

22 ¶ Jehovah possessed Me in the beginning of His way, from then, before His works.

23 I was anointed from everlasting, from before the earth.

24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when *there were* no springs heavy *with* water.

25 Before the mountains were sunk, before the hills, I was brought forth;

26 before He had made the earth and the fields, or the head of the dust of the world.

27 In His preparing the heavens, I *was* there; in His decreeing a circle on the face of the deep,

28 in His forming the clouds above, in *His* making the strong springs of the deep,

29 in His setting its limit for the sea, that the waters should not pass beyond *His* command; in His decreeing the foundations of the earth,

30 then I was at His side, like a master workman; and I was *His* delights day *by* day, rejoicing before Him *at* every time;

31 rejoicing in the world, His earth; and My delight *was* with the sons of men.

32 ¶ And now listen to Me, O sons, for blessed *are those who* keep My ways.

33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and do not let go.

34 Blessed *is* the man listening to Me, watching day *by* day at My gates, guarding at the posts of My doors.

35 For the one finding Me finds life, and he shall draw out favor from Jehovah.

36 But he who sins against Me wrongs his own soul; all who hate Me love death.

Proverbs 9

1 The discipline and doctrine of wisdom.

1 ¶ Wisdom has built her house; she has carved out her seven pillars;

2 she has slaughtered her slaughter; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table.

3 She has sent out her maidens; she cries on the heights of the city;

4 *One* who is of simplicity, turn in here; *one* lacking heart, she says to him,

5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine I have mixed.

6 Forsake simplicity, and live, and go straight in the way of understanding.

7; He rebuking one scorning takes shame for himself, and one reproving a wicked *one* has his own blemish.

8 Do not reprove one scorning, lest he hate you; reprove a wise *one*, and he will love you.

9 Give to a wise *one*, and he will be more wise; cause a just *one* to know and he will add *to* learning.

10 The fear of Jehovah *is* the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy Ones *is* understanding.

11 For by Me your days shall increase and shall be added to you the years of life.

12 If you are wise, you shall be wise for yourself, but *if* you scorn, you alone shall bear *it*.

13 ¶ A woman of foolishness *is* noisy; *one of* simplicity, and she knows not what.

14 And she sits at the door of her house, in a seat in the high places of the city,

15 to call those passing in the way, who are going straight *on* their paths:

16 *One of* simplicity turn aside here. And to the one lacking heart, she says to him:

17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant.

18 But he does not know that the departed spirits *are* there; In the depths of Sheol *are* her called *ones*.

Proverbs 10

Of moral virtues, and their contrary vices.

1 ¶ The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son makes a father rejoice, but a son who *is* a fool *is* a mother's sorrow.

2 ¶ Treasures of wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death.

3 Jehovah will not allow the soul of the righteous *one* to hunger, but He pushes away the desire of the wicked *one*.

4 ¶ He who works *with* a lazy palm will be lacking, but the hand of the diligent *one* makes to become rich.

5 ¶ He who gathers in summer *is* a prudent son; he who sleeps in harvest *is* a son who causes shame.

6 ¶ Blessings *are* on the head of the righteous *one*, but the mouth of the wicked *ones* covers violence.

7 ¶ The memory of the righteous *one is* for a blessing, but the name of the wicked *ones* shall rot.

8 ¶ The wise of heart accepts commands, but the lips of the foolish *one* shall be thrust away.

9 ¶ He who walks in integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways shall be known.

10 ¶ One winking the eye causes pain, and the lips of the foolish *one* shall be thrust away.

11 ¶ The mouth of the righteous *one is* a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked *one* covers violence.

12 ¶ Hating stirs up strifes, but love covers all transgressions.

13 ¶ Wisdom is found in the lips of him who has understanding, but a rod *is* waiting for the back of him who lacks heart.

14 ¶ The wise *ones* store up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish *one is* near ruin.

15 ¶ The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city; the ruin of the poor *ones is* their poverty.

16 ¶ The wages of the righteous *one is* for life; the gain of the wicked *one is* for sin.

17 ¶ *On* the path to life *is* one keeping instruction, but one forsaking reproof *is* going astray.

18 ¶ *One* covering hating *with* lying lips, and sending out slander, he *is* a fool.

19 ¶ In the abundance of words transgression does not cease, but one restraining his lips *is* prudent.

20 ¶ The tongue of the righteous *one is* as choice silver; the heart of the wicked *ones is* but little.

21 The lips of the righteous *one* feed many, but foolish *ones* die in lack of heart.

22 ¶ The blessing of Jehovah makes one to be rich, and he adds no pain with it.

23 ¶ To work out evil devices *is* as laughter to the fool; so wisdom *is* to a man of understanding.

24 ¶ The fear of the wicked *one is* that *which* shall come upon him, but the desire of the righteous *one is* granted.

25 As the storm wind passes, so the wicked *one is* not; but the righteous *one is* an everlasting foundation.

26 ¶ Like vinegar to the teeth, and like smoke to the eyes, so *is* the lazy *one* to those who send him.

27 ¶ The fear of Jehovah prolongs days, but the years of the wicked *ones* shall be cut short.

28 The expectation of the righteous *ones is* joyful, but the hope of the wicked *ones* shall perish.

29 ¶ The way of Jehovah *is* strength to the *ones* of integrity, but ruin *is* to doers of iniquity.

30 The righteous *one* shall never be shaken, and the wicked *ones* shall not dwell in the land.

31 ¶ The mouth of the righteous *one* flourishes *with* wisdom, but the tongue of perversity shall be cut off.

32 The lips of the righteous *one* know what is pleasing, but the mouth of the wicked *ones* knows only perversity.

Proverbs 11

1 ¶ False balances *are* a disgusting thing to Jehovah, but a perfect stone His delight.

2 ¶ Pride comes, then shame comes, but with those being humble *is* wisdom.

3 ¶ The integrity of the upright *ones* guides them, but the perverting of *those* betraying will devastate them.

4 ¶ Wealth does not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

5 ¶ The righteousness of the sound *one* shall make his way right, but the wicked *one* shall fall by his own wickedness.

6 The righteousness of the upright *one* shall deliver them, but *those* betraying shall be taken in *their* lust.

7 ¶ In the death of a wicked man his expectation shall perish, and the hope of *doers* of iniquity shall be lost.

8 ¶ The righteous *one* is delivered from distress, and the wicked *one* goes in instead of him.

9 ¶ The godless *one* is corrupting *his* friend with *his* mouth, but the righteous *ones* are delivered by knowledge.

10 ¶ When the righteous *ones* receive good things, the city rejoices; and at perishing of the wicked *ones* *is* singing.

11 A city is lifted up by the blessing of the upright *one*, but by the mouth of the wicked *ones* it is overthrown.

12 ¶ One despising his friend lacks heart, but an understanding man remains silent.

13 One going with slander is a revealer of secrets, but the faithful of spirit keeps a matter hidden.

14 ¶ In the absence of *wise* counsels the people fall, but safety *is* in a great counselor.

15 ¶ The evil *one* suffers when he is surety for a stranger, but one hating strikers of *hands* is trusted.

16 ¶ A gracious woman holds to honor, but terrifying *men* hold to riches.

17 ¶ A merciful man does good to his own soul, but the cruel *one* troubles his own flesh.

18 ¶ The wicked *one* makes a wage of falsehood, but one sowing righteousness *has* a reward of truth.

19 ¶ As righteousness *is* to life, even the evil *one* *is* pursuing to his death.

20 ¶ The perverse of heart is a disgusting thing to Jehovah, but His delight *is* the blameless *one* of *his* way.

21 ¶ *Though* hand *join* to hand, the evil *one* shall not be free *from* guilt, but the seed of the righteous *ones* escapes.

22 ¶ As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, *so* *is* a woman who *is* beautiful, yet turning aside discretion.

23 ¶ The desire of the righteous *ones* *is* only good, the hope of the wicked *ones* *is* wrath.

24 ¶ There is one who scatters yet increases more, but a withholder of uprightness *comes* only to poverty.

25 ¶ The soul of blessing will be made fat; he drinking to his fill will also be taught.

26 ¶ One holding back *grain*, the people curse him; but a blessing *is* to the head of one selling grain.

27 ¶ *One* seeking good early seeks favor; but one pursuing an evil *thing*, it shall come to him.

28 ¶ One trusting in his riches, he shall fall; but like a green leaf the righteous *ones* shall flourish.

29 One troubling his house inherits the wind; and the foolish *one* *is* servant to the wise of heart.

30 ¶ The fruit of the righteous *one* *is* a tree of life, and one taking souls *is* wise.

31 ¶ Behold, the righteous *ones* shall be rewarded in the earth; also indeed the wicked *one* and the sinner.

Proverbs 12

1 ¶ Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, but he hating chastisement *is* *one* of stupidity.

2 ¶ The good obtain grace from Jehovah, but He will condemn a man of evil devices.

3 ¶ A man shall not be established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous *ones* shall not be dislodged.

4 ¶ A woman of virtue *is* a crown to her lord, but one causing shame *is* like rottenness in his bones.

5 ¶ The thoughts of the righteous *ones* are justice; the counsels of the wicked *ones* are deceit.

6 ¶ The words of the wicked *ones* lie in wait for blood, but the mouth of the upright *ones* shall deliver them.

7 ¶ Overthrow the wicked *ones* and they are not; but the house of the righteous *ones* stands.

8 ¶ A man shall be praised according to his prudence, but he who is of a perverse heart shall be despised.

9 ¶ Better *is* one despised, and a servant is his, than one honoring himself and lacking bread.

10 ¶ The righteous *one* knows the life of his animal, but the mercies of the wicked *ones* are cruel.

11 ¶ He who works his land shall be satisfied *with* bread, but he chasing vanities lacks heart.

12 ¶ The wicked *one* desires the net of evils, but the root of the righteous *ones* give.

13 ¶ In the transgression of the lips *is* the snare of an evil *one*, but the righteous *one* will come out from distress.

14 ¶ A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of the mouth, and the dealing of a man's hand shall be given back to him.

15 ¶ The way of a foolish *one* *is* right in his own eyes, but he who listens to advice *is* wise.

16 ¶ The anger of a foolish *one* is known in a day, but the prudent *one* covers shame.

17 ¶ He who breathes faithfulness reveals righteousness, but a witness of falsehoods deceit.

18 ¶ There is a rash speaking like thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise *ones* *is* healing.

19 ¶ The lips of truth are established forever, but a tongue of falsehood *is* only while I wink.

20 ¶ Deceit *is* in the heart of those who plot evil *things*, but to counselors of peace *is* joy.

21 ¶ Not every trouble shall be sent to the righteous *one*, but the wicked *ones* shall be filled with evil.

22 ¶ Lips of falsehood *are* a disgusting thing to Jehovah, but those who do faithfulness *are* His delight.

23 ¶ A prudent man conceals knowledge, but the heart of fools calls out their folly.

24 ¶ The hand of the diligent *ones* shall rule, but one of laziness will become forced labor.

25 ¶ Anxiety in a man's heart makes it depressed, but a good word makes it glad.

26 ¶ The righteous *one* searches out his friend, but the way of the wicked *ones* leads them astray.

27 ¶ The *one* of laziness does not start after his prey, but the wealth of a diligent man *is* precious.

28 ¶ In the way of righteousness *is* life, and in that pathway *is* no death.

Proverbs 13

1 ¶ A wise son *hears* his father's instruction, but a scorner does not hear rebuke.

2 ¶ From the fruit of *his* mouth a man eats good, but the soul of those betraying *eats* violence.

3 ¶ He who guards his mouth keeps his life; he who opens his lips wide, ruin *is* to him.

4 ¶ A sluggish *one's* soul *is* craving, but having nothing, but the soul of the diligent *ones* shall be made fat.

5 ¶ The righteous *one* hates a word of falsehood, but the wicked *one* is odious and acts shamefully.

6 ¶ Righteousness keeps the way of the *one* of integrity, but wickedness subverts a sin-offering.

7 ¶ There *is* one being rich, yet having nothing *at all*; but one acting poor *has* much wealth.

8 ¶ The ransom of a man's life *is* his riches, but one acting poor does not hear rebuke.

9 ¶ The light of the righteous *ones* rejoice, but the lamp of the wicked *ones* shall be put out.

10 ¶ Only by pride comes strife, but with those taking counsel wisdom.

11 ¶ Wealth from vanity shall diminish, but he who gathers by hand shall increase.

12 ¶ Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a tree of life *is* desire coming.

13 ¶ *He who* despises the Word shall ruin himself, but one fearing the commandment, he shall be rewarded.

14 ¶ The law of the wise *one is* a fountain of life, to turn away from the snares of death.

15 ¶ Good prudence gives grace, but the way of *those* betraying *is* ever flowing.

16 ¶ Every prudent *one* deals with knowledge, but a fool lays open *his* folly.

17 ¶ A wicked messenger falls into an evil way, but a faithful envoy *is* healing.

18 ¶ Poverty and shame *shall be to* him letting chastening go, but he who keeps to chastisement shall be honored.

19 ¶ The desire coming to pass *is* sweet to the soul, but to turn away from an evil way *is* a disgusting thing to fools.

20 ¶ *One* walking with the wise *ones* shall be wise, but a feeder of fools shall be made evil.

21 ¶ An evil *end* pursues sinners, but the righteous *ones* shall be rewarded *with* good.

22 ¶ A good *man* makes the sons of his son to inherit, but the wealth of the sinner *is* treasured up for the righteous *one*.

23 ¶ The tilled land of one being poor yields much food, but when *there is* no justice, it is swept away.

24 ¶ One holding back his rod *is* hating his son, but he loving him seeks him *with* correction.

25 ¶ The righteous *one* eats to the satisfaction of his soul, but the belly of the wicked *ones* shall lack.

Proverbs 14

1 ¶ The wise *among* women builds her house, but *she* of foolishness pulls it down with her *own* hands.

2 ¶ One walking in his uprightness fears Jehovah, but *one* being perverse in his ways despises Him.

3 ¶ A rod of pride *is* in the mouth of a foolish *one*, but the lips of the wise *ones* shall keep them.

4 ¶ The manger *is* clean where there *are* no cattle, but much increase *is* by the strength of an ox.

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

6 ¶ A scorner seeks wisdom, but *finds* it not, yet knowledge *is* swift to the discerning.

7 ¶ Go from before a foolish man, or you will not know the lips of knowledge.

8 ¶ The wisdom of the shrewd *one is* to understand his way, but the folly of fools *is* deceit.

9 ¶ Foolish *ones* laugh at guilt offering, but favor *is* among the upright *ones*.

10 ¶ The heart knows the bitterness of its soul, and a stranger does not share in its joy.

11 ¶ The house of the wicked *ones* shall be laid waste, but the tent of the upright *ones* will flourish.

12 ¶ There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end of it *is* the way of death.

13 ¶ Even in laughter pain is in the heart and in its end that joy *is* grief.

14 ¶ One backsliding in heart shall be filled with his own ways, but a good man from himself.

15 ¶ *One* of simplicity believes every word, but the prudent *one* considers his step.

16 ¶ The wise *ones* fear and turn from evil, but the fool passes over and is bold.

17 ¶ He who *is* short of temper acts foolishly; and a man of *evil* plots is hated.

18 *Ones* of simplicity inherit foolishness, but the prudent *ones* are encircled with knowledge.

19 ¶ The evil *ones* will bow before the good *ones*; yea, the wicked *ones* at the gates of the just *one*.

20 ¶ The one lacking is hated even by his own neighbor, but lovers of a rich *one are* many.

21 ¶ He who despises his neighbor sins, but he who favors the humble *one*, how happy *is* he!

22 ¶ Devisers of evil go astray? But mercy and truth *follow* one devising good.

23 ¶ In all pain there is profit, but the word of the lips *tends* only to poverty.

24 ¶ The crown of the wise *ones is* their riches; the folly of fools is their foolishness.

25 ¶ A true witness delivers souls, but a deceitful *witness* breathes lies.

26 ¶ In the fear of Jehovah *is* strong trust, and His sons shall have a refuge.

27 The fear of Jehovah *is* a fountain of life, to turn aside from snares of death.

28 ¶ In the multitude of people *is* the king's glory, but in the lack of people *is* the ruin of a ruler.

29 ¶ One long *to* anger *is* of great understanding, but he who *is* short of spirit exalts folly.

30 ¶ A heart of healing *is* the life of the flesh, but jealousy *is* the rottenness of the bones.

31 ¶ One oppressing the poor *one* curses his Maker, but one honoring Him favors the needy *one*.

32 ¶ The wicked *one* is thrust out in his evil, but the righteous *one* seeks refuge in his death.

33 ¶ Wisdom rests in the heart of *one* understanding, but amidst fools *the lack of it* is made known.

34 ¶ Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin *is* a shame to any people

35 ¶ The king's favor *is* toward a servant who acts wisely, but his wrath underlies one causing shame.

Proverbs 15

1 ¶ A soft answer turns back wrath, but a word of pain causes anger to go up.

2 ¶ The tongue of the wise makes glad knowledge, but the mouth of fools pours out foolishness.

3 ¶ The eyes of Jehovah *are* in every place watching the evil *ones* and the good *ones*.

4 ¶ A healing tongue *is* a tree of life, but perversity in it *is* a break of the spirit.

5 ¶ A fool despises his father's instruction, but he keeping correction is prudent.

6 ¶ In the house of the righteous *ones is* much treasure, but in the increase of the wicked *one is* troubling.

7 ¶ The lips of the wise *ones* disperse knowledge, but the heart of fools *is* not so.

8 ¶ The sacrifice of the wicked *one is* a disgusting thing to Jehovah, but the prayer of the upright *one is* His delight.

9 ¶ The way of the wicked *ones is* a disgusting thing to Jehovah, but He loves one pursuing righteousness.

10 ¶ Discipline *is* an evil *thing* to one leaving the path *of obedience*; one hating reproof shall die.

11 ¶ Sheol and destruction *are* before Jehovah; even more the hearts of the sons of men!

12 ¶ A scorner does not love one who corrects him; he will not go to the wise *one*.

13 ¶ A joyful heart makes a good face, but by pain of heart the spirit is stricken.

14 ¶ The heart of the discerning *one* seeks knowledge, but the mouth of fools feeds on folly.

15 ¶ All the days of the afflicted *one are* evil *days*, but a good heart is a continual feast.

16 ¶ Better *is* a little with the fear of Jehovah than great treasure and tumult with it.

17 Better *is* a meal of herbs and love than a fattened ox and hatred with it.

18 ¶ A man of fury stirs up strife, but one long *to* anger calms fighting.

19 ¶ The way of the lazy *one is* like a hedge of thorns, but the path of the upright *ones is* lifted up.

20 ¶ A wise son makes a glad father, but a man *who is* a fool despises his mother.

21 ¶ Foolishness *is* joy to him who lacks understanding, but a man of understanding directs his going.

22 ¶ Purposes without counsel are frustrated, but by many counselors they rise.

23 ¶ Joy is to a man by the answer of his mouth, and how good *is* a word in its time.

24 ¶ The path of life *is* upward to the prudent *one*, that he may turn away from Sheol below.

25 ¶ Jehovah will pull down the house of the proud *ones*, but He will set up the widow's border.

26 ¶ The thoughts of the evil *one are* disgusting things to Jehovah, but the sayings of pleasantness *are* pure.

27 ¶ One gaining unjust gain troubles his own house, but *one* hating bribes shall live.

28 ¶ The heart of the righteous *one* meditates *how* to answer, but the mouth of the wicked *ones* pours out evil.

29 ¶ Jehovah *is* far from the wicked *ones*, but He hears the prayer of the righteous *ones*.

30 ¶ The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, a good report makes the bones fat.

31 ¶ The ear that hears the reproof of life dwells in the midst of wisdom.

32 ¶ He casting off correction despises his own soul, but he who hears reproof gets heart.

33 ¶ The fear of Jehovah *is* instruction in wisdom, and before honor *is* humility.

Proverbs 16

1 ¶ Of man *are* plans of the heart, and the answer of the tongue from Jehovah.

2 ¶ All the ways of a man *are* pure in his own eyes, but Jehovah weighs the spirits.

3 ¶ Roll your works on Jehovah, and your thoughts will be established.

4 ¶ Jehovah has made all for His purpose, yea, even the wicked *one* for the day of evil *things*.

5 ¶ A disgusting thing to Jehovah *is* everyone proud in heart; *though* hand *join* in hand he shall not be free *from* guilt.

6 ¶ Iniquity is covered by mercy and truth, and in the fear of Jehovah *men* turn aside from evil *ways*.

7 ¶ When a man's ways please Jehovah, He makes even his enemies *to be* at peace with him.

8 ¶ Better *is* a little with righteousness than great increase without justice.

9 ¶ A man's heart plans his way, but Jehovah establishes his step.

10 ¶ A divination *is* on the king's lips; his mouth does not act unfaithfully in judgment.

11 ¶ A scale and balances of justice *are* to Jehovah, all the stones of the bag *are* His work.

12 ¶ *It is* a disgusting thing for kings to commit wickedness, for the throne *is* made firm by righteousness.

13 Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings, and he speaking uprightly is loved.

14 ¶ A king's fury *is* as messengers of death, but a wise man will cover it.

15 In the light of the face of the king *is* life, and his favor *is* like a cloud of the latter rain.

16 ¶ How much better to obtain wisdom than gold! And to obtain understanding *is* to be chosen *above* silver.

17 ¶ The way of the upright *one is* to turn aside from evil *ways*; he keeping his soul watches his way.

18 ¶ Pride *goes* before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

19 ¶ Better *is* lowliness of spirit with the humble *ones* than to divide the spoil with the proud *ones*.

20 ¶ He being prudent on a matter shall find good *success*; yea, he trusting in Jehovah, blessed *is* he!

21 ¶ The wise in heart shall be called understanding, and sweetness of lips increases learning.

22 ¶ Prudence *is* a fountain of life to its owners, but the correction of foolish *ones is* folly.

23 ¶ The heart of the wise *ones* makes his mouth prudent, and he adds learning on his lips.

24 ¶ Combs of honey *are* sayings of pleasantness, sweetness to the soul and healing to the bones.

25 ¶ There is a way *seeming* right to a man's face, but the end of it *is* the ways of death.

26 ¶ The soul who labors *is* a laborer for himself, for his mouth urges him on.

27 ¶ A man of worthlessness digs up evil *things*, and on his lips *it is* like a burning fire.

28 A man of perversity sends out strife, and a talebearer separates *from* a friend.

29 ¶ A man of violence lures his neighbor, and causes him to go in a way *that is* not good.

30 He who shuts his eyes to plan perversity, compressing his lips, *he* finishes in an evil *plan*.

31 ¶ The gray head *is* a crown of glory; it is found in the way of righteousness.

32 ¶ One long to anger *is* better than the mighty *one*, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

33 ¶ The lot is cast into the bosom, but all the ordering of it *is* from Jehovah.

Proverbs 17

1 ¶ Better *is* a dry piece of bread, and quietness with it, than a house full of sacrifices *with* strife.

2 ¶ A servant being prudent shall rule over a son who causes shame, and *he*

shall share the inheritance among the brothers.

3 ¶ The refining pot *is* for silver, and the furnace for gold, but Jehovah tries the hearts.

4 ¶ One being evil gives heed to lips of iniquity; a liar listens to a tongue of *evil* desire.

5 ¶ *One* mocking the one being poor reviles this Maker, *one* joyful at calamity shall not be free of *guilt*.

6 ¶ Sons of sons *are* the crown of old men, and the glory of sons *are* their fathers.

7 ¶ A lip of excess *is* not fitting for a foolish *one*, much less are lying lips *for* a noble *one*.

8 ¶ A bribe *is* a stone of favor in the eyes of its owner, everywhere he turns he is shrewd.

9 ¶ *One who* covers a transgression seeks love, but one repeating a matter separates *from* a friend.

10 ¶ A reproof goes down more into one discerning than a hundred *blows* striking *into* a fool .

11 ¶ An evil *one* seeks only rebellion, so a cruel messenger is sent against him.

12 ¶ Let a man meet a bear of bereavement and not a fool in his foolishness.

13 ¶ Whoever returns an evil *deed* for a good *deed*, an evil *deed* shall not depart from his house.

14 ¶ The beginning of strife *is* like the releasing of water, therefore leave off striving before it breaks out.

15 ¶ *One* justifying the wicked *one*, and condemning the just *one*, even both of them *are* disgusting things to Jehovah.

16 ¶ Why *is* this, a price in the hand of a fool to obtain wisdom, and there is no heart *for* it?

17 ¶ A friend loves at every time, and a brother is born for distress.

18 ¶ A man lacking heart strikes the palm, he pledges a pledge in the presence of his friend.

19 ¶ *He* loving strife loves transgression; *he* exalting his entrance seeks a breaking *in*.

20 ¶ One crooked of heart does not find a good *thing*, and he who *is* perverse in his tongue falls into an evil *thing*.

21 ¶ *He who* fathers a fool *falls* into sorrow for it; yea, the father of a foolish *one* will not be joyful.

22 ¶ A joyful heart makes good healing, but a stricken spirit dries the bones.

23 The wicked *one* takes a bribe out of the bosom to stretch the paths of justice.

24 ¶ With the face of one discerning *is* wisdom, but the eyes of a fool *are* in the ends of the earth.

25 ¶ A son *who is* a fool *is* vexation to his father, and bitterness to her who bore him.

26 ¶ Also *it is* not a good *thing* to punish the just *one*, to strike nobles for uprightness.

27 ¶ *One* restraining his words knows knowledge, and *one* cool of spirit *is* a man of understanding.

28 Even a foolish *one* being silent *is* counted a wise *one*, he shutting his lips *as* discerning.

Proverbs 18

1 ¶ He *who* separates himself seeks to *gain* *his own* desire; he breaks out against all sound wisdom.

2 ¶ A fool has no delight in understanding, but only in uncovering his heart.

3 ¶ When the wicked *one* comes, scorn also comes, and with shame comes reproach.

4 ¶ The words of a man's mouth *are* like deep waters, the fountain of wisdom *is* a flowing stream.

5 ¶ To lift up the face of the wicked *one* *is* not good, to thrust aside the righteous *one* in judgment.

6 ¶ The lips of a foolish *one* enter into strife, and his mouth calls for strokes.

7 The mouth of a fool *is* his ruin, and his lips *are* the snare of his soul.

8 ¶ The words of a slanderer *are* greedily swallowed; yea, they go down *into* the *innermost* parts of the belly.

9 ¶ And he who is slack in his work, he *is* a brother to a master of destruction.

10 ¶ The name of Jehovah *is* a tower of strength; the righteous *one* runs into it and *is* set on high.

11 ¶ The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city, and as a high wall in his imagination.

12 ¶ Before shattering, a man's heart *is* haughty, but humility *goes* before honor.

13 ¶ *One* turning back a matter before he hears it, *it is* folly and shame to him.

14 ¶ The spirit of a man will endure his sickness, but who can bear a stricken spirit?

15 ¶ The heart of one being discerning gets knowledge, and the ear of the wise *one* seeks knowledge.

16 ¶ A man's bribe makes room for him, and *it* leads him before the great.

17 ¶ *The* first in his cause *seems to be* a just *one*, but his neighbor comes and examines him.

18 ¶ The lot causes contentions to cease, and divides between the mighty *ones*.

19 ¶ A brother transgressing *is like* a city of strength; and *their* contentions *are* like the bar of a castle.

20 ¶ A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; he shall be satisfied *with* the produce of his lips.

21 ¶ Death and life *are* in the hand of the tongue, and those who love it shall eat its fruit.

22 ¶ *He* finding a wife finds good, and obtains favor from Jehovah.

23 ¶ The one being poor speaks with entreaties, but the rich *one* answers fiercely.

24 ¶ A man of friends may be broken up, but there is a Lover who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 19

1 ¶ *One* being poor who walks in his integrity *is better* than a perverted *one* in his lips, and *is* a fool.

2 ¶ Also, without knowledge the soul *is* not good, and he hurrying with his feet sins.

3 ¶ The folly of man perverts his way, and his heart rages against Jehovah.

4 ¶ Wealth adds many friends, but the poor *one* is separated from his neighbor.

5 ¶ A witness of falsehoods will not be free *from guilt*; yea, a breather of lies shall not slip away.

6 ¶ Many will beg *at* the face of a noble *one*, and all *are* friends to a man of gifts.

7 All the brothers of the one being poor hate him, and his friends also surely have been far from him; he pursues *them* with words, *yet* they are not.

8 ¶ *He* possessing heart loves his own soul, *he* keeping understanding finds good.

9 ¶ A witness of falsehood shall not be free *from guilt*; yea, *one* breathing lies shall perish.

10 ¶ Luxury is not becoming for a fool, much less for a servant to rule over rulers.

11 ¶ The discretion of a man makes his anger long, and his glory *is* to pass over a transgression.

12 ¶ The king's rage *is* like a lion's roar, but his favor *is* like dew on the grass.

13 ¶ A son *who is* a fool *is* calamity to his father, and the drippings of a woman *is* a continuing dripping.

14 ¶ House and riches *are* the inheritance of fathers, but a wife who acts prudently *is* from Jehovah.

15 ¶ Laziness makes one fall into a deep sleep, and an idle soul shall be hungry.

16 ¶ *One* keeping the commandment keeps his own soul; he who despises His ways shall die.

17 ¶ *One* favoring the poor *one* lends to Jehovah, and He will repay his dealing to him.

18 ¶ Chasten your son, for there is hope, and do not lift your soul on making him die.

19 ¶ *One* great of fury will bear a fine, for if you deliver *him*, even again you must add *to it*.

20 ¶ Hear counsel and accept chastening, that you may be wise in your latter end.

21 ¶ Many purposes *are* in a man's heart, but the counsel of Jehovah shall rise.

22 ¶ The desirableness of a man *is* his kindness, and it *is* better to be poor than a man of a lie.

23 ¶ The fear of Jehovah *tends* to life, and he shall rest satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

24 ¶ A lazy *one* hides his hand in a dish, and he will not return it to his mouth.

25 ¶ Strike a scorners and one of simplicity will become shrewd; reprove a discerners, and he will discern knowledge.

26 ¶ *He* who deals violently with *his* father chases *his* mother away; he *is* a son who causes shame and brings reproach.

27 ¶ My son, cease to hear the chastening *only* to stray from the words of knowledge.

28 ¶ A worthless witness scorns justice, and the mouth of the wicked *one* swallows iniquity.

29 ¶ Judgments are prepared for scorners, and blows for the backs of fools.

Proverbs 20

1 ¶ Wine *is* a mocker, strong liquor *is* stirring, and each one straying by it *is* not being wise.

2 ¶ Like the roar of a lion *is* the dread of a king; he who stirs him up to anger wrongs his own soul.

3 ¶ For a man to cease from strife *is* an honor, but every foolish *one* lays himself bare.

4. The lazy *one* will not plow, after autumn he begs at harvest, and nothing *is there*.

5 ¶ Counsel in a man's heart *is like* deep water, and a man of understanding will draw it out.

6 ¶ A multitude of men will proclaim each his own kindness, but who can find a faithful man?

7 ¶ The just *one* walks in his integrity, blessed *are* his sons after him!

8 ¶ A king who sits on the throne of judgment scatters away all evil with his eyes.

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

10 ¶ A stone and a stone, an ephah and an ephah, *are* disgusting things to Jehovah, even both of them.

11 ¶ Even a boy makes himself known by his actions, whether his work *is* pure, or upright.

12 ¶ The hearing ear and the seeing eye, Jehovah has even made both of them.

13 ¶ Do not love sleep, lest you be dispossessed; open your eyes, be satisfied with bread.

14 ¶ An evil *thing!* An evil *thing*, says the buyer, but when *it is* left to him, then he boasts.

15 ¶ There is gold and a multitude of gems, but the lips of knowledge *are* a rare vessel.

16 ¶ Take the garment of the one who is surety *for* an alien, and bind him in pledge for strangers.

17 ¶ Bread of falsehood *is* sweet to a man, but afterwards his mouth shall be filled *with* gravel.

18 ¶ Purposes are established in counsel; yea, make war with wise guidance.

19 ¶ A revealer of a secret walks about as a gossip, so do not meddle with him who opens his lips.

20 ¶ *He* cursing his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in the middle of darkness.

21 ¶ An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily in the beginning, but the end of it shall not be blessed.

22 ¶ Do not say, I will repay the evil *one*; wait on Jehovah, and He will save you.

23 ¶ *To have* a stone and a stone *is* a disgusting thing to Jehovah; and a balance of deceit *is* not good.

24 ¶ The steps of a man *are* from Jehovah, and what can man discern of his way?

25 ¶ *It is* a snare *to* a man to say rashly, A holy thing, and afterward to vow to inquire *about it*.

26 ¶ A wise king scatters the wicked *ones* and turns the wheel over them.

27 ¶ The spirit of man *is* the lamp of Jehovah, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

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

29 ¶ The glory of young men *is* their vigor, and the honor of old men *is* the gray head.

30 ¶ The stripes of a wound *are* a remedy *for* an evil *plan*, and strokes the inward parts of the belly.

Proverbs 21

1 ¶ *As* streams of waters, the king's heart *is* in the hand of Jehovah; He extends it wherever He desires.

2 ¶ Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but Jehovah weighs the hearts.

3 ¶ For Jehovah, to do righteousness and justice *is* to be chosen more than sacrifice.

4 ¶ High eyes, a proud heart, *and* the fal-low ground of the wicked *ones*, *is* sin.

5 ¶ The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenty, but *those of* every one being hasty only to poverty.

6 ¶ The acquisition of treasures by a tongue of falsehood *is* a vapor driven by those who seek death.

7 ¶ The violence of wickedness drags them down, because they refuse to do justice.

8 ¶ The work of a guilty man *is* perverted; but the pure *one is* an upright *one*.

9 ¶ *It is* better to dwell on a corner of a housetop, than *with* a woman of contentious, and to share a house.

10 ¶ The soul of wicked *ones* desires an evil *thing*; his neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.

11 ¶ The one of simplicity is made to be wise when the scorner is punished, and when the wise *one* is instructed, he takes in knowledge.

12 ¶ The Righteous *One* is acting wisely toward the house of the wicked *one*; He subverts wickedness for *its* evil.

13 ¶ *One* shutting his ears at the cry of the poor *one*, he himself shall also call and shall not be answered.

14 ¶ A gift in secret subdues anger; yea, a bribe in the bosom *quiets* fierce fury.

15 ¶ *It is* joy to the righteous *one* to do justice, but ruin *shall come* to the workers of iniquity.

16 ¶ The man who wanders out of the way of prudence shall rest in the assembly of departed spirits.

17 ¶ A man who loves pleasure *shall have* poverty, he who loves wine and oil shall not be rich.

18 ¶ The wicked *one shall be* a ransom for the righteous *one*, and the *one* acting treacherously instead of the upright *ones*.

19 ¶ *It is* better to live in a land of the wilderness than *with* a woman of contentions and anger.

20 ¶ A treasure to be desired and oil *are* in the dwelling of the wise *ones*, but a man who *is* a fool swallows it.

21 ¶ *He* pursuing righteousness and mercy finds life, righteousness and honor.

22 ¶ A wise *one* makes the city of the mighty *ones* go up, and makes go down the force *in which* it trusts.

23 ¶ *Whoever* guards his mouth and his tongue guards his soul from distresses.

24 ¶ *The* proud arrogant *one*, scoffer *is* his name, he who deals in proud wrath.

25 ¶ The lust of the lazy *man* kills him, for his hands have refused to work.

26 All the day he longs with lust, but the righteous *one* gives and does not withhold.

27 ¶ The sacrifice of the wicked *ones is* a disgusting thing; how much more *when* he brings it with an evil intent!

28 ¶ A witness of falsehood shall perish, but the man who hears will speak forever.

29 ¶ A wicked man hardens his face, but he, the upright *one*, establishes his way.

30 ¶ *There is* no wisdom and no understanding and no counsel against Jehovah.

31 The horse *is* made ready for the day of battle, but to Jehovah *belongs* deliverance.

Proverbs 22

1 ¶ A name *is* to be chosen rather than great riches; favor is better than silver or gold.

2 ¶ The rich *one* and the one being poor meet together, Jehovah *is* the One making all of them.

3 ¶ A prudent *one* sees the evil way and hides himself, but the *ones* of simplicity pass on and are punished.

4 ¶ The reward of humility *is* the fear of Jehovah, riches, and honor, and life.

5 ¶ Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the crooked *one*, *he* guarding his soul shall be far from them.

6 ¶ Train up a boy on the mouth of his way, even when he is old he will not turn aside from it.

7 ¶ The rich *one* rules over the one being poor, and the one borrowing *is* servant to a man who lends.

8 ¶ *He who* sows injustice will reap sorrow, and the rod of his wrath shall cease.

9 ¶ The good of eye, he is blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor *one*.

10 ¶ Drive the scorner out and strife shall go out; yea, quarrels and shame shall cease.

11 ¶ He who loves pureness of heart, grace *is on* his lips; the king *shall be* his friend.

12 ¶ The eyes of Jehovah keep knowledge, and He overthrows the words of the *one* acting deceitfully.

13 ¶ The lazy *one* says, A lion *is* outside! I will be killed in the midst of the broad places.

14 ¶ The mouth of alien women *is* a deep pit; those hated *by* Jehovah shall fall there.

15 ¶ Foolishness *is* bound up in the heart of a boy; the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

16 ¶ *One* oppresses the poor *one* to increase *riches* to him, he gives to the rich *one*, only *to come* to poverty.

17 ¶ Stretch your ear and hear the words of the wise *one*, and apply your heart to My knowledge,

18 for *they are* pleasant when you keep them within you; they shall all be fixed together on your lips,

19 that your trust may be in Jehovah. I caused you to know today, even you.

20 Have I not written to you three days ago with counsels and knowledge,

21 to cause you to know the certainty of the words of truth, to return the words of truth to those who send to you?

22 ¶ Rob not the poor *one* because he *is* a poor *one*, and do not crush the afflicted *one* in the gate.

23 For Jehovah will contend for their cause, and *He* will plunder those plundering them *in* soul.

24 ¶ Do not feed with a lord of anger, and do not go in with a man of fury,

25 lest you learn his ways and take a snare for your soul.

26 ¶ Do not be one of those who strike the palm, those who are sureties for loans.

27 If you have nothing to repay, why should he take away your bed from under you?

28 ¶ Do not move the old landmark which your fathers have set.

29 ¶ Do you see a man who is prompt in his work? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before obscure *men*.

Proverbs 23

1 ¶ When you sit down to eat with a ruler; considering, consider what *is* before you, 2 and put a knife to your throat if you *are* an owner of a soul.

3 Do not desire his delicacies, for it *is* the bread of lies.

4 ¶ Do not labor to become rich; cease from your own understanding.

5 Will your eyes fly on it? And *it* is not! For making it makes wings for itself; it flies *into* the heavens like an eagle.

6 ¶ Do not eat the bread of *one having* an evil eye, and do not desire his delicacies,

7 for as he reasons out in his soul, so *is* he. He says to you, Eat and drink, but his heart *is* not with you.

8 You shall vomit the bit you have eaten and spoil your pleasant words.

9 ¶ Do not speak in the ears of a fool, for he will despise the prudence of your words.

10 ¶ Do not move the old landmark, and do not enter into the fields of the fatherless,

11 for their Redeemer *is* a strong *One*, He will contend for their cause with you.

12 ¶ Bring your heart in for instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge.

13 Do not withhold correction from a boy, for *if* you strike him with the rod, he will not die.

14 You shall strike him with the rod, and you shall deliver him from Sheol.

15 My son, if your heart is wise, my heart shall rejoice, even I.

16 And my reins shall exult when your lips speak right things.

17 ¶ Do not let your heart envy sinners, but only *be* in the fear of Jehovah all the day.

18 For surely there is a hereafter, and your hope shall not be cut off.

19 ¶ My son, hear you, and be wise, and advance your heart in the way.

20 Be not among heavy drinkers of wine, with a glutton *of* flesh to themselves,

21 for the drunkard and the *one* being a glutton lose all, and with drowsiness shall clothe *one with* rags.

22 Listen to your father, this one fathered you, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

23 Buy the truth, and sell *it* not, *also* wisdom, and instruction and understanding.

24 The father of a righteous *one* shall greatly rejoice, and he who fathers a wise *one* shall even be glad in him.

25 Your father and your mother shall be glad, and she who bore you shall rejoice.

26 My son, give Me your heart, and let your eyes watch My ways.

27 For a deep pit *is one* doing adultery, and a strange woman *is* a narrow well.

28 Surely she lies in wait, as *for* prey, and she increases *one* acting deceitfully among men.

29 ¶ To whom *is* woe, to whom *is* sorrow? To whom *are there* contentions, to whom *is* babbling? To whom *are* wounds without cause? To whom *are* brilliant eyes?

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

31 Do not look at the wine when it is red, *when* it gives its sparkle in the cup, *when* it goes *down* smoothly,

32 at its last it bites like a snake, and it stings like a viper.

33 Your eyes shall look on strange women, and your heart shall speak perverse things;

34 yes, you shall be as one who lies down in the heart of the sea, or as he who lies on the top of a mast,

35 *saying*, They struck me! I was not sick! They beat me, *yet* I did not know. When I awaken I will add *to it*, I will still seek it.

Proverbs 24

1 ¶ Do not envy evil men, nor desire to be with them.

2 For their heart meditates violence, and their lips speak of mischief.

3 ¶ Through wisdom a house is built, and it is established by understanding,

4 and by knowledge the inner parts shall be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

5 A wise warrior *is* in strength: yes, a man of knowledge firms up power.

6 For you shall make war for yourself by wise advice, and deliverance *is* in the great Counselor.

7 ¶ Wisdom *is* too high for a foolish *one*, he does not open his mouth in the gate.

8 *The one* devising to do evil shall be called a lord of evil devices.

9 The evil plan of foolishness *is* sin, and one who scorns *is* a disgusting thing to men.

10 ¶ Your strength *will be* narrow *if* you faint in the day of distress,

11 ¶ if you hold back to snatch away those being taken to death, and *those* stumbling for killing;

12 for you say, Behold, we did not know this. Does not He who weighs the heart consider it? And the One who keeps your soul, does He *not* know? Yea, He repays to a man according to his work.

13 ¶ My son, eat honey because *it is* good, yea, the honeycomb *is* sweet on your palate;

14 so *shall* knowledge of wisdom *be* to your soul when you have found there is a hereafter and your hope is not cut off.

15 ¶ Wicked *one*, do not lie in wait against the abode of the righteous *one*; do not deal violently *with* his resting place,

16 for a righteous *one* falls seven times and rises up again, but the wicked *ones* shall stumble into evil.

17 ¶ Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles,

18 lest Jehovah see and it be evil in His eyes, and He turn away His anger from him.

19 ¶ Do not be hot in anger because of evildoers, *and* do not envy the wicked *ones*;

20 for no hereafter shall be to the evil *one*; the lamp of the wicked *one* will be put out.

21 ¶ My son, fear Jehovah and the king; do not meddle with those who change,

22 for their calamity shall rise suddenly, and who knows the ruin of both of them?

23 ¶ These also *are* for the wise *ones*: to know faces in judgment *is* not good.

24 *Whoever* says to the wicked *one*, You *are* a righteous *one*; the peoples shall curse him; nations shall abhor him.

25 But to those who rebuke *him*, it is pleasant, and a good blessing comes to them.

26 He kisses the lips *of one* who returns right words.

27 ¶ Prepare your work outside, and make it ready for yourself in the field, and afterwards even build your house.

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

29 Do not say, so I will do to him as he has done to me; I will repay to *each* man according to his work.

30 ¶ I passed over the field of the lazy man, and by the vineyard of the man lacking heart,

31 and, behold, all of it was going up with thistles; nettles had covered its surface, and its stone wall was broken down.

32 And I beheld; I set my heart *on it*; I looked; I received instruction.

33 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to lie down,

34 and your poverty comes walking about, and your lack like a man *with* a shield.

Proverbs 25

1 ¶ Also these *are* the proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah handed forward:

2 ¶ The glory of God *is* to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings *is* to search out a matter.

3 The heavens for height, and the earth for depth, but there is no searching of the heart of kings.

4 ¶ Take away the dross from the silver, and a vessel for the refiner shall go out.

5 Take away the wicked *one from* before the king, and his throne is established in righteousness.

6 ¶ Do not honor yourself before a king, and do not stand in the place of the great.

7 For it is better he shall say to you, Come up here, than that you should be put lower before a noble whom your eyes have seen.

8 ¶ Do not go out for strife hastily, lest what shall you do in the end of it, when your neighbor has put you to shame.

9 Contend for your cause with your neighbor, and do not uncover another's secret,

10 lest he who hears put you to shame, and your evil report not turn back.

11 ¶ *Like* apples of gold in settings of silver *is* a word spoken at the right *time*.

12 *As* a ring of gold, and an ornament of *fine* gold, *so is* the reproving of a wise *one* on a hearing ear.

13 ¶ *Like* the cold of snow in harvest time, *so is* a faithful messenger to those sending him, *for* he refreshes his master's soul.

14 ¶ A man boasting himself in a gift of falsehood *is like* clouds and wind, but with no rain.

15 ¶ *In being* at length to anger, a ruler is persuaded; and a soft tongue shatters the bone.

16 ¶ Have you found honey? Eat *only* your fill lest you be satiated and vomit it out.

17 ¶ Make your foot rare from your neighbor's house, lest he be full of you and hate you.

18 ¶ Ones of simplicity inherit foolishness, but the prudent *ones* are encircled with knowledge.

19 A maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow *is* a man testifying a witness of falsehood against his neighbor.

19 ¶ Trust in *one* acting deceitfully in a day of distress *is like* a bad tooth and a slipping foot.

20 ¶ *As one* removing a garment in a cold day, and *as* vinegar on soda, *so* a singer with songs on a bad heart.

21 ¶ If *one* hating you is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink,

22 for you shall heap coals *of fire* on his head, and Jehovah shall reward you.

23 ¶ The north wind brings forth rain, so *one* becomes angrily indignant *by* a tongue of secrecy.

24 ¶ *It is* better to dwell in the corner of a roof than to share a house with a contentious woman.

25 ¶ *Like* cold waters to a weary soul, *so is* a good report from a far country.

26 ¶ The righteous one falling down before the wicked *one is like* a fouled spring and a ruined fountain.

27 ¶ *It is* not good to eat much honey, and *for men* to search out their honor *is not* honor.

28 ¶ A man to whom *there is* no control to his spirit *is like* a broken down city without a wall.

Proverbs 26

1 ¶ As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honor *is* not seemly for a fool.

2 ¶ As the wandering bird, as the swallow in its flying, so the causeless curse shall not come.

3 ¶ A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the back of fools.

4 ¶ Answer not a fool according to his foolishness, lest you become like him, even you.

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

6 ¶ *He* sending messages by a fool's hand cuts off *his own* feet *and* drinks violence.

7 *As* the legs of the lame *one* are weak, so a proverb in the mouth of fools.

8 *As he* binding a stone on a sling, so he giving honor to a fool.

9 *As* a thorn goes up into the drunkard's hand, so a proverb in the mouth of fools.

10 ¶ Great *is* the One who produced all things, but he who hires a fool *is like* one who hires those passing by.

11 ¶ As a dog that returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats in his foolishness.

12 ¶ Do you see a man wise in his *own* eyes? *There is* more hope *for* a fool than *for* him.

13 ¶ The lazy *one* says, A lion *is* in the way, a lion *is* between the open places!

14 ¶ As the door turns on its hinge, *so* the lazy *one* on his bed.

15 ¶ The lazy *one* buries his hand in the dish; he is weary to bring it back to his mouth.

16 ¶ The lazy *one is* wiser in his own eyes than seven that return a wise judgment.

17 ¶ One who grabs the ears of a dog *is like one* passing by; *he is* passing *wrath* on himself over strife *that is* not his.

18 ¶ As *one* feigning weakness throwing sparks, arrows and death,

19 *so is* a man who deceives his neighbor and says, Am I not joking?

20 ¶ The fire goes out where there is no wood, *so* the strife becomes quiet. where *there is* no slanderer.

21 As coal to burning embers, and wood to fire, *so is* a man of strife to kindle contention.

22 The words of a slanderer *are* gulped down, and they go down into the chambers of the heart.

23 ¶ As *with* silver dross laid over an earthen vessel, *so are* burning lips and an evil heart.

24 ¶ *One who* hates disguises himself with his lips, and he lays up deceit in his inner being;

25 when his voice is gracious, do not believe him, for *there are* seven disgusting things in his heart.

26 *Though one's* hating is covered by guile, his evil *purpose* shall be revealed in the assembly.

27 ¶ *He who* digs a pit shall fall into it, and *he who* rolls a stone, it shall turn back on him.

28 ¶ A tongue of falsehood hates those it crushes, and a flattering mouth works an occasion of stumbling.

Proverbs 27

1 ¶ Do not boast in the day of tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.

2 ¶ Let a stranger praise you, and not your own mouth; a foreign *one*, and not your own lips.

3 ¶ A stone *is* heavy, and sand a burden, but the anger of a foolish *one is* heavier than both *of them*.

4 Fury *is* fierce, and anger *is* overflowing, but who can stand before jealousy?

5 ¶ Better *is* reproof being uncovered than love being secret.

6 Faithful *are* the wounds of *one who* loves, and being plentiful *are* the kisses of *one who* hates.

7 A sated soul tramples a honeycomb, but to a hungry soul every bitter thing *is* sweet.

8 ¶ A man wandering from his place *is like* a bird that wanders from the nest.

9 ¶ Oil and perfume rejoice the heart, and one's friend *is* sweet from the counsel of the soul.

10 Do not forsake your friend, and your father's friend, and do not go into your brother's house in the day of your calamity, for a near neighbor *is* better than a brother at a distance.

11 ¶ My son, become wise and give joy to my heart, so that I may return a word to one taunting *me*.

12 ¶ A prudent *one* sees the evil *and* hides himself; ones of simplicity go on *and* are punished.

13 ¶ Take the garment of him who is surety for a stranger; and for a foreign *woman* bind him in pledge

14 ¶ *He* rising early in the morning blessing his friend with a loud voice, it is considered *to be* cursing to him.

15 ¶ A constant dripping on a day of steady rain, and a woman of contentions are alike;

16 he who hides her hides the wind, and the oil *of* his right hand cries out.

17 ¶ Iron on iron sharpens, and a man sharpens the face of his friend.

18 ¶ The *one* keeping the fig tree eats its fruit, and the *one* guarding his master is honored.

19 ¶ As face *reflects* face in the water, so the heart of man *reflects* a man.

20 ¶ Sheol and destruction are not satisfied, and the eyes of man are not satisfied.

21 ¶ The refining pot *tries* silver, and the furnace *tries* gold, but a man *is tried* by the mouth of his praise.

22 ¶ If you pound a foolish *one* in the mortar with a pestle amidst grain, his foolishness will not turn away from him.

23 ¶ Know well the face of your flock; set your heart on your herds,

24 for wealth *is* not forever, nor the crown from generation *and* generation.

25 Uncover the grass and the new grass *is* seen, and the mountain plants are gathered,

26 the lambs *will be* for your clothing, and the he-goats the price for a field,

27 and there will be goat's milk enough for your food, for the food of your household, and for the lives of your maidens.

Proverbs 28

1 ¶ The wicked *one* flees and none are pursuing, but the righteous *ones* are as bold as a lion.

2 ¶ By transgression *in* a land many are its rulers, but by a discerning man who knows, it is thus prolonged.

3 ¶ A poor man that oppresses the weak *one is like* a sweeping rain that leaves no food.

4 ¶ Those forsaking the law praise the wicked *one*, but those keeping the law strive with them.

5 ¶ Evil mankind does not understand judgment, but those seeking Jehovah understand all.

6 ¶ Better *is* the poor *one* walking in his integrity than the crooked *one* of ways, even if he is rich.

7 ¶ *One* keeping the law *is* a wise son, but one feeding those being worthless shames his father.

8 ¶ *There is one* who increases his wealth by interest and by usury, but *one* pitying the weak *ones* gathers it.

9 ¶ *He who* turns aside his ear from hearing the Law, even his prayer *is* a disgusting thing.

10 ¶ *One* leading astray the upright *one* in an evil way shall fall into his own pit; and the blameless *one* shall inherit good.

11 ¶ A rich man *is* wise in his own eyes, but the discerning poor *one* examines him.

12 ¶ When the righteous *ones* rejoice, great *is* the glory, but when the wicked *ones* rise, a man will be sought out.

13 ¶ *One* covering his transgressions will not prosper, but *the one* confessing and forsaking *them* shall have pity.

14 ¶ Blessed *is* the man who *is* always in awe of God! But he who hardens his heart falls into an evil way.

15 ¶ The wicked ruler *is* a roaring lion and a ranging bear over a poor people.

16 ¶ The ruler that lacks understanding even adds extortionate deeds, but *one* hating unjust gain prolongs *his* days.

17 ¶ A man pressed down with the blood of a soul shall flee to the pit; let them not uphold him.

18 ¶ *One* walking blamelessly shall be saved, but a crooked *one in his* ways shall fall at once.

19 ¶ *He who* works his ground shall have plenty of bread, but one pursuing vanities shall be sated with poverty.

20 ¶ A faithful man shall be full of blessings, but *one* pressing to be rich shall not be free from guilt.

21 ¶ To recognize faces *is* not good, and for a piece of bread a man will transgress.

22 ¶ A man with an evil eye is anxious for wealth, but *he* does not know that poverty will come on him.

23 ¶ *He who* reproves a man afterwards finds grace, *more* than he who flatters with the tongue.

24 ¶ He who robs his father or his mother, and says, *It is* not a transgression, he shall be a partner to a man who corrupts.

25 ¶ The proud in soul stirs up strife, but he who is trusting on Jehovah shall be made fat.

26 ¶ *One* trusting in his own heart is a fool, but the *one* walking in wisdom shall be delivered.

27 ¶ *The one* giving to *one* being poor shall not lack, but *the one* hiding his eyes shall have plenty of curses.

28 ¶ When the wicked *ones* rise, a man hides himself; but when they perish, the righteous *ones* multiply.

Proverbs 29

1 ¶ A man of chastisements who hardens *his* neck shall be broken with suddenness, and there will be no healing.

2 ¶ When the righteous *ones* increase, the people rejoice; when a wicked *one* rules, the people groan.

3 ¶ A man who loves wisdom gladdens his father, but one feeding *ones* doing adultery wastes wealth.

4 ¶ A king establishes a land by judgment, but a man taking bribes tears it down.

5 ¶ A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his steps.

6 An evil man *is* a snare by transgression, but the righteous *ones* sing and rejoice.

7 ¶ The righteous *one* knows the cause of the poor *ones*; the wicked *one* does not discern knowledge.

8 ¶ Men of scorning blast a city, but the wise *ones* turn away anger.

9 ¶ If a wise man judges with a foolish man, even he shakes, or laughs, and *there is no rest.*

10 ¶ Men of blood hate the perfected *ones*, but the upright *ones* seek his soul.

11 ¶ A fool brings out all of his spirit, but holding back, the wise *ones* quiet it.

12 ¶ To a ruler who listens to a word of falsehood, all his ministers *are* wicked *ones*.

13 ¶ *One* being poor and the man of oppressions meet together. Jehovah enlightens the eyes of both.

14 ¶ A king that judges the poor *ones* with truth shall have his throne established forever.

15 ¶ The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a boy sent off causes shame to his mother.

16 ¶ When wicked *ones* are multiplied, transgression increases; but the righteous *ones* shall see their fall.

17 ¶ Discipline your son, and you will get rest, and it will give delight to your soul.

18 ¶ Where *there is* no vision, the people are let loose, but blessed *is he* keeping the law.

19 ¶ A servant is not corrected by words; though he understands, there is no answer.

20 ¶ Do you see a man hastening in his words? *There is* more hope for a fool than of him.

21 ¶ *He treating* his servant delicately from youth, even afterwards in his days he shall be *his heir*.

22 ¶ A man of anger stirs up contention, and a master of fury abounds in transgression.

23 ¶ The pride of man brings him low, but the humble of spirit takes hold of honor.

24 ¶ *He who* shares with a thief hates his soul; he hears a curse, but does not tell *it*.

25 ¶ The fear of man brings a snare, but he trusting Jehovah is set on high.

26 ¶ Many are seeking the face of the ruler, but the judgment of each man *is* from Jehovah.

27 ¶ A man of injustice *is* a disgusting thing to the righteous *one*, and the upright of way *is* a disgusting thing to the wicked *one*.

Proverbs 30

1 ¶ The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the burden: A statement of the man to Ithiel, even to Ithiel and Ucal, *saying*,

2 Surely I *am more* brutish than any man, and the understanding of a man *is* not to me.

3 I have not learned wisdom, but I do know the knowledge of holy *things*.

4 Who has gone up *to* Heaven, and come down? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has made all the ends of the earth to rise? What *is* His name, and what *is* His Son's name? Surely you know.

5 Every Word of God *is* refined, He *is* a shield to *those* seeking refuge in Him.

6 Do not add to His words, that He not reprove you, and you be proven to be a liar.

7 I have asked two *things* from You: Do not hold back from me before I die,

8 Remove vanity and the word of a lie far from me, do not give me poverty *or* riches; tear for me my portion of bread,

9 lest I become satisfied and deceive, and say, Who *is* Jehovah? Or lest I become dispossessed and steal, and lay hold of the name of my God.

10 ¶ Do not slander a servant to his master, lest he curse you, and you be guilty.

11 *There is* a generation *that* curses its father, and does not bless its mother,

12 a generation pure in its own eyes, and not washed from its filth.

13 *There is* a generation, Oh how high are its eyes, and its eyelids *are* lifted up;

14 a generation; its teeth *are* swords and its jaw teeth knives, to devour the humble *ones* from the earth, and the afflicted *ones* from *among* men.

15 ¶ To the leech *are* two daughters *crying*, Give! Give! Three things are not satisfied, four not have said, Enough!

16 Sheol, and the barren womb, the earth not filled *with* water, and the fire, *these* have not said, Enough!

17 The eye *that* mocks *its* father and despises to obey *its* mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, the sons of the eagle shall eat it.

18 ¶ Three *things are* too wonderful for me; yea, I do not know the way of four:

19 The way of an eagle in the heavens, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship in the heart of the sea, and the way of a man with a virgin.

20 So *is* the way of a woman doing adultery; she eats, and wipes her mouth, and says, I have done no iniquity.

21 The earth quakes under three *things*; yea, it is not able to bear up under four:

22 under a servant when he reigns, and a foolish *one* when he is filled with food,

23 under one hating when she is married, under a slave-girl when she is heir to her mistress.

24 ¶ Four *things are* little on the earth, but they *are* the wise *ones* of those made wise:

25 The ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their food in summer;

26 rock badgers *are* not a mighty people, yet they make their house in the rock;

27 *there is* not a king to the locusts, yet they go out in a swarm, all of them;

28 the lizard you can take with the hands, yet *it is* in the palaces of a king.

29 ¶ There *are* three *things* that do good in a march; yea, four that go well in walking:

30 a lion *is* a mighty *one* among beasts, and he does not turn away from facing all;

31 one girded in the loins, and a he-goat, and a king; *there is* no rising up with him.

32 If you have been foolish in lifting yourself up, or if you plot *evil*, lay your hand on your mouth!

33 Surely the squeezing of milk brings curds, and the squeezing of the nose brings blood, so the squeezing of wrath brings out strife.

Proverbs 31

1 Lemuel's lesson of chastity and temperance. 10

The praise and properties of a good wife.

1 ¶ The words of King Lemuel, the burden that his mother taught him:

2 What, my son? And what, the son of my womb? And what, the son of my vows?

3 Do not give your strength to women, or your ways to that wiping out kings.

4 *It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to drink wine, nor for rulers to lust for fermented drink,

5 lest they drink and forget what is decreed, and pervert the right of all sons of affliction.

6 Give fermented drink to one perishing, and wine to the bitter of soul,

7 let him drink and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

8 Open your mouth for the mute *ones*, to the cause of all the sons *of those* passing away.

9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, and defend the afflicted *ones* and the needy *ones*.

10 ¶ Who can find a woman of virtue? For her value *is* far above jewels.

11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, so that he has no lack *of* gain.

12 She deals good with him, and not evil, all the days of her life.

13 She seeks wool and flax, and she works *with* her palms *with* delight.

14 She is like the merchant ships, she brings in her food from afar.

15 She also rises while *it is* still night and gives game to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

16 She has examined a field and takes it; she plants a vineyard from the fruit of her palms.

17 She has girded her loins with strength, and has made her arms strong.

18 She tastes whether her gain *is* good; her lamp is not put out by night.

19 She has sent forth her hands on the distaff, and her palms have held the spindle.

20 She spreads out her palms to afflicted *ones*, yea, she stretches out her hands to the needy *ones*.

21 She does not fear for her household from the snow, for all her household *are* clothed *with* scarlet.

22 She makes herself coverlets; her clothing *is* bleached *linen* and purple.

23 Her husband is known in the gates when he sits with the elders of the land.

24 She makes fine linen garments, and sells, and she delivers girdles to the merchant.

25 Strength and honor *are* her clothing, and she laughs at the day to come.

26 She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the law of kindness *is* on her tongue.

27 She watches the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

28 Her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband *also*, for he praises her:

29 Many *are* the daughters who act with virtue, but you rise above them all!

30 Charm *may be* deceitful, and beauty vanity, *but* a woman who fears Jehovah, she shall be praised.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.