

**Proverbs Collection II: Solomon's Proverbs – Part 1 (c. 969t – 932t BC)****Proverbs 10–11****Wisdom and Wealth**

10:1 The proverbs of Solomon.

- A wise son makes a father glad,  
But a foolish son is a grief to his mother.
- 2 Ill-gotten gains do not profit,  
But righteousness delivers from death.
- 3 The LORD will not allow the righteous to hunger,  
But He will reject the craving of the wicked.
- 4 Poor is he who works with a negligent hand,  
But the hand of the diligent makes rich.
- 5 He who gathers in summer is a son who acts wisely,  
*But* he who sleeps in harvest is a son who acts shamefully.

**The Effects of Speech on Self and Others**

- 6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous,  
But the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
- 7 The memory of the righteous is blessed,  
But the name of the wicked will rot.
- 8 The wise of heart will receive commands,  
But a babbling fool will be ruined.
- 9 He who walks in integrity walks securely,  
But he who perverts his ways will be found out.
- 10 He who winks the eye causes trouble,  
And a babbling fool will be ruined.
- 11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,  
But the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
- 12 Hatred stirs up strife,  
But love covers all transgressions. [[1 Pet 4:8](#); [Jam 5:20b](#)]
- 13 On the lips of the discerning, wisdom is found,  
But a rod is for the back of him who lacks understanding.
- 14 Wise men store up knowledge,  
But with the mouth of the foolish, ruin is at hand.

**Wealth and Security**

- 15 The rich man's wealth is his fortress,  
The ruin of the poor is their poverty.
- 16 The wages of the righteous is life,  
The income of the wicked, punishment.

**Speech and Expectations of the Righteous and the Wicked Contrasted**

- 17 He is *on* the path of life who heeds instruction,  
But he who ignores reproof goes astray.
- 18 He who conceals hatred *has* lying lips,  
And he who spreads slander is a fool.
- 19 When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable,

- But he who restrains his lips is wise.
- 20 The tongue of the righteous is *as* choice silver,  
The heart of the wicked is *worth* little.
- 21 The lips of the righteous feed many,  
But fools die for lack of understanding.
- 22 It is the blessing of the LORD that makes rich,  
And He adds no sorrow to it.
- 23 Doing wickedness is like sport to a fool,  
And *so is* wisdom to a man of understanding.
- 24 What the wicked fears will come upon him,  
But the desire of the righteous will be granted.
- 25 When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more,  
But the righteous *has* an everlasting foundation.
- 26 Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes,  
So is the lazy one to those who send him.
- 27 The fear of the LORD prolongs life,  
But the years of the wicked will be shortened.
- 28 The hope of the righteous is gladness,  
But the expectation of the wicked perishes.
- 29 The way of the LORD is a stronghold to the upright,  
But ruin to the workers of iniquity.
- 30 The righteous will never be shaken,  
But the wicked will not dwell in the land.
- 31 The mouth of the righteous flows with wisdom,  
But the perverted tongue will be cut out.
- 32 The lips of the righteous bring forth what is acceptable,  
But the mouth of the wicked what is perverted.

### **Security Through Honesty and Righteousness**

- 11:1 A false balance is an abomination to the LORD,  
But a just weight is His delight.
- 2 When pride comes, then comes dishonor,  
But with the humble is wisdom.
- 3 The integrity of the upright will guide them,  
But the crookedness of the treacherous will destroy them.
- 4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,  
But righteousness delivers from death.
- 5 The righteousness of the blameless will smooth his way,  
But the wicked will fall by his own wickedness.
- 6 The righteousness of the upright will deliver them,  
But the treacherous will be caught by *their own* greed.
- 7 When a wicked man dies, *his* expectation will perish,  
And the hope of strong men perishes.
- 8 The righteous is delivered from trouble,  
But the wicked takes his place.

### **The Benefits of the Righteous to Society**

- 9 With *his* mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor,  
But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.

- 10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices,  
And when the wicked perish, there is joyful shouting.
- 11 By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted,  
But by the mouth of the wicked it is torn down.
- 12 He who despises his neighbor lacks sense,  
But a man of understanding keeps silent.
- 13 He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets,  
But he who is trustworthy conceals a matter.
- 14 Where there is no guidance the people fall,  
But in abundance of counselors there is victory.
- 15 He who is guarantor for a stranger will surely suffer for it,  
But he who hates being a guarantor is secure.

### **Benevolence and Community**

- 16 A gracious woman attains honor,  
And ruthless men attain riches.
- 17 The merciful man does himself good,  
But the cruel man does himself harm.
- 18 The wicked earns deceptive wages,  
But he who sows righteousness *gets* a true reward.
- 19 He who is steadfast in righteousness *will attain* to life,  
And he who pursues evil *will bring about* his own death.
- 20 The perverse in heart are an abomination to the LORD,  
But the blameless in *their* walk are His delight.
- 21 Assuredly, the evil man will not go unpunished,  
But the descendants of the righteous will be delivered.
- 22 As a ring of gold in a swine's snout  
*So is* a beautiful woman who lacks discretion.

### **Desires and Paradoxical Fulfillment**

- 23 The desire of the righteous is only good,  
*But* the expectation of the wicked is wrath.
- 24 There is one who scatters, and *yet* increases all the more,  
And there is one who withholds what is justly due, *and yet it results* only in want.
- 25 The generous man will be prosperous,  
And he who waters will himself be watered.
- 26 He who withholds grain, the people will curse him,  
But blessing will be on the head of him who sells *it*.
- 27 He who diligently seeks good seeks favor,  
But he who seeks evil, evil will come to him.
- 28 He who trusts in his riches will fall,  
But the righteous will flourish like the *green* leaf.
- 29 He who troubles his own house will inherit wind,  
And the foolish will be servant to the wisehearted.
- 30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,  
And he who is wise wins souls.
- 31 If the righteous will be rewarded in the earth, [or "If the righteous scarcely be saved" – LXX]  
How much more the wicked and the sinner! [[1 Pet 4:18](#)]

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