

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 maketh a glad father: but a foolish son *is* the heaviness of his mother.
 2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.
 3 The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.
 4 He becometh poor that dealeth *with* a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.
 5 He that gathereth in summer *is* a wise son: *but* he that sleepeth in harvest *is* a son that causeth shame.

The Effects of Speech on Self and Others

- 6 Blessings *are* upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.
 7 The memory of the just *is* blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.
 8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.
 9 He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.
 10 He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.
 11 The mouth of a righteous *man is* a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.
 12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins. [[1 Pet 4:8](#); [Jam 5:20b](#)]
 13 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod *is* for the back of him that is void of understanding.
 14 Wise *men* lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish *is* near destruction.

Wealth and Security

- 15 The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city: the destruction of the poor *is* their poverty.
 16 The labor of the righteous *tendeth* to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.

Speech and Expectations of the Righteous and the Wicked Contrasted

- 17 He *is in* the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth.
 18 He that hideth hatred *with* lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, *is* a fool.
 19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips *is* wise.
 20 The tongue of the just *is as* choice silver: the heart of the wicked *is* little worth.
 21 The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.
 22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.
 23 *It is as* sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.
 24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.
 25 As the whirlwind passeth, so *is* the wicked no *more*: but the righteous *is* an everlasting foundation.
 26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so *is* the sluggard to them that send him.
 27 The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.
 28 The hope of the righteous *shall be* gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.
 29 The way of the LORD *is* strength to the upright: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.
 30 The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.
 31 The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.
 32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked *speaketh* frowardness.

Security Through Honesty and Righteousness

- 11:1 A false balance *is* abomination to the LORD: but a just weight *is* his delight.
 2 *When* pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly *is* wisdom.
 3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.
 4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.
 5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.
 6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in *their own* naughtiness.
 7 When a wicked man dieth, *his* expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust *men* perisheth.
 8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

The Benefits of the Righteous to Society

- 9 An hypocrite with *his* mouth destroyeth his neighbor: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.
 10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, *there is* shouting.
 11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
 12 He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbor: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.
 13 A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

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

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

Benevolence and Community

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, *so is* a fair woman which is without 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 that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and *there is* that withholdeth more than is meet, but *it tendeth* to poverty.

25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

26 He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing *shall be* upon the head of him that selleth *it*.

27 He that diligently seeketh good procureth favor: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool *shall be* servant to the wise of heart.

30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise.

31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: [or "If the righteous scarcely be saved" – LXX] much more the wicked and the sinner. [[1 Pet 4:18](#)]

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