

Proverbs Collection II: Solomon's Proverbs – Part 2 (c. 969t – 932t BC)

Proverbs 12–14

Speech and Deeds—Part 1

- 12:1 Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof *is* brutish.
 2 A good *man* obtaineth favor of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.
 3 A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.
 4 A virtuous woman *is* a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed *is* as rottenness in his bones.
 5 The thoughts of the righteous *are* right: *but* the counsels of the wicked *are* deceit.
 6 The words of the wicked *are* to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.
 7 The wicked are overthrown, and *are* not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.
 8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.
 9 *He that is* despised, and hath a servant, *is* better than he that honoreth himself, and lacketh bread.
 10 A righteous *man* regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked *are* cruel.
 11 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain *persons is* void of understanding.
 12 The wicked desireth the net of evil *men*: but the root of the righteous yieldeth *fruit*.
 13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of *his* lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.
 14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth: and the recompense of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

Speech and Deeds—Part 2

- 15 The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel *is* wise.
 16 A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent *man* covereth shame.
 17 *He that* speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.
 18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise *is* health.
 19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue *is* but for a moment.
 20 Deceit *is* in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counselors of peace *is* joy.
 21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.
 22 Lying lips *are* abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly *are* his delight.
 23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.
 24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.
 25 Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.
 26 The righteous *is* more excellent than his neighbor: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.
 27 The slothful *man* roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man *is* precious.
 28 In the way of righteousness *is* life; and *in* the pathway *thereof there is* no death.

Speech and Ethics

- 13:1 A wise son *heareth* his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.
 2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of *his* mouth: but the soul of the transgressors *shall eat* violence.
 3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: *but* he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.
 4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and *hath* nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.
 5 A righteous *man* hateth lying: but a wicked *man* is loathsome, and cometh to shame.
 6 Righteousness keepeth *him that is* upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.

Wealth and Ethics

- 7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet *hath* nothing: *there is* that maketh himself poor, yet *hath* great riches.
 8 The ransom of a man's life *are* his riches: but the poor heareth not rebuke.
 9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.
 10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised *is* wisdom.
 11 Wealth *gotten* by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labor shall increase.

Fulfillment through Wisdom versus Frustration through Folly

- 12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but *when* the desire cometh, *it is* a tree of life.
 13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.
 14 The law of the wise *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.
 15 Good understanding giveth favor: but the way of transgressors *is* hard.
 16 Every prudent *man* dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open *his* folly.
 17 A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador *is* health.
 18 Poverty and shame *shall be to* him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honored.
 19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but *it is* abomination to fools to depart from evil.

The Blessed Future of a Wise Son versus the Calamity that Awaits the Wicked

- 20 He that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.
 21 Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.
 22 A good *man* leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just.
 23 Much food *is in* the tillage of the poor: but there is *that is* destroyed for want of judgment.
 24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.
 25 The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.

Walking in Wisdom

- 14:1 Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.
 2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD: but *he that is* perverse in his ways despiseth him.
 3 In the mouth of the foolish *is* a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.
 4 Where no oxen *are*, the crib *is* clean: but much increase *is* by the strength of the ox.
 5 A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.
 6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not: but knowledge *is* easy unto him that understandeth.
 7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not *in him* the lips of knowledge.

Not Walking by Sight

- 8 The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way: but the folly of fools *is* deceit.
 9 Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous *there is* favor.
 10 The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.
 11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.
 12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.
 13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth *is* heaviness.
 14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself.

Contrasting Social Characterizations and Consequences

- 15 The simple believeth every word: but the prudent *man* looketh well to his going.
 16 A wise *man* feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.
 17 *He that is* soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.
 18 The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
 19 The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
 20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbor: but the rich *hath* many friends.
 21 He that despiseth his neighbor sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy *is* he.
 22 Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth *shall be* to them that devise good.
 23 In all labor there is profit: but the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.
 24 The crown of the wise *is* their riches: *but* the foolishness of fools *is* folly.
 25 A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful *witness* speaketh lies.
 26 In the fear of the LORD *is* strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.
 27 The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.
 28 In the multitude of people *is* the king's honor: but in the want of people *is* the destruction of the prince.
 29 *He that is* slow to wrath *is* of great understanding: but *he that is* hasty of spirit exalteth folly.
 30 A sound heart *is* the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.
 31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoreth him hath mercy on the poor.
 32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death.
 33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but *that which is* in the midst of fools is made known.
 34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin *is* a reproach to any people.
 35 The king's favor *is* toward a wise servant: but his wrath *is against* him that causeth shame.

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