

## Proverbs Collection II: Solomon's Proverbs – Part 5 (c. 969t – 932t BC)

Proverbs 21:1–22:16

**Doing Righteousness and Justice**

- 21:1 The king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, *as* the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.
- 2 Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.
- 3 To do justice and judgment *is* more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.
- 4 An high look, and a proud heart, *and* the plowing of the wicked, *is* sin.
- 5 The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; but of every one *that is* hasty only to want.
- 6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue *is* a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.
- 7 The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment.
- 8 The way of man *is* froward and strange: but *as for* the pure, his work *is* right.
- 9 *It is* better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.
- 10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbor findeth no favour in his eyes.
- 11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.
- 12 The righteous *man* wisely considereth the house of the wicked: *but God* overthroweth the wicked for *their* wickedness.
- 13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.
- 14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.
- 15 *It is* joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.
- 16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.
- 17 He that loveth pleasure *shall be* a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.
- 18 The wicked *shall be* a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.
- 19 *It is* better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.
- 20 *There is* treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.
- 21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honor.
- 22 A wise *man* scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.
- 23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.
- 24 Proud *and* haughty scorner *is* his name, who dealeth in proud wrath.
- 25 The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.
- 26 He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not.
- 27 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* abomination: how much more, *when* he bringeth it with a wicked mind?
- 28 A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.
- 29 A wicked man hardeneth his face: but *as for* the upright, he directeth his way.
- 30 *There is* no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.
- 31 The horse *is* prepared against the day of battle: but safety *is* of the LORD.

**Wealth and Moral Instruction**

- 22:1 A *good* name *is* rather to be chosen than great riches, *and* loving favor rather than silver and gold.
- 2 The rich and poor meet together: the LORD *is* the maker of them all.
- 3 A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.
- 4 By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* riches, and honor, and life.
- 5 Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.
- 6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
- 7 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower *is* servant to the lender.
- 8 He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.
- 9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor. [[2 Cor 9:7](#)]
- 10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.
- 11 He that loveth pureness of heart, *for* the grace of his lips the king *shall be* his friend.
- 12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.
- 13 The slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.
- 14 The mouth of strange women *is* a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.
- 15 Foolishness *is* bound in the heart of a child; *but* the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.
- 16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his *riches*, *and* he that giveth to the rich, *shall* surely *come* to want.

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