

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 child makes a father glad,
 but a foolish child grieves his mother.
- 2 Treasures of wickedness do not profit,
 but righteousness delivers from death.
- 3 Yahweh will not cause a righteous person to go hungry,
 but the craving of the wicked he will thwart.
- 4 A slack hand causes poverty,
 but the hand of the diligent enriches.
- 5 He who gathers in the summer *is* a child who is prudent;
 he who sleeps at the harvest *is* a child who brings shame.

The Effects of Speech on Self and Others

- 6 Blessings *belong* to the head of the righteous,
 but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
- 7 The memory of righteousness *is* like a blessing,
 but the name of the wicked will rot.
- 8 A heart of wisdom will heed commandments,
 but a babbling fool will come to ruin.
- 9 Whoever walks in integrity will walk securely,
 but whoever follows perversity, his ways will be made known.
- 10 The winking of an eye causes trouble,
 and the foolishness of lips comes to ruin.
- 11 A fountain of life *is* a mouth of righteousness,
 and a mouth of wickedness conceals violence.
- 12 Hatred stirs up strife,
 but love covers over all offenses. [[1 Pet 4:8](#); [Jam 5:20b](#)]
- 13 On the lips of one who has understanding, wisdom is found,
 but a rod *is* for the back of one who lacks sense.
- 14 Those who are wise lay up knowledge,
 but *to* the mouth of the fool, ruin draws near.

Wealth and Security

- 15 The wealth of the rich *is* the city of his strength;
 the ruin of the poor *is* their poverty.
- 16 The wage of the righteous *leads* to life;
 the gain of the wicked to sin.

Speech and Expectations of the Righteous and the Wicked Contrasted

- 17 *On* the path to life is he who guards instruction,
 but he who rejects rebuke goes astray.
- 18 He who conceals hatred *has* lips of deceit,
 and he who utters slander—he is a fool.
- 19 In many words, transgression is not lacking,
 but he who restrains his lips is prudent.
- 20 Choice silver is a tongue of righteousness,
 a heart of wickedness is of little worth.
- 21 Lips of righteousness feed many,
 but fools die for lack of sense.
- 22 The blessing of Yahweh makes *one* rich,
 and he does not increase sorrow with it.
- 23 *It is* like a sport for a fool to do wrong,
 wisdom for a person of understanding.
- 24 The dread of the wicked will come upon him,
 but the desire of the righteous will be granted.

- 25 With the passing of the tempest, there is no wickedness,
but *the* righteous have a foundation forever.
- 26 Like vinegar to the tooth and like smoke to the eyes,
thus *is* the lazy to one who employs him.
- 27 The fear of Yahweh adds life,
but the years of the wicked are shortened.
- 28 The hope of the righteous *is* gladness,
but the expectation of the wicked comes to nothing.
- 29 A stronghold for the upright is the way of Yahweh,
but ruin *belongs* to evildoers.
- 30 The righteous one is forever; he will not be removed.
But the wicked will not remain in the land.
- 31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom,
but a tongue of perversity will be cut off.
- 32 The lips of the righteous know *the* acceptable,
but the mouth of the wicked, the perverse.

Security Through Honesty and Righteousness

- 11:1 Balances of deceit *are* an abomination of Yahweh,
but an accurate weight delights him.
- 2 Pride comes, then disgrace comes,
but wisdom *is* with the humble.
- 3 The integrity of the upright guides them,
but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.
- 4 Wealth does not profit on the day of wrath,
but righteousness will deliver from death.
- 5 The righteousness of the blameless will keep his ways straight,
but the wicked will fall by his wickedness.
- 6 The righteousness of the upright will save them,
but by a scheme the treacherous will be taken captive.
- 7 With the death of a wicked person, hope will die,
and the expectation of the godless perishes.
- 8 The righteous is delivered from trouble,
but the wicked enters into it.

The Benefits of the Righteous to Society

- 9 With a mouth, the godless shall destroy his neighbor,
but by knowledge the righteous are delivered.
- 10 When good *is with* the righteous, *the* city rejoices,
and with the perishing of the wicked, jubilation.
- 11 By the blessing of the upright, a city will be exalted,
but by the mouth of the wicked, it will be overthrown.
- 12 He who lacks sense belittles his neighbor,
but a person of intelligence will remain silent.
- 13 A gossip walks *about* telling a secret,
but the trustworthy in spirit keeps *the* matter.
- 14 Where there is no guidance, a nation shall fall,
but *there is* safety in an abundance of counsel.
- 15 He will suffer trouble when he loans to a stranger,
but he who refuses a pledge is safe.

Benevolence and Community

- 16 A woman of grace receives honor,
but the ruthless gets wealth.
- 17 A person of kindness rewards himself,
but a cruel *person* harms his own flesh.
- 18 The wicked earns deceptive gain,
but he who sows righteousness, a true reward.

- 19 He who is steadfast in righteousness *is* to life
as he who pursues evil *is* to death.
- 20 An abomination of Yahweh *are* the crooked of heart,
but his delight *are* those with blameless ways.
- 21 Rest assured, the wicked will not go unpunished,
but the offspring of the righteous will escape.
- 22 A ring of gold in *the* snout of a pig
is a woman *who is* beautiful but without discretion.

Desires and Paradoxical Fulfillment

- 23 The desire of the righteous *is* only good,
but the expectation of the wicked, wrath.
- 24 There is one who gives yet grows richer,
but he who withholds what is right only *finds* need.
- 25 A person of blessing will be enriched,
and he who gives water also will be refreshed.
- 26 He who withholds grain, the people curse him,
but a blessing *is* for the head of him who sells.
- 27 He who diligently seeks good seeks favor,
but he who inquires of evil, it will come to him.
- 28 He who trusts in his wealth *is* he who will fall,
but like a green leaf the righteous will flourish.
- 29 He who brings trouble *to* his household, he will inherit wind,
and a fool will serve the wise of heart.
- 30 The fruit of righteousness is a tree of life,
and he who captures souls *is* wise.
- 31 If the righteous on earth will be repaid, [or “If the righteous scarcely be saved” – LXX]
how much more the wicked and sinner. [[1 Pet 4:18](#)]

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