

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 rejoice,
but a foolish child is a grief to his mother.
- 2 Treasures gained by wickedness do not profit,
but righteousness delivers from mortal danger.
- 3 The LORD satisfies the appetite of the righteous,
but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.
- 4 The one who is lazy becomes poor,
but the one who works diligently becomes wealthy.
- 5 The one who gathers crops in the summer is a wise son,
but the one who sleeps during the harvest
is a son who brings shame to himself.

The Effects of Speech on Self and Others

- 6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous,
but the speech of the wicked conceals violence.
- 7 The memory of the righteous is a blessing,
but the reputation of the wicked will rot.
- 8 The wise person accepts instructions,
but the one who speaks foolishness will come to ruin.
- 9 The one who conducts himself in integrity will live securely,
but the one who behaves perversely will be found out.
- 10 The one who winks his eye causes trouble,
and the one who speaks foolishness will come to ruin.
- 11 The teaching of the righteous is a fountain of life,
but the speech of the wicked conceals violence.
- 12 Hatred stirs up dissension,
but love covers all transgressions. [[1 Pet 4:8](#); [Jam 5:20b](#)]
- 13 Wisdom is found in the words of the discerning person,
but the one who lacks wisdom will be disciplined.
- 14 Those who are wise store up knowledge,
but foolish speech leads to imminent destruction.

Wealth and Security

- 15 The wealth of a rich person is like a fortified city,
but the poor are brought to ruin by their poverty.
- 16 The reward which the righteous receive is life;
the recompense which the wicked receive is judgment.

Speech and Expectations of the Righteous and the Wicked Contrasted

- 17 The one who heeds instruction is on the way to life,
but the one who rejects rebuke goes astray.
- 18 The one who conceals hatred utters lies,
and the one who spreads slander is certainly a fool.
- 19 When words abound, transgression is inevitable,
but the one who restrains his words is wise.
- 20 What the righteous say is like the best silver,
but what the wicked think is of little value.
- 21 The teaching of the righteous feeds many,
but fools die for lack of wisdom.
- 22 The blessing from the LORD makes a person rich,
and he adds no sorrow to it.
- 23 Carrying out a wicked scheme is enjoyable to a fool,
and so is wisdom for the one who has discernment.
- 24 What the wicked fears will come on him;

- what the righteous desire will be granted.
- 25 When the storm passes through, the wicked are swept away,
but the righteous are an everlasting foundation.
- 26 Like vinegar to the teeth and like smoke to the eyes,
so is the sluggard to those who send him.
- 27 Fearing the LORD prolongs life,
but the life span of the wicked will be shortened.
- 28 The hope of the righteous is joy,
but the expectation of the wicked will remain unfulfilled.
- 29 The way of the LORD is like a stronghold for the upright,
but it is destruction to evildoers.
- 30 The righteous will never be moved,
but the wicked will not inhabit the land.
- 31 The speech of the righteous bears the fruit of wisdom,
but the one who speaks perversion will be destroyed.
- 32 The lips of the righteous know what is pleasing,
but the speech of the wicked is perverse.

Security Through Honesty and Righteousness

- 11:1 The LORD abhors dishonest scales,
but an accurate weight is his delight.
- 2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace,
but with humility comes wisdom.
- 3 The integrity of the upright guides them,
but the crookedness of the unfaithful destroys them.
- 4 Wealth does not profit in the day of wrath,
but righteousness delivers from mortal danger.
- 5 The righteousness of the blameless will make straight their way,
but the wicked person will fall by his own wickedness.
- 6 The righteousness of the upright will deliver them,
but the faithless will be captured by their own desires.
- 7 When a wicked person dies, his expectation perishes,
and the hope of his strength perishes.
- 8 The righteous person is delivered out of trouble,
and the wicked turns up in his stead.

The Benefits of the Righteous to Society

- 9 With his speech the godless person destroys his neighbor,
but by knowledge the righteous will be delivered.
- 10 When the righteous do well, the city rejoices;
when the wicked perish, there is joy.
- 11 A city is exalted by the blessing provided from the upright,
but it is destroyed by the counsel of the wicked.
- 12 The one who denounces his neighbor lacks wisdom,
but the one who has discernment keeps silent.
- 13 The one who goes about slandering others reveals secrets,
but the one who is trustworthy conceals a matter.
- 14 When there is no guidance a nation falls,
but there is success in the abundance of counselors.
- 15 The one who puts up security for a stranger will surely have trouble,
but whoever avoids shaking hands will be secure.

Benevolence and Community

- 16 A generous woman gains honor,
and ruthless men seize wealth.
- 17 A kind person benefits himself,
but a cruel person brings himself trouble.
- 18 The wicked person earns deceitful wages,

- but the one who sows righteousness reaps a genuine reward.
- 19 True righteousness leads to life,
but the one who pursues evil pursues it to his own death.
- 20 The LORD abhors those who are perverse in heart,
but those who are blameless in their ways are his delight.
- 21 Be assured that the evil person will certainly be punished,
but the descendants of the righteous will not suffer unjust judgment.
- 22 Like a gold ring in a pig's snout
is a beautiful woman who rejects discretion.

Desires and Paradoxical Fulfillment

- 23 What the righteous desire leads only to good,
but what the wicked hope for leads to wrath.
- 24 One person is generous and yet grows more wealthy,
but another withholds more than he should and comes to poverty.
- 25 A generous person will be enriched,
and the one who provides water for others will himself be satisfied.
- 26 People will curse the one who withholds grain,
but they will praise the one who sells it.
- 27 The one who diligently seeks good seeks favor,
but the one who searches for evil—it will come to him.
- 28 The one who trusts in his riches will fall,
but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.
- 29 The one who troubles his family will inherit nothing,
and the fool will be a servant to the wise person.
- 30 The fruit of the righteous is like a tree producing life,
and the one who wins souls is wise.
- 31 If the righteous are recompensed on earth, [or “If the righteous scarcely be saved” – LXX]
how much more the wicked sinner! [[1 Pet 4:18](#)]

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