

PROVERBS 10 vs 1

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These Proverbs were first read by the royal families; the House of Judah, who were the Praise of God; and the House of Israel those who claimed to be Ruled by God. In them, you clearly find the path of royalty juxtaposed with the path of royal jackasses -- both small and great. It is crystal clear royalty and people of privilege fell off the wagon; nevertheless, the Proverbs still speak to the way of the wrong, as well as the way of the right.



Until now we have been in the preface to the Proverbs; here they begin. They are short but weighty sentences; most of them are two sentences in one verse, illustrating each other, but seldom... there is any coherence between verses, much less any thread of discourse. In these chapters, the content of the several sentences will appear best in their own places. The scope of them is to set before us good and evil; the blessing and the curse. Many proverbs in this chapter relate to good govt of the tongue, without which men's religion is vain -- Matthew Henry. Solomon had 700 wives and 300 girlfriends -- ~~ignoring his royal responsibility~~ found in Deuteronomy 17. He ended his life saying he played the fool; most of his kingdom was taken from him... and then he died -- since he had done evil in the sight of the Lord.

¹ **The proverbs of Solomon** / are these Solomon's favorite lessons taught by his father David? There seems a stark hypocrisy the Lord allows noted by this admitted fool, who ended his days a royal jackass.

A wise son makes a father glad: but a fool of a son is the grief of his mother.

² **Treasures wrongly gained, profit nothing:** but doing right delivers from death.

³ **The LORD does not let the right to hunger: the things of the wrong He throws away.**

⁴ **Poor is the hand that works negligently:** but the hand of the diligent makes rich.

⁵ **He who reaps in summer is wise:** but he who sleeps in harvest is a disgrace.

⁶ **Blessings are on the head of the right:** but violence darkens the mouth of the wrong.

⁷ **The memory of the right is praised:** but the name of the wrong is worm-eaten.

⁸ **The wise of heart welcomes instructions:** but a chattering fool will suddenly fall.

⁹ **He who walks uprightly walks securely:** but he who perverts his ways will be found out.

¹⁰ **He who winks causes trouble:** and a chattering fool will be thrown down.

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¹¹ **The mouth of the right is a well of life:** but the mouth of the wrong conceals violence.

¹² Hatred stirs up strife: but love covers those stepping over the line.

¹³ **On the lips of the discerning wisdom is found:** but a rod is for the butt that lacks knowledge.

¹⁴ **The wise store up knowledge:** but with the fool's mouth ruin is near.

¹⁵ The rich man's wealth is his strength: but poverty is the ruin of the poor.

¹⁶ **The wages of the right is life:** the income of the wicked is depravity.

¹⁷ The one on the way of life keeps learning: but the one ignoring correction, stumbles.

¹⁸ The one who conceals hatred has lying lips; the one who spreads slander is a fool.

¹⁹ Where many words abound, stepping over the line is unavoidable: but the one who controls the mouth is wise.

²⁰ The tongue of the right is like fine silver: the heart of the wrong is worth little.

²¹ The words of the right feed many: but fools die for lack of understanding.

²² **The blessing of the LORD makes rich, and He adds no sorrow to it.**

²³ Doing wrong is the sport of fools: **but wisdom is for those of understanding.**

²⁴ What the wrong dreads, will come: **what the right desires, will be granted.**

²⁵ With a passing storm, the wrong is no more: **but the right has a foundation forever.**

²⁶ like vinegar to the teeth, and smoke to the eyes, so is the lazy one to those who send him.

²⁷ **The fear of the LORD prolongs life:** but the years of the wrong will be shortened.

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28 **The hope of the right brings joy:** but the hope of the wrong dies.

29 **Strength to the upright is the way of the LORD:** but ruin is to the workers of crime.

30 **The right will never be displaced:** but the wrong will **not** continue on the earth.

31 **The mouth of the right flows with wisdom:** but the perverse tongue will be cut down.

32 **The lips of the right know what is acceptable:** but the mouth of the wrong is warped.

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