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King David first taught these Proverbs to his royal family; as he reigned over both the House of **Judah** and the House of **Israel** those who were **the Praise of God**; and those who claimed to be **Ruled by God**. The Hebrew word, Proverbs means a comparison; they are heavenly truths wrapped in earthly settings giving instruction in the way to go. In the Proverbs, you clearly find the path of royalty juxtaposed with the path of royal jackasses -- both small and great. In our genius 21st century of fake NEWS and rampant injustices and inequities; the Proverbs still speak to the way of the wrong, as well as the way of the right.



The Beginning of Knowledge,

¹ The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;

² to know wisdom and instruction; to discern the words of understanding / to have insight;

³ to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity / royalty pay attention;

⁴ to give foresight to the simple, to the inexperienced young man knowledge and discretion.

⁵ The wise will hear, and will increase learning; the one understanding will attain to wise counsels / will receive guidance:

⁶ to understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings / their riddles and enigmas and mysteries.

⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge / the starting point, **fear God;** which is not a bad thing; no need to read any further, if we do not begin here:

but fools despise wisdom and instruction / those who say in their heart, whether or not they say it audibly, **there is no God**... those people despise wisdom and instruction.

The Enticement of Sinners,

⁸ My son, hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother / notice both father and mother – are critical to raising the next generation having become ONE, working as ONE... giving the same instruction, and laying down the same orderliness of the home. **If they both do not do it**, then someone else gladly will, be they a pervert fool or some government lunacy:


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⁹for they will be an ornament of grace to your head, and chains about your neck / what will be? instruction from your father, the law from your mother will be grace to your head. So parents get doing what you are assigned to do by God, since you brought the kid(s) into the world.

¹⁰My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.

 **¹¹If they say, Come with us, let us lay in wait for blood, let us ambush the innocent without cause** / those who do violate the commands of God. He said: do not murder; do not steal; those who do show they do not follow the Lord – Deut. 5; God loves the cheerful giver; thieves, robbers and criminals are cheerful takers – always looking for free stuff, but God will have the last laugh:

 **If they say,**

¹²Let us swallow them alive like the grave; and whole, as those who go down to the pit / utterly destroy the victims and any trace of the crime; though now days, with all the modern IT and DNA, we see that plundering the public coffers; and emails and servers are difficult to destroy:

 **¹³We will find all their precious goods; we will fill our houses with loot:**

 **¹⁴Throw in your lot with us; we will all have one purse.**

¹⁵My son, do not walk in the way with them; keep your foot from their slippery path:

 **¹⁶for their feet run to evil, and hurry to shed blood** / it sounds like today's news.

¹⁷Surely it is useless to spread the net in the sight of any bird / little birdbrains have enough sense to avoid a trap, so how about me and you.

¹⁸But they lay in wait for their own blood; they ambush their own lives.

¹⁹So are the ways of all who are greedy; violently taking the life of its owners.

Heed Wisdom's warnings

²⁰Wisdom shouts in the street; she lifts her voice in the public square:

²¹she shouts in the chief intersections, and at the entrance of the gates in the city she utters her sayings / she shouts in all the common places where decisions are being made,

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²² **How long, O simple ones / naïve ones, will you love simplicity?** / C.S. Lewis said, too late for that, life isn't simple; Dr. Gene Scott often said, if the choice is between difficult or easy, **always** choose difficult.

How long, will scoffers delight themselves in scoffing and fools hate knowledge? / those who think life is one big joke; who think they are comedians, when all they are is clowns, or senseless fools,

²³ **Turn to My reproof: behold, I will pour out My spirit on you, I will make My words known to you** / turn to me when corrected; don't turn away. These are the words of king David, they are the words of any loving parent; they also are the words of the Lord Jesus, who first came in great humility; and they are the words of His Father... call on Him; He will answer.

²⁴ **Because I called and you refused to listen; I stretched out my hand** / to protect; to warn; to indicate the way, **and no one paid attention;**

²⁵ **but you dismissed all My counsel, and did not want My reproof** / my correcting, my showing you what is really in your heart; my showing you what you are really made of:

²⁶ **so also, I will laugh at your calamity; I will mock you when your dread comes;**

²⁷ **when your dread comes like a storm, and your destruction comes like a whirlwind; when distress and anguish come on you**

²⁸ **Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me** / David faithfully warned his very smart son Solomon... [seek the LORD while He can be found](#), if you seek Him but not halfheartedly... He will let you find Him.:

²⁹ **because they hated knowledge, and did not choose to fear the LORD:**

³⁰ **They would have none of My counsel: they despised all My correction.**

³¹ **So they will eat of the sour fruit of their own way, and be gratified with their own cheap devices.**

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³² **For by turning away, the naïve will be killed / turning from Wisdom's call will kill them, and the prosperity / the complacent success... of fools destroys them.**

³³ **But whoever listens to me will dwell safely / will live securely, and will be at ease from the dread of evil / from all those doing wrong.**

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