

PROVERBS 22 vs 1

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The 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. The Proverbs are short, weighty sentences; most of them are two sentences in one verse, illustrating each other, but seldom is there any coherence between verses. Their purpose is to set before us what is right and what is wrong. Solomon had 700 wives and 300 girlfriends – ignoring his royal responsibility – and ended his life saying he played the fool; his kingdom was taken from him and then he died – having done wrong in the sight of the Lord. The Proverbs still speak to the way of the wrong, as well as the way of the right.



¹ A good reputation is better than great riches, and esteem is better than silver or gold.

² The rich and poor stand side by side: the LORD is who made them all.

³ A cautious man foresees a danger, and takes cover: but the naive stroll on, and pay for it.

⁴ The reward of humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, honor and life.

⁵ On crooked paths are thorns and snares: but he who guards himself, avoids 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 rules over the poor, and a borrower is slave to the lender.

⁸ The one who sows inequity will reap vanity: and the rod of his anger will perish.

⁹ A generous man will have God's blessing, for he shares his food with the poor.

¹⁰ Get rid of the scoffer, and quarrels cease; yes, disputes and insults will be no more.

¹¹ He who loves a clean heart; whose speech is gracious, the king is his friend.

¹² The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge; but He overthrows the words of the traitorous.

¹³ The lazy one says, There is a lion outside, I will be killed in the streets.

¹⁴ The mouth of a whore is a deep pit: he who is under the anger of the LORD falls in it.

¹⁵ The fool has the mind of a child; but the rod of discipline will remove it far from him.

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¹⁶ The one who exploits the poor, or bribes the rich to gain wealth, will only come to poverty.

¹⁷ Bend your ear, listen to wise words, and apply your mind to my knowledge;

¹⁸ for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you; that they may be ready on your lips.

¹⁹ So that your trust may be in the LORD, I have taught you today, even you.

²⁰ Have I not written to you excellent things of guidance and knowledge,

²¹ that you might understand them for yourself; and answer all inquirers?

²² Do not rob the poor, because he is poor: or oppress the afflicted at the gate;

²³ for the LORD will plead their case, and He will rob the robbers of their life.

²⁴ Do not associate with an angry man; or partner with the hot-tempered:

²⁵ for you may learn his ways, and land yourself in danger.

²⁶ Do not be like those who give bail, who are sureties for debtors;

²⁷ for if you have nothing to pay, why should he take your very bed?

²⁸ Do not move the ancient boundary, that your fathers set.

²⁹ Notice a diligent man at work? he stands before kings; not before the unknown.

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