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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 — gnoring 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 These are the proverbs of Solomon, arranged by scholars of King Hezekiah of Judah.
- ²It is the glory of God to conceal a matter: but the boast of kings is to search out a matter.
- ³ As high as heaven, and deep as earth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable.
- ⁴Remove dross from the silver, and the silver vessel shines clear.
- ⁵Remove wrongdoers from a king, and his throne will be established on justice.
- ⁶ Do not claim honor in the presence of the king, do not stand in the place of great men:
- ⁷ for better to be told you, Come closer, than be sent further from the presence of the king.
- ⁸ Never be in a hurry to conduct your case, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor shames you?
- ⁹ Debate your case with your neighbor himself; and never reveal the secret of another:
- $^{\rm 10}\,{\rm lest}$ some hearer shames you, and your disgrace never goes away.
- 11 Like apples of gold in a setting of silver, is a word fitly spoken;
- 12 as a gold earring, or a necklace of rare gold, so is a wise reproof upon an obedient ear.
- ¹³ Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest, is a faithful messenger to those who send him: for he refreshes the soul of his masters.
- ¹⁴ Like clouds and wind that bring no rain, is a man who promises what he never gives.

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- 15 By patience a ruler may be persuaded, and gentle speech can break the hardest head.
- ¹⁶ Have you found honey? eat no more than you need, lest you stuff yourself and must vomit.
- ¹⁷ Remove your foot from your neighbor's house; lest he grow tired of you, and turn on you.
- ¹⁸ A club, a sword, and a sharp arrow so is one who bears false witness against a neighbor.
- ¹⁹ A bad tooth, or a foot out of joint so is confidence in a faithless man in time of trouble.
- ²⁰ Like one who removes a garment in cold weather / not wise, or like vinegar on soda / rendering it useless, so is he who sings cheery sonnets to a troubled heart / rejoicing when others are weeping Romans 12 not a good thing.
- ²¹If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink:
- ²² for you will heap burning coals upon his head, and the LORD will reward you.
- ²³ The north winds bring rain: and a foul mouth brings angry looks.
- ²⁴ Better to dwell in a corner of the rooftop, than with a nagging wife in a mansion.
- ²⁵ As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so good news from a far country is refreshing.
- ²⁶ Like a foul fountain, or a polluted spring, so is a right man yielding to a wrongdoer.
- ²⁷ It is not good to consume much honey: and to seek your own glory is nothing to boast about.
- ²⁸The one who has no rule over his self, is like a broken down city without walls.

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