

# PROVERBS 26 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 – ~~among 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.



<sup>1</sup> **Like snow in summer, and like rain in harvest, so honor for a fool is out of place** / wow! 3000 years ago they knew weather could radically change; unlike our genius global warming, cooling scientists.

<sup>2</sup> **Like the sparrow fluttering, and the swallow flying, so the baseless plague never comes** / like all the fake news of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

<sup>3</sup> **A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the back of a fool** / what's for the media?

<sup>4</sup> **Do not answer a fool according to his folly, lest you also become like him.**

<sup>5</sup> **Okay, Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he imagine he is wise** / at times play their game.

<sup>6</sup> **To send a fool with a message – is to cut off your own feet, drinking your own destruction.**

<sup>7</sup> **Like the limbs of the lame man: so parables limp on the lips of a fool.**

<sup>8</sup> **Like one who ties a stone in a sling, so is he who honors a fool.**

<sup>9</sup> **Like a thorn that pierces the hand of a drunk, so is a parable in the mouths of fools.**

<sup>10</sup> **The Great One who formed all, will one day give both fool and trespasser his wages.**

<sup>11</sup> **Like a dog that returns to its vomit, so is a fool who repeats his folly.**

<sup>12</sup> **Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.**

<sup>13</sup> **The lazy says, A lion is in the road; a fierce lion is in the streets.**

<sup>14</sup> **Like a door that turns upon its hinges, so does the lazy one upon his bed.**

<sup>15</sup> **The lazy buries his hand in his bowl; he tires even to return it to his mouth.**

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<sup>16</sup> **In his own estimation, the lazy is wiser than seven folks who can answer sensibly.**

<sup>17</sup> Like one taking a dog by the ears, is he who passes by, and meddles with strife not his own.

<sup>18</sup> **Like a lunatic who lets fly deadly firebrands and missiles,**

<sup>19</sup> **so is the man who deceives his neighbor, who forgets to say, I was only joking.**

<sup>20</sup> For lack of wood, a fire goes out: so without gossip, strife ceases.

<sup>21</sup> Like charcoal to hot embers, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to ignite strife.

<sup>22</sup> **The words of a gossip are like tasty treats, swallowed and relished as they go down.**

<sup>23</sup> Like a pot of clay overlaid with silver dross, are burning lips and a vicious heart.

<sup>24</sup> A man may disguise his hate when he speaks, but in his heart he harbors deceit;

<sup>25</sup> **Though he speak kindly, never believe him: he has many foul thoughts in his heart.**

<sup>26</sup> Covering hatred by deceit, still his wrong will be revealed for all to see before the assembly.

<sup>27</sup> **The one who digs a pit will fall in it: and he who rolls a stone, it will come back on him.**

<sup>28</sup> **A lying tongue hates those it crushes; and a flattering mouth works ruin.**

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