

PROVERBS 28 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.



Proverbs concerning relation to law:

¹ The wrong flee when no one pursues: but the right are bold as a lion.

² For a land in rebellion, there are many rulers contending: but by a man of understanding and knowledge, its rights will be prolonged.

³ A destitute leader who oppresses the poor, is like a sweeping rain that leaves no food.

⁴ Those who abandon the law, praise the wrong: but those who keep the law contend with them.

⁵ Evil men do not understand justice: but those who seek the LORD understand all things.

⁶ Better is the poor who walks upright, than the perverse in his ways, though he is rich.

⁷ Whoever guards the law is a wise son: but a companion of gluttons shames his father.

⁸ He who increases his substance by overcharging and extortion; sooner or later will gather it for the one who cares for the poor / the Lord will take it from the greedy, and give it to those who know to do what pleases the Lord: -- **Luke 19:24.**

⁹ The one who turns his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is abhorrent.

¹⁰ He who causes the upright to go astray in an evil way, he himself will fall into his own pit: but the blameless will inherit good.



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The right are bold as a lion. What holy security and peace of mind those enjoy, as a young lion, in greatest danger; whatever difficulties they meet. In way of duty, they are undaunted; nothing moves them. What continual scares those are subject to who go on wrong ways. Guilt in their conscience make men a terror to themselves; they are ready to flee when none pursues; like one who runs from their debt, who thinks everyone he meets is a bailiff; though they pretend to be at ease, their secret fears haunt them wherever they go; they fear where no danger is. Those who have made God their enemy, and know it, can see all creation at war with them, and so have no true enjoyment of themselves, no confidence, no courage, but a fearful looking for judgment. Sin makes men cowards – Matthew Henry.

11 The rich man is wise in his own eyes; but the poor with understanding see through him.

12 When the righteous rejoice, there is great glory: but when the wrong arise, men hide.

13 He who covers his sin does not prosper: but he who confesses and forsakes it has mercy.

14 Always blessed is the man who fears: but he who hardens his heart will fall into trouble.

15 As a roaring lion, and a raging bear; so is a criminal ruler over the poor people.

16 A ruler lacking understanding, greatly oppresses: but he who hates unjust gain lives long.

17 A man burdened with bloodshed, flees into the pit; let no man grasp hold of him to help.

18 Whoever walks upright is safe: but he with crooked ways will suddenly fall.

19 He who tills his land has plenty of bread: but he who follows vanity has plenty of poverty.

20 A faithful man abounds with blessings: but he who hurries to be rich will not be innocent.

The doom of seducers, who draw good people, into sin and trouble; who take pride in causing the upright to go astray in an evil way, in drawing them into a snare, that they may offend them. They will not gain their point; it is impossible to deceive the elect. But they will fall into their own pit, and having been not only sinners, but tempters, not only unrighteous, but enemies to the right, their condemnation will be so much greater – Matthew Henry.

21 To show partiality of persons is not good: because for a piece of bread, man will transgress.

22 To hurry after riches, a man has a bad eye; and does not consider the poverty coming to him.



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²³ He who rebukes a man, later finds more favor, than he who flatters with the tongue.

²⁴ Whoever robs his father or mother, and says, “no sin”; he is united to corruption.

²⁵ The proud heart stirs up strife: but he who leans on the LORD will prosper.

²⁶ **He who trusts his own heart is a fool: but whoever walks wisely, he will be delivered.**

²⁷ He who gives to the poor will not lack: but he who looks away will have many curses.

²⁸ When the wrong arise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.



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