

PROVERBS 29 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 stubbornness:

¹ After many rebukes, the stiff-necked will suddenly be destroyed, and without remedy.

² When the righteous increase, the people rejoice: but when the wrong rule, the people groan.

³ He who loves wisdom makes his father glad: but he who grazes with whores wastes wealth.

⁴ The king by justice establishes the land: but he who receives bribes overthrows it.

⁵ A man who flatters his neighbor, spreads a net for his feet.

⁶ By transgression a wrong man is snared: but the right sings and rejoices.

⁷ The right considers the cause of the poor: but the wrong does not care to understand.

⁸ Scornful men inflame a city: but wise men turn away wrath.

⁹ If a wise man contends with a fool, whether he rages or laughs, there is no resolution.

¹⁰ The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the upright care for his wellbeing.



Think about it: these proverbs are prophetic. The obstinacy of many going a wrong way is to be lamented. They are often reprovved by parents and friends, by magistrates and ministers, by the providence of God, and by their own conscience. With their sin set before them; and fair warning given of its consequence;

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but all is in vain; as they harden their necks. The issue of this obstinacy is to be greatly dreaded: those who go on in spite of admonition, will be destroyed; those who will not be reformed must expect to be ruined, if the rods do not answer the end, expect the axes. They will be suddenly destroyed, in the midst of their security, and without remedy. -- Matthew Henry.

11 A fool gives full vent to his mind: but a wise man keeps his thoughts till later.

12 If a ruler listens to lies, all his servants become wrong.

13 The poor and the deceitful have this in common: the LORD enlightens both their eyes.

14 The king who faithfully judges the poor, his throne will be established forever.

15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

16 When the wrong multiply, rebellion increases: but the right will see their fall.

17 Correct your son, and he will give you rest; yes, he will give your soul delight.

18 Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained: but he who keeps the law is blessed.

19 By words, a servant is not corrected: for though he understands he will not answer.

20 Do you see a man who is quick in his words? there is more hope for a fool than for him.

It is great sin when rulers listen to lies; thereby they not only give wrong judgment, but they encourage others to give wrong information; lies will be told to those who will listen to them, but the receiver is as bad as the thief; all will be wrong, for they have lies told of them, and in return they will tell lies to them. All that have their ear, will fill their ear with slander, false characters and misrepresentation; so rulers and people alike will be deceived. Where there is no vision; there is unrestraint. Without prophetic vision people run wild. People not only rebel against God, but also against one another. They are made naked, stripped of their ornaments and so exposed to shame. Stripped of their armor and so exposed to danger. How bear does a place look? People rebel, people are idle, people play, as the scholars are apt to do when the master is absent; they do nothing for any good purpose, but stand idle all day, sporting in the market-place, hating their own souls for lack of instruction: not knowing what to do and how to do it. -- Matthew Henry.

21 He who indulges his servant from childhood, in the end will have him as a son.

22 An angry man stirs up strife, and a heated man abounds in rebellion.



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- ²³ A man's pride will bring him low: but the humble in spirit will uphold honor.
- ²⁴ Whoever partners with a thief hates his own life: he hears the oath, but reveals nothing.
- ²⁵ The fear of man brings a snare: but whoever leans on the LORD will be safe.
- ²⁶ Many seek the ruler's favor; but from the LORD, comes justice for man.
- ²⁷ Disgusting to the right is an unjust man; and disgusting to the wrong is the upright in the way.



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