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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.



Next, we have a caution against co-signers; a rebuke to the lazy; an account of seven things God always hates; an appeal to make

the word of God familiar – Solomon, for being a smart guy, he was pretty stupid. So many scholars love to point out Solomon spoke 3,000 proverbs and 1,005 songs. Hmm? When did he have time to be a thoughtful king? They fail to point out: Solomon had 700 wives and 300 girlfriends – 1 Kings 11. And you wonder, when did he have time to be a thoughtful father and king? We know he ended his life saying: he played the fool. We know most of the kingdom was taken from him... and then he died – since he had done evil in the sight of the Lord

Avoid liable for financial obligations of another,

- ¹ My son, if you be surety for your friend or if you gave your hand in pledge with a / stranger, a cosigner, one responsible for the debt of another,
- ² if you have been snared with the words of your mouth, if you are caught with the words of your mouth,
- ³then do this, my son, and deliver yourself: Since you have given your hand to your friend; Go, humble yourself, and make sure, your friend / literally, pester, induce your friend... to provide otherwise for his debt, or to secure the surety.
- ⁴Do not give sleep to your eyes, nor slumber to your eyelids.
- ⁵ Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the hand of the fowler.

Avoid laziness.

- ⁶ Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider its ways and be wise / study how it begins and ends:
- ⁷which having no chief, officer, or ruler,
- ⁸ prepares its food in the summer, and gathers its food in the harvest.



⁹How long will you sleep, O sluggard? when will you arise from your sleep?

¹⁰ A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest / clearly, a lot of excuse making:

¹¹ and your poverty will come like a drifter – your need like an armed man / who walks back and forth; like a highway robber, ready to pounce; procrastination always comes with an unintended price attached.

Avoid the wrong.

- ¹² A worthless person, a wicked man, who walks with a false mouth / man or woman, who trades in doing evil; who says and does all very artfully; who has the subtlety of a serpent; and carries on their projects with craft and skill; a man or woman with perverse lies, who opposes God and man.
- ¹³ He winks with his eyes, he speaks with his feet, he teaches with his fingers / notice, this one does not speak, for fear of detection; who uses signs, handshakes and other symbolic gestures to avoid and deny when misspeaking - like we see on Main Street and in the Media now days;
- ¹⁴ boldness is in his heart, he devises trouble continually; he sows discord / this one expresses malice not by speaking, but by using those around him to carry out the plot; giving orders yet concealing so as not to be suspect; like so many criminals in seats of power across the world now days.
- 15 So his calamity will come suddenly; quickly he is broken without remedy / this one will be ruined, crushed and utterly destroyed; there won't be time for any "oops" or "sorry" falling on deaf ears; it will be without warning; it will be without relief.

Learn what the LORD hates and don't go there,

- ¹⁶ These six things the LORD hates: yes, the seventh is abhorrent to Him:
- ¹⁷ [1] a prideful look, [2] a lying tongue, [3] hands that shed innocent blood,
- ¹⁸ [4] a heart that devises wrong plans, [5] feet that run swiftly to do evil,
- ¹⁹ [6] a false witness who speaks lies, and 7 one who sows discord among brothers / this is most abominable, most repulsive, most disgusting, most distasteful to God. WOW! But this is what governments promote now days, in our big bang, life is meaningless; we come from a monkeys world. And I am sure in our genius generation, some peanut-head might object: saying God is a God of love; and He is; but the One who loves, then also must Hate. They just might have to learn the lesson being taught.

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²⁰ My son, keep your father's instruction, and do not abandon the law of your mother / both are essential to lead a healthy and right life: guard what your father taught, and do not leave what you learned from your mother; hopefully both did their part in teaching: good parenting is essential to the good life - tragically most take this out of context. Fathers and Mothers better know the word of God if they expect to raise up their kids in the way our Creator made life... fashioned in His image and His likeness – not necessarily in theirs.



I freely admit this verse is difficult. I don't remember a quotable phrase that I credit my father or mother; I recall neither ever shared a favorite verse about the ways of God; they were very nice church people; but only after I left the house, I started to grow in the things of the LORD:

- ²¹Bind them continually on your heart, and tie them around your neck.
- When you go, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will speak to you.
- ²³ For the instruction is a lamp; and the teaching is light; and corrections of instruction is the way of life / reconsidering what lamp enlightens our heart; aligning our steps with the light that shines:
- ²⁴ to keep you from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange one / we are to remember that the strangest, most whoring creature... roaming freely in God's creation is the father of lies. he was a murderer from the beginning.
- ²⁵ In your heart, do not desire after her beauty; nor let her catch you with her evelids / a beautiful whore is still a whore; a flattering whore is still an infected STD cul-de-sac. A govt website said 20 million college students annually contract STDs, and you want to follow the crowd and be part of the growing crotch-scratchers, and pill popper statistics the rest of your life?
- ²⁶ For by means of a whoring woman, one is reduced to a **piece of bread** / the ruin of body and soul, purchased by the local wealthy whore:

and the whore will hunt for the precious life / who pretends to love you, but intends to ruin you; doing what whores do best; with their snares, they plan to snag those more valuable than all else.

- ²⁷ Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?
- ²⁸ Can one walk on hot coals, and his feet not be burned?



²⁹ So he who goes in to his neighbor's wife, whoever touches her will not **be innocent** / violating the 10th instruction; however he holds himself, God will not hold him guiltless.

- ³⁰ Men do not despise a thief, if he steals to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;
- ³¹ but if he is found, he will restore sevenfold; he must give all the substance of **his house** / when he is found out, he must pay restitution for his thievery; he had 6 days each week he can work to provide, instead of steal what is another's. The law of Moses appointed that he who stole a sheep should restore four-fold; and an ox five-fold – Exodus 22; so if they had to pay restitution, it makes sense that he who stole the man's goods out of his house had to restore seven-fold. Yet committing adultery with another man's wife was worthy of death; nothing can be restored.
- 32 But the one who adulterates with a whoring woman lacks understanding, he who does it, destroys himself / he is a heartless destitute.
- 33 wounds and disgrace he will find; and his reproach will not be blotted out.
- ³⁴ For jealousy enrages a man: he will not be spared in the day of vengeance / if you are not afraid of the wrath of God; then at least be fearful of the rage of man; such jealousy is as strong as death; and as cruel as the grave. When the adulterer is tried, the prosecutor will not spare anything in the prosecution; he will not accept substitution, as he would for the guy who was looking for a hamburger.
- 35 He will not regard any ransom; nor will he rest content, though you give many bribes.

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