### Proverbs

## Chapter 10

1A wise son gladdens a father;  
 But a foolish son brings his mother distress.  
  
2Treasures bring no help to the lawless;  
 But, they can rescue the righteous from death.  
  
3Jehovah won’t let the righteous go hungry;  
 But, impious ways [lead to famine].  
  
4Poverty humbles a man;  
 But, hard-working hands will enrich him.  
  
Correcting a son makes him wiser;  
 So the foolish, he’ll treat as his servants.  
  
5An intelligent son will be saved  
 And he won’t [have to slave in] sweltering heat;  
 But wind will destroy all the harvest  
 Of the son who’s a lawbreaker.  
  
6Jehovah sends blessing to the heads of the righteous,  
 And mourning to the mouths of the wicked.  
  
7The righteous are remembered and commended;  
 While the names of the irreverent will perish.  
  
8A wise heart does as it’s told;  
 But, back-talking lips will be stumbled.  
  
9For those who comply, things go easy;  
 But, resistance won’t be forgotten.  
  
10The eye that winks at bad things  
 Is creating distress for the rest.  
 But, the man who openly scolds,  
 Is the one who’s bringing them peace.  
  
11Mouths of the righteous are like springs of life;  
 But a mouth that curses, leads to destruction.  
  
12Hatred leads to a war;  
 But, those who won’t fight create friendships.  
  
13Those whose lips bring forth wisdom  
 Are beating the heartless with a stick.  
  
14The wise learn to hide their perceptions;  
 But, mouths that speak rashly, bring destruction.  
  
15The rich man’s wealth is his fortress,  
 While poverty brings ruin to the poor.  
  
16The deeds of the righteous bring life,  
 While the fruit of the irreverent brings sin.  
  
17Following instructions leads you to life;  
 For, without instructions, you’ll stray.  
  
18Righteous lips cover your hatred;  
 But, those who shout insults are fools.  
  
19A sin can’t be covered with many words;  
 So it’s wise for your lips to say little.  
  
20A righteous tongue is like refined silver,  
 But the hearts of the irreverent are worthless.  
  
21The lips of the righteous speak of high things,  
 While fools die for the lack of understanding.  
  
22Jehovah blesses the heads of the righteous…  
 He enriches and brings no distress to their hearts.  
  
23The fool will laugh when he’s doing what’s bad;  
 But, wisdom makes a man act much smarter.  
  
24By destruction, the impious are carried away,  
 While the righteous will receive the things that they crave.  
  
25A blast will come to destroy the impious;  
 But the righteous will turn and escape in that age.  
  
26As green grapes are bad for your teeth,  
 And smoke is bad for your eyes;  
 So are lawless ways to those who are harmed.  
  
27The fear of Jehovah adds days to your life,  
 While the lives of the irreverent are shortened by years.  
  
28Happiness stays with the righteous,  
 While the irreverent one’s hopes are destroyed.  
  
29Jehovah’s a fort of those who show mercy,  
 But a ruin to those who are doing what’s bad.  
  
30The righteous will live throughout the ages;  
 But the impious won’t live long in the land.  
  
31From the mouths of the righteous, drips wisdom,  
 While unrighteous tongues lead to ruin.  
  
32From the lips of the righteous comes loving care;  
 But rejection comes from the mouths of the godless.