### Proverbs

## Chapter 15

1Even the smart are destroyed by their rage;  
 For harsh words will make others angry,  
 While an answer that’s mild turns back rage.  
  
2Tongues of the wise bring forth knowledge;  
 But the mouths of fools just speak evil.  
  
3The eyes of Jehovah see all…  
 He watches both the good and the bad.  
  
4A tree of life, is the tongue that brings healing…  
 Those who have it are filled with [God’s] Breath.  
  
5A fool will sneer at his father’s instructions,  
 While the wise will do what he says.  
  
Where there’s justice, [a nation] is strong,  
 For the irreverent will be rooted out of their land.  
  
6There’s strength in the homes of the righteous,  
 While the fruits of the impious bring them ruin.  
  
7The lips of the wise are bound by good sense;  
 But, the hearts of fools can’t be trusted.  
  
8Sacrifices of the irreverent are disgusting to God…  
 He accepts just the vows of those who walk straight.  
  
9The ways of the irreverent are disgusting to God;  
 But He loves those who do what’s righteous.  
  
10Those who heed the instructions of the guileless  
 Will be the ones who follow straight paths.  
  
Those who dislike correction  
 Will come to their end in disgrace.  
  
11Of destruction and the grave, God has warned us;  
 So, why isn’t this in the hearts of all men?  
  
12The ignorant hate those who correct them,  
 And they don’t wish to stay near the wise.  
  
13A happy heart makes a face shine;  
 But a heart in distress makes it downcast.  
  
14An upright heart will seek understanding;  
 But an ignorant heart knows just evil.  
  
15Evil eyes enjoy seeing what’s evil,  
 While the [eyes] of the good [search for] peace.  
  
16It’s better to have little and the fear of Jehovah,  
 Than to have great treasures and no fear of God.  
  
17It’s better to eat vegetables in a place where there’s love,  
 Than to dine on calves where there’s hatred.  
  
18An outraged man is ready to fight;  
 But, with an apology, he can be soothed.  
  
A forgiving man prevents lawsuits,  
 While the irreverent would rather create them.  
  
19The roads of the lazy lead into thorns,  
 As the industrious travel on busy highways.  
  
20A wise son brings joy to his father;  
 But a foolish son sneers at his mother.  
  
21The paths of the unthinking don’t make any sense;  
 But the ways of the wise lead them in a straight line.  
  
22From the hearts of advisors, there’s much to be [learned];  
 23But a man who’s bad won’t [take their advice],  
 Nor will he learn from what’s useful.  
 For to him, what’s good is mundane.  
  
24The thoughts of the discerning lead men to life,  
 And they’ll turn a man back from the grave.  
  
25Jehovah tears down the homes of the proud,  
 While He gives support to the widows.  
  
26The ways of the unrighteous are disgusting to God…  
 He only respects the requests of the pure.  
  
27Those who takes bribes, bring themselves ruin,  
 While those who hate them are saved.  
  
Mercy and faith wipe away sins,  
 And the fear of Jehovah turns us from bad.  
  
28Faithful hearts think of what’s righteous,  
 While irreverent mouths speak of what’s evil.  
  
The ways of the righteous are accepted by God…  
 By them, even enemies become friends.  
  
29From the irreverent, God stays far away;  
 But He hears the vows of the righteous.  
  
It’s better to be fair and gain little  
 Than to gain many things through injustice.  
  
30An eye that sees good, brings joy to the heart,  
 And good news puts fat on the bones.  
  
31Those who heed the corrections of life  
 Will find themselves lodging with those who are wise.  
  
32Those who won’t listen to instruction,  
 Really don’t care for themselves,  
 While those who heed correction, love life.  
  
33The fear of Jehovah is instruction and wisdom…  
 Heeding Him is the sum of all glory,  
 And the humble will be led to this glory.