### Proverbs

## Chapter 16

1May the heart of a man consider what’s righteous,  
 So that God can set their feet on straight paths. So that God can set their feet on straight paths.<sup class="difference">[LXX]  
  
2The deeds of the humble are apparent to God…  
 But He’ll destroy the irreverent in His day. But He’ll destroy the irreverent in His day.<sup class="difference">[LXX]  
  
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5To God, proud hearts are unclean,  
 And He will never forgive  
 Those who lay their hands on another unjustly.  
  
6Goodness starts with doing what’s right…  
 7It’s better than offering sacrifices.  
  
8Those seeking Jehovah find knowledge and justice…  
 Those who righteously seek Him, find peace.  
  
9A man’s heart is what sets his direction,  
 But Jehovah sets the course for his feet.  
  
10Although a curse may be on the lips of a king,  
 His mouth must not err in his judgments.  
  
11A scale that gives a true measure  
 Is something that’s righteous with God…  
 And His ways require honest weights.  
  
12The king is disgusted by those who are bad,  
 For the sovereignty of his throne is based upon justice.  
  
13Righteous lips are what the king will accept…  
 Your lord loves things that are straight.  
  
14The rage of a king is a messenger of death;  
 But a man who’s wise can appease him.  
  
15The sons of a king are the light of his life,  
 For to Him, those he loves are like gentle rain.  
  
16Sources of wisdom are better than gold,  
 And understanding is worth more than silver.  
  
17The road [to long] life avoids what’s bad,  
 And righteous ways lead to growing old.  
  
Those willing to learn are counted as good,  
 And those accepting correction are thought of as wise.  
  
The man who keeps watch on his ways  
 Is someone who’s protecting his soul…  
 So, those who love life will watch what [they say].  
  
18Insolent ways lead to destruction,  
 And evil thoughts lead to a downfall.  
  
19It’s better to share a little with the meek  
 Than to share great spoils with the haughty.  
  
20The discerning are inventors of good things,  
 And those yielding to God find His blessings.  
  
21Although the vile may shout to the wise and discerning,  
 Those with sweet words are the ones they’ll hear.  
  
22Understanding brings life to its seekers,  
 While the instruction of fools brings bad results.  
  
23From their own mouths, the hearts of wise learn,  
 And from their own lips, they’ll gain knowledge.  
  
24Sweet words are like combs filled with honey,  
 For their sweetness brings healing to the soul.  
  
25There are ways that may seem straight to a man,  
 But they end on the road to the grave.  
  
26A hardworking man works for himself,  
 And this leads him from poverty,  
 As the rest wear failure over their mouths.  
  
27The foolish search for what’s evil,  
 And to their own lips, they bring fire.  
  
28A man who’s crooked spreads evil…  
 With treachery, he lights many fires,  
 And in this, he drives friends apart.  
  
29A lawbreaking man puts his friends to the test,  
 And he leads them into corruption.  
 30for his eyes are fixed as he plans to do wrong,  
 And he confirms what’s bad with his lips…  
 Such a man is a furnace of evil.  
  
31Old age is a crown of which one can boast  
 When it’s found among those who are righteous.  
  
32It’s better to be forgiving than strong,  
 And smartness is better than owning much land.  
 But, better than taking a city,  
 Is the ability to keep your temper in check.  
  
33Unrighteous lips will bring what’s bad;  
 While all that’s good comes from [God].