### Proverbs

## Chapter 28

1The godless will flee when they’re not being chased;  
 But, as secure as lions, are the righteous.  
  
2From the sins of the irreverent come lawsuits;  
 But a clever man can avoid them.  
  
3An energetic man who does evil things  
 Can damage the poor like a storm.  
  
4Those leaving the Law will praise godless ways;  
 But for those who love it, the Law is a wall.  
  
5The evil don’t understand fairness…  
 But those seeking Jehovah know what it means.  
  
6It’s better to be poor and walking in truth  
 Than to be rich and a liar.  
  
7A discerning son will follow the Law;  
 But those driven by lust dishonor their parents.  
  
8Those who gain wealth from interest on loans  
 Will [pay it] to those who are kind to the poor.  
  
9[God] hates the prayers of any man  
 Who turn his ears from the Law.  
  
10Those who lead the righteous towards evil  
 Will also fall into corruption.  
 Then the honest will claim all their good things,  
 And won’t let them enter among them again.  
  
11A rich man thinks himself wise;  
 But, an intelligent poor man sees through him.  
  
12When the righteous triumph, there’s glory;  
 But when the wicked succeed, men will hide.  
  
13Those who excuse their ungodly ways  
 Won’t live to see prosperous times.  
 But, those who admit and make the correction  
 Will find themselves truly loved.  
  
14Blest is the man who worships in awe  
 When those with hard hearts see only what’s bad.  
  
15Like a thirsty wolf or a lion that’s starved  
 Is the king who rules a poor nation.  
  
16A king who doesn’t tax learns to extort;  
 But those hating corruption will live a long life.  
  
17The man who stands good for a loan  
 Is the same as a man blamed for murder;  
 For, he will be sent into exile,  
 Where he won’t find a safe place to hide.  
  
18The one who travels right ways will be helped,  
 While those walking crooked paths will get tangled.  
  
19The man who works his land will eat bread;  
 But, the lazy will always be poor.  
  
20A trustworthy man will be praised over much;  
 But, any evil won’t go unpunished.  
  
21The evil look down on the righteous…  
 For a scrap of food, I’d sell such a man.  
  
22Although evil eyes quickly want to get rich;  
 They don’t know that poverty awaits them.  
  
23Those offering correction will be loved  
 More than those who just flatter.  
  
24Those who throw out their fathers and mothers  
 Assume that they haven’t sinned…  
 But, to the godless, they’ve become partners.  
  
25A dissatisfied man makes bad choices;  
 But those trusting in God find His [love].  
  
26Fools will yield to rash ways in their hearts,  
 While those who act wisely stay safe.  
  
27Those who give to the poor won’t be in want,  
 While those passing them by will never be filled.  
  
28Where the rulers are godless, the righteous will groan;  
 And the righteous will prosper when they’re destroyed.