### Proverbs

## Chapter 29

1It’s better to accept your correction  
 Than to be someone who’s proud.  
 For, upon the proud will come flames  
 From which they’ll never be healed.  
  
2When the righteous are honored, the people rejoice;  
 But, when the godless rule, people groan.  
  
3Lovers of wisdom bring joy to their parents;  
 But, those who seek whores destroy wealth.  
  
4A righteous king makes his land firm,  
 While a lawless king tears it down.  
  
5The one who sets a snare for a friend,  
 Wraps it around his own feet.  
  
6A snare is set for those who choose sin…  
 Which brings gladness and joy to the righteous.  
  
7The righteous give justice to the poor…  
 But, because the godless don’t understand justice;  
 To the poor, they’re very bad judges.  
  
8Those fond of mischief will burn their own city;  
 But the wise can turn back their rage.  
  
9A wise man will judge many nations,  
 While the ignorant will only bring rage,  
 Along with ridicule and disrespect.  
  
10Partners in blood hate the holy and upright,  
 So they’re always seeking their lives.  
  
11A fool will show all his rage,  
 While the wise will hold it within.  
  
12A king who’ll listen to unrighteous things  
 Brings joy to [the hearts] of the lawless.  
  
13In meetings between lenders and debtors;  
 Jehovah observes their agreements.  
  
14When a king gives justice to the poor,  
 He brings good reports to his throne.  
  
15Spanking and scolding brings wisdom;  
 But a child who’s left to his own ways  
 Will soon bring shame to his parents.  
  
16When the godless are many, many will sin.  
 But, when they fall, the righteous learn fear.  
  
17Correct your son and he’ll bring you rest…  
 He’ll be a decoration throughout your whole life.  
  
18No one can save a lawbreaking nation;  
 But, those who obey the laws will be blest.  
  
19You can’t correct stubborn servants with words;  
 For, if they understand, they still won’t obey.  
  
20When you see a man who speaks hasty words,  
 Know that he shares the same hopes as a fool.  
  
21A man who’s raised without purpose  
 Will soon become somebody’s servant,  
 And he’ll grieve for himself in the end.  
  
22An angry man looks for reasons to fight,  
 And a man who’s enraged will seek ways to sin.  
  
23Insolence tears down a man;  
 But, meekness brings glory from God.  
  
24The man who shares with a thief  
 Is a man who hates his own life.  
 And if he should hear public cursing,  
 He will never report it.  
  
25Those who fear men will be stumbled;  
 But those yielding to God will find joy.  
  
Disrespect is what stumbles a man;  
 But the one who yields to his lord will be saved.  
  
26Although many come to stand before rulers,  
 True justice comes from Jehovah.  
  
27To the wicked, the righteous are foolish;  
 And to the lawless, those walking in straight paths [are fools].