

Proverbs of David

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A selection of proverbs taken from the Book of Psalms in the Hebrew Bible. Verse references such as ^{12:8} indicate the original source of the text, but don't imply a full quotation.

^{2:11} Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling.

^{4:4} In your anger, do not sin. Ponder in your heart on your bed and be still. ⁵ Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the LORD.

^{12:8} The wicked walk on every side when vileness is exalted among the children of men.

^{15:1} LORD, who may sojourn in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? ² He who walks with integrity and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; ³ who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor and does not take up a reproach against his friend; ⁴ who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the LORD; who keeps a promise even when it hurts and does not change; ⁵ who does not loan out his money with interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

^{18:25} The LORD shows mercy to the merciful.

^{18:30} The word of the LORD proves true. He is a shield to all who take refuge in him.

^{19:1} The heavens declare the glory of God and the skies show his handiwork.

^{19:7} The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The testimony of the LORD is trustworthy, mak-

ing wise the simple. ⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart. The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever. The laws of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

^{27:14} Wait for the LORD. Be strong and let your heart take courage. Wait for the LORD.

^{30:5} Weeping may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

^{32:10} Many sorrows come to the wicked, but loving-kindness surrounds him who trusts in the LORD.

^{33:6} By the word of the LORD the heavens were made and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

^{34:13} Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴ Depart from evil and do good. Seek peace and pursue it.

^{37:1} Fret not because of evildoers, and envy not wrongdoers.

^{37:7} Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him. Fret not because of him who prospers in his way; because of him who carries out wicked schemes. ⁸ Cease from anger and forsake wrath. Fret not—it leads only to evildoing.

^{37:16} A little that the righteous has is better than the abundance of many wicked.

^{37:21} The wicked borrows and does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives.

^{39:1} I said, “I will guard my ways so that I may not sin with my tongue. I will muzzle my mouth while

the wicked are in my presence.”

^{41:1} Blessed is he who considers the poor. The LORD will deliver him in the day of trouble.

^{46:1} God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

^{46:10} Be still and know that I am God.

^{49:16} Do not be afraid when one is made rich, when the splendor of his house increases. ¹⁷ For when he dies he will carry nothing away. His glory will not descend after him.

^{50:14} Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay your vows to the Most High ¹⁵ and call on me in the day of trouble. I will deliver you and you will glorify me.

^{55:22} Cast your burden on the LORD and he will sustain you. He will never allow the righteous to be moved.

^{82:3} Defend the poor and fatherless. Do justice to the afflicted and destitute. ⁴ Rescue the poor and needy. Deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

^{92:12} The righteous will flourish like the palm tree. He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

^{96:2} Sing to the LORD, bless his name. Proclaim his salvation from day to day. ³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all the peoples.

^{100:1} Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. ² Serve the LORD with gladness. Come before him with singing.

^{102:17} The LORD regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer.

^{103:8} The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in loving-kindness.

^{105:1} Oh give thanks to the LORD. Call on his name. Make known his deeds among the peoples. ² Sing to him. Sing praises to him. Talk about all his marvelous deeds. ³ Glory in his holy name. Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. ⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength. Seek his face continually. ⁵ Remember the wonders that he has done, his miracles and the judgments he has pronounced.

^{106:1} Praise the LORD. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his loving-kindness endures forever.

^{111:10} The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. Those who obey his commandments have good understanding.

^{112:1} Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who delights greatly in his commandments.

^{112:4} For the upright, light arises in the darkness. He is gracious, merciful and righteous. ⁵ It is well with the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice.

^{118:8} It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in man. ⁹ It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

^{122:6} Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

^{127:1} Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain who build it. Except the LORD keep the city,

the watchman stays awake in vain. ²It is vain for you to rise up early, to stay up late, to eat the bread of toil—for he gives sleep to his beloved.

^{127:3} Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD and the fruit of the womb is a reward.

^{133:1} Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brothers to live together in unity.

^{136:1} Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.
His loving-kindness endures for ever.

^{146:3} Do not put your trust in princes or in the son of man, who cannot save.