

## 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 <sup>12:8</sup> indicate the original source of the text, but don't imply a full quotation.*

<sup>2:11</sup> Serve GOD with fear and rejoice with trembling.

<sup>4:4</sup> In your anger, do not sin. Ponder in your heart on your bed and be still. <sup>5</sup> Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in GOD.

<sup>12:8</sup> The wicked walk on every side when vileness is exalted among the children of men.

<sup>15:1</sup> GOD, who may sojourn in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? <sup>2</sup> He who walks with integrity and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; <sup>3</sup> who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor and does not take up a reproach against his friend; <sup>4</sup> who despises a vile person but honors those who fear GOD; who keeps a promise even when it hurts and does not change; <sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>18:25</sup> GOD shows mercy to the merciful.

<sup>18:30</sup> The word of GOD proves true. He is a shield to all who take refuge in him.

<sup>19:1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God and the skies show his handiwork.

<sup>19:7</sup> The law of GOD is perfect, reviving the soul. The testimony of GOD is trustworthy, making wise the simple. <sup>8</sup> The precepts of GOD are right, rejoicing the heart. The commandment of GOD is pure, enlightening the eyes. <sup>9</sup> The fear of GOD is clean, enduring for ever. The laws of GOD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>27:14</sup> Wait for GOD. Be strong and let your heart take courage. Wait for GOD.

<sup>30:5</sup> Weeping may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>32:10</sup> Many sorrows come to the wicked, but loving-kindness surrounds him who trusts in GOD.

33:6 By the word of GOD 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 GOD 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. GOD 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 GOD 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.

<sup>96:2</sup> Sing to GOD, bless his name. Proclaim his salvation from day to day. <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all the peoples.

<sup>100:1</sup> Make a joyful noise to GOD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Serve GOD with gladness. Come before him with singing.

<sup>102:17</sup> GOD regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer.

<sup>103:8</sup> GOD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in loving-kindness.

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

<sup>106:1</sup> Praise GOD. Oh give thanks to GOD, for he is good; for his loving-kindness endures forever.

<sup>111:10</sup> The fear of GOD is the beginning of wisdom. Those who obey his commandments have good understanding.

<sup>112:1</sup> Blessed is the man who fears GOD, who delights greatly in his commandments.

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

<sup>118:8</sup> It is better to take refuge in GOD than to put confidence in man. <sup>9</sup> It is better to take refuge in GOD than to put confidence in princes.

<sup>122:6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

<sup>127:1</sup> Except GOD build the house, they labor in vain who build it. Except GOD keep the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. <sup>2</sup> It 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.

<sup>127:3</sup> Behold, children are a heritage from GOD and the fruit of the womb is a reward.

<sup>133:1</sup> Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brothers to live together in unity.

<sup>136:1</sup> Oh give thanks to GOD, for he is good. His loving-kindness endures for ever.

<sup>146:3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes or in the son of man, who cannot save.