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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 GOD 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 GOD.

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

^{15:1} GOD, 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 neigh-
bor and does not take up a reproach
against his friend; ⁴ who despises a vile
person but honors those who fear GOD;
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} GOD shows mercy to the merciful.

^{18:30} The word of GOD 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 GOD is perfect, reviving the soul. The testimony of GOD is trustworthy, making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of GOD are right, rejoicing the heart. The commandment of GOD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

⁹ The fear of GOD is clean, enduring forever. The laws of GOD are true and righteous altogether.

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

^{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 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} Don't worry about evildoers, and don't envy wrongdoers. ⁷ Be still before GOD and wait patiently for him. Don't worry about him who prospers or about him who carries out wicked schemes. ⁸ Cease from anger and forsake wrath. Don't worry: it only leads 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 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. 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 ce-
dar in Lebanon.

^{96:2} Sing to GOD, bless his name. Pro-
claim his salvation from day to day.
³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous deeds among all the peo-
ples.

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

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

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

^{105:1} Give thanks to GOD. Call on
his name. Make known his deeds a-

mong 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 GOD rejoice. ⁴ Seek GOD 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 GOD. Give thanks to GOD, for he is good; for his loving-kindness endures forever.

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

^{112:1} Blessed is the man who fears GOD, who delights greatly in his commandments. 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 GOD than to put confidence in man. ⁹ It is better to take refuge in GOD than to put confidence in princes.

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

^{127:1} Except GOD build the house, they labor in vain who build it. Except GOD keep the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. ² 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.

^{127:3} Children are a heritage from GOD and the fruit of the womb is a reward.

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

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