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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 chil-  
dren 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 neigh-  
bor 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 forever. 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.

<sup>33:6</sup> By the word of GOD the heavens were made and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

<sup>34:13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. <sup>14</sup> Depart from evil and do good. Seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>37:1</sup> Don't worry about evildoers, and don't envy wrongdoers. <sup>7</sup> Be still before GOD and wait patiently for him. Don't worry about him who prospers or about him who carries out wicked schemes. <sup>8</sup> Cease from anger and forsake wrath. Don't worry: it only leads to evildoing.

<sup>37:16</sup> A little that the righteous has is better than the abundance of many wicked.

<sup>37:21</sup> The wicked borrows and does

not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives.

<sup>39:1</sup> 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.”

<sup>41:1</sup> Blessed is he who considers the poor. GOD will deliver him in the day of trouble.

<sup>46:1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>46:10</sup> Be still and know that I am God.

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

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

<sup>55:22</sup> Cast your burden on GOD and he will sustain you. He will never allow

the righteous to be moved.

<sup>82:3</sup> Defend the poor and fatherless.  
Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.  
<sup>4</sup> Rescue the poor and needy. Deliver  
them from the hand of the wicked.

<sup>92:12</sup> The righteous will flourish like  
the palm tree. He will grow like a ce-  
dar in Lebanon.

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

<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 forever.

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