

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 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 children 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 neighbor 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 for ever. 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 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; be-
cause of him who carries out wick-
ed 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.

^{96:2} Sing to GOD, 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 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} Oh give thanks to GOD. 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 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. Oh 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.

112:4 For the upright, light arises in
the darkness. He is gracious, merci-
ful 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 Jerusa-
lem.

127:1 Except GOD build the house,
they labor in vain who build it. Ex-
cept GOD keep the city, the watch-
man 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} Behold, children are a heritage from GOD 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 GOD, 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.