

# 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 the LORD 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 the LORD.

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

<sup>15:1</sup> LORD, 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 the LORD; 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.

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, making

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

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

<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 the LORD.

<sup>33:6</sup> By the word of the LORD 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> Fret not because of evildoers,  
and envy not wrongdoers.

<sup>37:7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> Cease from  
anger and forsake wrath. Fret not—  
it leads only 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.”

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. <sup>17</sup> 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 <sup>15</sup> 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.

<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 cedar in Lebanon.

<sup>96:2</sup> Sing to the LORD, 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 the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness. Come before him with singing.

<sup>102:17</sup> The LORD regards the prayer



of the destitute and does not despise their prayer.

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

<sup>105:1</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD. 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 the LORD rejoice. <sup>4</sup> Seek the LORD 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 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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.  
<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 the LORD 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 the LORD, 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.