

# **Wycliffe Associates**

## **Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide**

### *Proverbs*

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# 1:1-7

## Part 1

**Background:** This book is a collection of Israel's wisdom. A proverb is a short saying that teaches people to live well. Solomon is mentioned in this passage. Solomon was a very wise king of Israel, and he wrote some of these proverbs.

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The book was introduced as the proverbs of Solomon. [1:1]
- ☐ These sayings were written to teach wisdom and instruct God's people in the right way to live. [1:2-4]
- ☐ A wise person will hear and obey these teachings and they will learn more. [1:5]
- ☐ They will also understand the words wise people speak. [1:6]
- ☐ Those who obey and respect Yahweh start to get knowledge, but fools think wisdom is worthless. [1:7]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who is named in the introduction to this book? [1:1]  
Solomon son of David, king of Israel.
2. Why were these wise proverbs written? [1:2]  
They were written to teach wisdom, instruction, and words of insight.
3. How do these proverbs teach people to live? [1:3]  
They teach people to live by doing what is right, just, and fair.
4. Who will also learn from these proverbs? [1:4]  
Young and inexperienced people will also learn from them.
5. What will wise people gain by hearing and obeying these proverbs? [1:5]  
Wise people will learn even more and find guidance.
6. What will these wise sayings help people understand? [1:6]  
They will help people understand parables, the words of wise people and their riddles.
7. What is the beginning of knowledge? [1:7]  
The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge.
8. What do you think it means that the fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge?  
Perhaps it means that before a person can start gaining true knowledge, they must first respect Yahweh as God, obeying and revering him.

**Comment Section:**

# 1:20-33

## Part 1

**Background:** In the passage wisdom is presented as a woman who is speaking and will be referred to as “Wisdom,” “she,” or “her” in this section.

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Wisdom calls out to people in the streets, market, and city gates. [1:20-21]
- ☐ She speaks to people who are naive, mockers, and fools and tells them to listen to her instructions. She wants them to stop acting foolishly and accept her wisdom, but they refuse. [1:22-25]
- ☐ She said disaster will come upon them if they refuse to obey and live right and she will laugh at them. [1:26-27]
- ☐ She said they will cry out to her at that time, but she will not answer because they refused to listen and obey Yahweh. They will be destroyed. [1:28-32]
- ☐ Those who obey her wisdom will be safe and live in peace. [1:33]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who calls out to people in the open market, noisy streets, and city gates? [1:20-21]  
Wisdom calls out to the people.
2. What did Wisdom ask the people? [1:22]  
She asked them how long they would remain foolish and hate her knowledge.
3. Why do you think Wisdom calls out to people in the streets and at the city gates? [1:20-21]  
Perhaps she sees the danger of their foolish living and wants to invite them to learn God’s wisdom so they can live in a way that honors God.
4. What did Wisdom say she would do if they listened to her correction? [1:23]  
She would pour out her spirit and make her words known to them.
5. What do you think this means? [1:23]  
It probably means that they would be filled with wisdom.
6. What do the foolish refuse to listen to? [1:24-25]  
They refuse to listen to Wisdom’s instruction and correction.
7. What will happen to these foolish people? [1:26-27]  
They will be afraid, terrible things will happen to them, and Wisdom will laugh at them.
8. When disaster comes, what will the foolish people do? [1:28]  
They will call out to Wisdom and seek her, but they will not find her. [1:28]

**Proverbs 1:20-33 continued**

9. Why can they not find Wisdom? [1:29]

They cannot find her because they hate knowledge and do not honor and obey Yahweh.

10. What will the foolish eat and be filled with? [1:31]

They will eat and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.

11. What do you think this means? [1:31]

It probably means they will get the punishment they deserve because of their evil actions.

12. Why will the foolish be destroyed? [1:32]

They will be destroyed because they refuse to listen to instruction.

13. How will those who hear and obey Wisdom live? [1:33]

They will live in peace and without fear of danger.

**Comment Section:**

## 3:1-12

**Background:** A teacher of wisdom is speaking to a learner referred to as “son.” Son could be a child or other learner, and the instructions apply to both males and females. “Son” and “learner” apply to everyone who reads these words.

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The teacher told the son to remember and obey his wise teachings and instructions. This would help him live a long and peaceful life. [3:1-2]
- ☐ The teacher told the son to be loving and faithful in all he did, and he would be approved by Yahweh and man. [3:3-4]
- ☐ The teacher told the son not to trust in his own understanding, but he must trust Yahweh completely and let Yahweh lead them. [3:5-6]
- ☐ The teacher told the son to respect and obey Yahweh and refuse to do evil because this would be medicine to keep him in good health and refresh his body. [3:7-8]
- ☐ The teacher told the son to honor Yahweh with his wealth, and Yahweh would fill the son’s storehouse with food. [3:9-10]
- ☐ The teacher told the son he must not refuse when Yahweh corrected him, because Yahweh disciplines those he loves just as parents correct their children they love. [3:11-12]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did the teacher want the son to keep in his heart? [3:1]  
He wanted him to keep his commandments in his heart.
2. What would the teacher’s instructions give the son? [3:2]  
They would give him a long life and peace.
3. What must the son never allow to leave him? [3:3]  
Steadfast love and faithfulness must never leave him.
4. What would the son find from God and man? [3:4]  
He would find favor and a good reputation.
5. What must the son not rely on? [3:5]  
The learner must not rely on his own understanding.
6. Why do you think the teacher commanded this? [3:5]  
Perhaps he wanted the son to remember that Yahweh is the source of all wisdom, and he must trust Yahweh with all his thinking.
7. How must the son not see himself? [3:7]  
The son must not see himself as wise.

**Proverbs 3:1-12 continued**

8. What will fearing Yahweh do for the son? [3:8]  
It will bring healing to his flesh and refreshment to his bones.
9. What must the son do with his wealth? [3:9]  
The son must honor Yahweh with his wealth.
10. What would happen if the son honored Yahweh with his wealth? [3:10]  
His storehouses would be filled with food and his vats would be bursting with new wine.
11. What must the son never despise? [3:11]  
He must never despise Yahweh's instruction.
12. Who does Yahweh discipline? [3:12]  
Yahweh disciplines those he loves.

**Comment Section:**

# 5:1-14

**Background:** Sheol is mentioned in this passage. Sheol is the world of the dead and is a place of sorrow and darkness.

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The teacher told the son to pay attention and listen to his wisdom so the son could behave properly. [5:1-2]
- ☐ The teacher warned the son that an adulteress might have sweet lips and say sweet words but in the end, she is like something bitter. [5:3-6]
- ☐ The teacher warned the son to listen to his teaching and keep away from an adulteress. [5:7-8]
- ☐ The teacher warned the son he would be without honor and life ruined if he did not obey these teachings. [5:9-14]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What was the son to pay attention to? [5:1]  
He was to pay attention to the teacher's wisdom.
2. What would the son do if he listened carefully to the teacher of wisdom? [5:2]  
He would make wise choices and speak with knowledge.
3. What are the lips of an adulteress sweeter than? [5:3]  
Her lips are sweeter than honey.
4. What is the adulteress like in the end? [5:4]  
She is bitter and cuts like a sharp sword.
5. What do you think this means? [5:3-4]  
It probably means that she talks to men in a way that makes her seem like she would give them pleasure, but really, she will cause them harm.
6. Where do the feet of the adulteress go? [5:5]  
Her feet go down to death, all the way to Sheol.
7. What does the adulteress give no thought to? [5:6]  
She gives no thought to the path that causes life.
8. What must his son not turn away from? [5:7]  
He must not turn away from listening to the words of his teacher.
9. What must the son stay away from? [5:8]  
He must stay away from the adulteress.

**Proverbs 5:1-14 continued**

10. What would the son give away if he became involved with an adulteress? [5:9]  
He would give away his honor and years of his life.
11. Where would the son's labor go if he became involved with an adulteress? [5:10]  
His labor would go to a foreigner.
12. What would happen at the end of his life if the son became involved with an adulteress? [5:11]  
His flesh and body would waste away.
13. What would the son say at the end of his life if he went with an adulteress? [5:12]  
He would say he had hated discipline and had rejected correction.
14. Who would the son say he did not listen to? [5:13]  
He would not listen to his teachers or his instructors.
15. What would almost happen to the son among all of the people? [5:14]  
He would almost be completely ruined.

**Comment Section:**



# 6:6-11

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The teacher told the learner to study the ant and he would be wise. [6:6]
- ☐ The teacher said the ant does not have a ruler yet stores up food in good times. [6:7-8]
- ☐ The teacher said the lazy person wants to keep sleeping but he will become poor as if a robber came and left him with nothing. [6:9-11]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What should a lazy person study? [6:6]  
A lazy person should study the ant.
2. What does the ant not have? [6:7]  
The ant does not have a commander, officer, or ruler.
3. What does the ant do in the summer? [6:8]  
The ant prepares and stores its food in the summer.
4. What does the lazy person want to do? [6:9-10]  
The lazy person wants to sleep and rest.
5. What will happen to the lazy person who does not want to get up? [6:11]  
The lazy person will become poor.

**Comment Section:**

# 8:1-21

**Background:** As in chapter 1, in this passage wisdom is presented as a woman who is speaking and will be referred to as “Wisdom,” “she,” or “her.”

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The teacher said Wisdom is like a woman who calls out to people on the hills and where the roads cross each other. [8:1-3]
- ☐ Wisdom is crying out to people. She wants the simple and foolish to learn wisdom. [8:4-5]
- ☐ Wisdom says her words can be trusted for they are just and straight for those with understanding. [8:6-9]
- ☐ She says her words are more precious than silver, gold, or jewels. [8:10-11]
- ☐ Wisdom says she has good judgment and told the learner to honor Yahweh and hate evil. [8:12-14]
- ☐ Wisdom says she helps rulers to govern rightly and make good laws. [8:15-16]
- ☐ Wisdom says those who love her will find her and she will fill their storehouses with valuables. [8:17-21]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who calls out on the hills and beside the entrance to the city? [8:1-3]  
Wisdom calls out.
2. Who does Wisdom call to? [8:4]  
Wisdom calls to all of mankind.
3. What do those who are foolish need? [8:5]  
They need an understanding mind.
4. What kinds of things does Wisdom speak about? [8:6-7]  
Wisdom speaks of good things and what is trustworthy.
5. What are the words of Wisdom’s mouth? [8:8-9]  
All her words are just and upright.
6. What is Wisdom more valuable than? [8:10-11]  
Wisdom and her instructions are more valuable than silver, gold, or jewels.
7. What does Wisdom possess? [8:12]  
Wisdom possesses knowledge and good judgment.
8. What does it mean to fear the Lord? [8:13]  
To fear the Lord means to hate evil, pride, arrogance and perverted speech.

**Proverbs 8:1-21 continued**

9. What does Wisdom have? [8:14]  
Wisdom has good advice, sound wisdom, insight, and strength.
10. How do kings and princes who listen to Wisdom govern? [8:15-16]  
They govern justly.
11. Who finds Wisdom? [8:17]  
Those who seek Wisdom find her.
12. What things are with Wisdom? [8:18]  
Riches and honor, lasting wealth and righteousness are with wisdom.
13. What is the fruit of Wisdom better than? [8:19]  
The fruit of Wisdom is better than gold and silver.
14. What do you think the fruit of Wisdom means? [8:19]  
It probably means the good things that people gained when they listen to Wisdom.
15. Where does Wisdom walk? [8:20]  
She walks in the path of righteousness and in the path of justice.
16. What do you think this means? [8:20]  
Perhaps it means that a person would become wise by living in a way that was right. Or perhaps it means that wisdom teaches a person how to do what is right.
17. What will Wisdom make for those who love her? [8:21]  
Wisdom will make those who love her rich.

**Comment Section:**

# 10:1-13

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The writer said a wise son makes his father happy, but a foolish son makes his mother sad. [10:1]
- ☐ Yahweh gives honest people a long life and gives them food, but he does not let the wicked prosper. [10:2-3]
- ☐ A person who works gains food and riches, but the lazy person will be poor. [10:4-5]
- ☐ Good people receive praise and when they die people are happy when they remember them. Wicked people hide violence and when they die people forget them quickly. [10:6-7]
- ☐ Wise people listen to good advice and act honestly and Yahweh keeps them safe. Foolish people do wicked things, and their dishonesty ruins them. [10:8-10]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What does a wise child cause his father to do? [10:1]  
He causes his father to rejoice.
2. What delivers a person from death? [10:2]  
Doing what is right delivers a person from death.
3. What will Yahweh not allow to happen to the righteous person? [10:3]  
Yahweh will not allow the righteous person to go hungry.
4. What is the result of lazy hands? [10:4]  
Lazy hands make a person poor.
5. What does a wise son do in the summer? [10:5]  
A wise son gathers the crops in summer.
6. What do those who do what is right receive from God? [10:6]  
Those who do what is right receive blessings from God.
7. What happens to the name of the wicked after they die? [10:7]  
The name of the wicked quickly rots away and is forgotten.
8. What will happen to a foolish talker? [10:8]  
A foolish talker will come to ruin.
9. What happens to a person with integrity? [10:9]  
A person with integrity will be safe.
10. What kind of mouth does a righteous person have? [10:11]  
A righteous person has a mouth like a water spring of life.

**Proverbs 10:1-13 continued**

11. What do you think this means? [10:11]

Perhaps it means that the righteous person speaks good and wise words that give life and blessing to the hearer.

12. What does love cover? [10:12]

Love covers all transgressions.

13. What do you think this means? [10:12]

It probably means that if you really love someone you will forgive them when they do wrong.

14. What is found on the lips of a person of good judgment? [10:13]

Wisdom is found on the lips of a person with good judgment.

15. What do you think this means? [10:13]

It probably means a person with good judgment spoke wise words.

**Comment Section:**

# 12:1-7

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The person who is happy when someone corrects him gets wisdom, but the person who hates correction is stupid. [12:1]
- ☐ Yahweh is pleased with a good person but punishes the one who does evil. [12:2]
- ☐ A righteous person will stand firm, but a wicked person will not. [12:3]
- ☐ A good wife brings honor to her husband but a wife who does bad things will make his bones rotten. [12:4]
- ☐ The righteous person plans what is just, but wicked people deceive. [12:5]
- ☐ The words of evil people are a trap, and they will be destroyed, but the words of good people protect others and their house will stand firm. [12:6-7]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What does a stupid person hate? [12:1]  
A stupid person hates correction.
2. Who does Yahweh condemn? [12:2]  
Yahweh condemns a man who makes evil plans.
3. Who cannot be uprooted? [12:3]  
Righteous people cannot be uprooted.
4. What brings honor to a husband? [12:4]  
A worthy wife brings honor to her husband.
5. What kind of advice do the wicked give? [12:5]  
The wicked give deceitful advice.
6. What keeps a righteous person safe? [12:6]  
The good words of a righteous person keep him safe.
7. What happens to the house of those who do what is right? [12:7]  
Their house will stand.

**Comment Section:**

# 14:1-7

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ A home is built up by a wise woman but is spoiled by a foolish one. [14:1]
- ☐ The person who lives right shows respect to Yahweh, but a dishonest person despises him. [14:2]
- ☐ The person who talks like a fool will be punished, but what the wise person says will save him. [14:3]
- ☐ A feeding trough is clean with no cattle, but crops come from the strength of an ox. [14:4]
- ☐ An honest person speaks the truth, but a dishonest person tells lies in court. [14:5]
- ☐ Mockers cannot find wisdom, but a discerning person finds it easily. [14:6]
- ☐ Stay away from foolish people because you will not learn anything from them. [14:7]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What does a wise woman do? [14:1]  
A wise woman builds her house.
2. Who despises Yahweh? [14:2]  
A person who is dishonest in his ways despises Yahweh.
3. What will the words of a wise person do? [14:3]  
The words of a wise person will save them.
4. Where does an abundant crop come from? [14:4]  
It comes from the strength of an ox.
5. What does a faithful witness not do? [14:5]  
A faithful witness does not lie.
6. What can a mocker not find? [14:6]  
A mocker cannot find wisdom.
7. What is a person to do when he meets a foolish person? [14:7]  
He must walk away from the foolish person.

**Comment Section:**

# 16:1-8

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ A person makes plans, but Yahweh decides the final outcome. [16:1]
- ☐ A person might think they are doing right, but Yahweh looks inside a person and tests them. [16:2]
- ☐ Trust the things that you do to Yahweh, and he will make it turn out well. [16:3]
- ☐ Yahweh has made everything for a purpose. [16:4]
- ☐ Yahweh hates everyone that is proud, and that person will be punished. [16:5]
- ☐ With loyalty and faithfulness sins are forgiven and those who honor Yahweh will stay away from evil. [16:6]
- ☐ Yahweh gives peace to those who please him. [16:7]
- ☐ It is better to be an honest person and be poor than to be rich and wicked. [16:8]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What belongs to a person? [16:1]  
The plans of the heart belong to a person.
2. How do all of a person's ways appear to himself? [16:2]  
All of a person's ways are pure in his own eyes.
3. How can a person's plans succeed? [16:3]  
A person's plans succeed if they are committed to Yahweh.
4. For what has Yahweh made everything? [16:4]  
Yahweh has made everything for its purpose.
5. What is an abomination to Yahweh? [16:5]  
A proud heart is an abomination to Yahweh.
6. Sin is forgiven by what? [16:6]  
Sin is forgiven by steadfast love and faithfulness.
7. What does Yahweh do for those who please him? [16:7]  
He makes even their enemies be at peace with them.
8. What is better than being rich but wicked? [16:8]  
It is better to be poor but do what is right.

**Comment Section:**



# 20:1-8

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The person who drinks too much alcohol argues, fights, and is not wise. [20:1]
- ☐ The person who makes a king angry will lose his life. [20:2]
- ☐ A person of honor will not quarrel with others, but a fool loves to argue. [20:3]
- ☐ If a lazy person does not plow in autumn, he will not have a crop at harvest. [20:4]
- ☐ A person with understanding will learn the purpose in a person's heart. [20:5]
- ☐ A lot of people say they can be trusted, but there are very few faithful friends. [20:6]
- ☐ A righteous person lives a blameless life, and his children will be blessed. [20:7]
- ☐ A ruler who decides cases knows something is evil when he sees it. [20:8]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who is not wise? [20:1]  
Whoever is led astray by wine or strong drink is not wise.
2. What happens to someone who angers the king? [20:2]  
Someone who angers the king forfeits his life.
3. What does every fool do? [20:3]  
Every fool joins an argument.
4. Why will a lazy person not have a crop at harvest time? [20:4]  
A lazy person will not have a crop because he did not plow in the planting season.
5. What is the purpose of a human heart like, and who can draw it out? [20:5]  
It is like deep water, but a person with understanding can draw it out.
6. What do you think this means? [20:5]  
Perhaps it means that it is hard to know someone's thoughts and intentions, but an intelligent person is able to understand.
7. What kind of person is difficult to find? [20:6]  
A faithful person is difficult to find.
8. What will happen to the sons of a person who walks in integrity? [20:7]  
The sons will be blessed.
9. Why do you think the sons who follow will be blessed? [20:7]  
Perhaps they will receive the good things that came from their father's integrity.

**Proverbs 20:1-8 continued**

10. What duties does a king perform? [20:8]  
He performs the duties of a judge.

**Comment Section:**

# 24:1-9

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Do not be jealous of evil people and stay away from them for they make trouble. [24:1-2]
- ☐ People build a house by using wisdom, and its rooms will be filled with many beautiful things. [24:3-4]
- ☐ A wise man and a man of knowledge have great strength and it is good to get guidance when you go to war. [24:5-6]
- ☐ A foolish person has nothing of value to say to the wise. [24:7]
- ☐ A master of schemes plans to do evil and the things a fool thinks up are sinful. [24:8-9]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who is a person not to be envious of? [24:1]  
A person is not to be envious of those who are evil.
2. Why should people not desire to associate with those who are evil? [24:2]  
They should not desire this because evil people plan to do violence and they talk of trouble.
3. A house is established by what? [24:3]  
A house is established by understanding.
4. How are rooms filled with precious and pleasant riches? [24:4]  
They are filled with these things by knowledge.
5. What does a man of knowledge do? [24:5]  
He increases his strength.
6. What brings victory in war? [24:6]  
Victory in war comes from the guidance of many advisors.
7. What is too high for a fool? [24:7]  
Wisdom is too high for a fool.
8. What do you think this means? [24:7]  
Perhaps it means that wise sayings are too hard for a foolish person, and he does not understand the meaning.
9. Who plans to do evil? [24:8]  
A master of schemes plans to do evil.
10. What did the writer say is sin? [24:9]  
A foolish plan is sin.

**Comment Section:**

# 27:1-7

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ People must not speak with praise or pride about themselves. [27:1-2]
- ☐ Provocation caused by a fool is heavier than a stone. [27:3]
- ☐ Jealousy is worse than rage and anger. [27:4]
- ☐ An open rebuke is better than hidden love. [27:5]
- ☐ The wounds caused by a friend are better than the kisses of an enemy. [27:6]
- ☐ To a hungry person, anything tastes sweet. [27:7]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why must a person not boast about tomorrow? [27:1]  
A person must not boast about tomorrow because he does not know what a day may bring.
2. Whom must a person not praise? [27:2]  
A person must praise himself.
3. What is heavier than the weight of sand? [27:3]  
The provocation of a fool is heavier than the weight of sand.
4. How are rage and anger compared to jealousy? [27:4]  
Jealousy is worse than rage and anger.
5. How are hidden love and an open rebuke compared? [27:5]  
A rebuke that is clearly seen is better than hidden love.
6. What do you think this means? [27:5]  
Hidden love does not benefit the person loved in any way, because the person does not know about the love. A rebuke that is done openly can benefit the person being rebuked because the person can learn from it and change his behavior.
7. What may an enemy do to deceive a person? [27:6]  
An enemy may kiss a person many times to deceive him. The kisses may make the person think that the enemy is their friend.
8. What person thinks every bitter thing is sweet? [27:7]  
The hungry person thinks every bitter thing is sweet.

**Comment Section:**

# 30:1-9

## Part 1

**Background:** This passage mentions a man named Agur. No one is sure who he was. Ithiel and Ucal may have been disciples of Agur.

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Agur, the son of Jakeh, wrote these words to Ithiel and Ucal. [30:1]
- ☐ Agur said he had not learned wisdom or knowledge of the Holy One. [30:2-4]
- ☐ Agur taught that God is a shield to those who take refuge in him. God is also truthful and disciplines those who add to his words. [30:5-6]
- ☐ Agur asked that he would not be vain and would not lie. He asked that he would be neither rich nor poor so that he does not profane God's name. [30:7-9]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Whose words are these? [30:1]  
These are the words of Agur the son of Jakeh--the burden.
2. What did Agur say he did not have? [30:2]  
He said he did not have the understanding of a human being but of an animal.
3. What had the author not learned? [30:3]  
He had not learned wisdom.
4. Why did Agur ask a series of questions in this verse? [30:4]  
Perhaps he used these questions to say that it was impossible for a human to truly know God. The answer to all of these questions was "no one." When he said, "Surely you know," he probably was using irony. Ithiel and Ucal did not know those things either.
5. To whom is God a shield? [30:5]  
He is a shield to those who took refuge in him.
6. What will happen to someone who adds to God's words? [30:6]  
God will discipline someone who adds to God's words.
7. How wealthy did the author wish to be? [30:8]  
The author wished to have neither poverty nor riches.
8. What was the author afraid he would do if he were rich? [30:9]  
The author was afraid he would deny Yahweh.

**Comment Section:**

# 30:18-31

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The author thought about things he did not understand. [30:18-19]
- ☐ He thought about the way of an adulteress. [30:20]
- ☐ The author thought about things that should not happen. [30:21-23]
- ☐ The author thought about things on earth that were both small and wise. [30:24-28]
- ☐ He thought about things that walked beautifully or in an amazing way. [30:29-31]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What four things did the author not understand? [30:19]  
He did not understand the way of the eagle in the sky, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship in the sea, and the way of a man with a young woman.
2. What do you think this means? [30:19]  
The first three things travel in a way that cannot be tracked. The eagle does not leave a mark in the sky, the snake does not leave a mark on the rock, and the ship does not leave a mark in the sea. Perhaps the author meant that the ways that a man and a woman fall in love cannot be visibly seen either.
3. What does the adulteress say about her deeds? [30:20]  
She says that she has not behaved wickedly.
4. What is the first thing that the author said causes the earth to tremble? [30:22]  
The first thing that causes the earth to tremble is a slave when he becomes king.
5. What is the fourth thing that the author said causes the earth to tremble? [30:23]  
The fourth thing that causes the earth to tremble is when a slave takes the place of her mistress.
6. Why do you think these four things cause the earth to tremble? [30:21-22]  
Perhaps the author meant that these four things are not natural and should not happen.
7. How many things on earth did the author say were both small and wise? [30:24]  
He said there are four things on earth that are both small and wise.
8. When do the ants prepare their food? [30:25]  
They prepare their food in the summer.
9. Where do the rock badgers make their homes? [30:26]  
They make their homes in the rocks.

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10. What do the locusts do? [30:27]

They march in rank though they have no king.

11. What is amazing about the lizard? [30:28]

Lizards are small, yet they are found in kings' palaces.

12. How many things did the author consider when thinking about how things walk? [30:29]

He thought about four things.

13. What does not turn away from anything? [30:30]

The lion does not turn away from anything.

14. When does a king walk in a stately manner? [30:31]

A king does this when his soldiers are beside him.

**Comment Section:**

# 31:10-31

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The author thought about a wonderful and capable wife. He considered the things she does and how she is loved by others. [31:10-27]
- ☐ The author thought about the things the wonderful wife's children say about her. [31:28-29]
- ☐ The author said that a wife who fears Yahweh will be praised by others. [31:30-31]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What is more valuable than jewels? [31:10]  
A capable wife is more valuable than jewels.
2. What will happen to a husband who trusts in a capable wife? [31:11]  
He will never be poor.
3. What does the capable wife do all the days of her life? [31:12]  
She does good for her husband and not evil.
4. What does the wife search for? [31:13]  
She searches for wool and flax.
5. In what way is she like merchant ships? [31:14]  
She brings food from far away.
6. When does the capable wife arise? [31:15]  
She arises while it is night.
7. What does a capable wife do with the field she buys? [31:16]  
She plants a vineyard.
8. What does the capable wife dress herself with? [31:17]  
She dresses herself with strength.
9. Why do you think the wife's lamp is lit all night long? [31:18]  
It is probably lit all night so she can work hard to make a profit.
10. What does the wife do with her hands? [31:19]  
She uses a spindle and twisted thread.
11. Whom does the capable wife help? [31:20]  
She helps people who are poor and needy.



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12. Why is the capable wife not afraid of the snow? [31:21]  
She is not afraid because all her household is clothed in scarlet.
13. What kind of clothes does the capable wife wear? [31:22]  
She wears clothes made of fine purple linen.
14. Where does the capable wife's husband sit? [31:23]  
Her husband sits with the elders at the gates.
15. What does the wife sell? [31:24]  
She sells linen garments.
16. What is the capable wife clothed with? [31:25]  
She is clothed with strength and honor.
17. What is on the capable wife's tongue? [31:26]  
The law of kindness is on the capable wife's tongue.
18. How does the capable wife manage her household? [31:27]  
She watches over the ways of her household and is not idle.
19. What do the children of the capable wife call her? [31:28]  
Her children call her blessed.
20. Why do you think the children call their mother blessed? [31:28-29]  
It is probably because her works are greater than all other women.
21. What kind of woman will be praised? [31:30]  
A woman who fears Yahweh will be praised.
22. What praises the capable wife in the gates? [31:31]  
Her works praise her in the gates.

**Comment Section:**