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Book of Proverbs 23-31

**Lord, search me, and know my heart:
try me and know my thoughts.
Determine if there is any offensive way
in me, and lead me in the way of
everlasting.**

**Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me,
and know my thoughts: And see if there be any
wicked way in me, and lead me in the way
everlasting.**

Psalm 139: 23-24

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Proverbs Chapters 23-31

Chapter 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when sitting before a table of excess, that we should consider diligently what is placed before us. And to put a knife to our throat if we are given to gluttony.

Lord God, cause me to be careful not to over eat, when abundant and delicious food is set before me.

When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee: And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite.

Proverbs 23: 1-2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that delicacies at a table can be deceptive.

Lord God, cause me to not be given to appetite, and when an abundance of delicacies are set before me, cause me to make proper food choices.

Be not desirous of his dainties: for they are deceitful meat.

Proverbs 23: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that we should not overwork to become rich, and those who have understanding should cease.

Lord God, cause me to not weary myself to become rich, and give me wisdom to show restraint.

Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.

Proverbs 23: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not set our eyes on riches, for riches will sprout wings, and fly away towards heaven.

Lord God, cause me to not weary myself trying to get rich, for riches make themselves wings, and fly away as an eagle.

Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

Proverbs 23: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is not wise to eat with those who have an evil eye, or to desire his delicacies.

Lord God, cause me to not eat the bread of an evil man, or desire the delicacies he offers.

Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:

Proverbs 23: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those with an evil eye, may tell you to eat and drink, but their heart is not with you.

Lord God, cause me to be careful to not accept every man's invitation to dine, as some say to eat and drink, but inwardly they are despising of your presence.

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

Proverbs 23: 7

Lord God, cause me to be wise of whose food I eat, so the experience will not sour my stomach.

The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.

Proverbs 23: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that if You speak in the ear of a fool, he will despise the wisdom of Your words.

Lord God, keep me from being a fool, and despising when wisdom is spoken to me.

Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

Proverbs 23: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not move the ancient boundary markers.

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not encroach the boundaries of the fatherless.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You are their redeemer, are mighty, and You will please their cause against those who violate these instructions

Lord God, cause me to respect ancient boundaries, and to not infringe on the boundaries of the fatherless, and defenseless.

Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless: For their redeemer is mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee.

Proverbs 23: 10-11

Lord God, make my heart long for instruction, and my ears, for words of knowledge.

Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

Proverbs 23: 12

Lord God, guide me to properly correct my child, while keeping him safe, and delivering his soul from the bondage of sin.

Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

Proverbs 23: 13-14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that if a son's heart is wise, a father's heart will rejoice.

Lord God, cause my son's heart to be wise, so I may rejoice. Cause my heart to be wise, so You may rejoice.

My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.

Proverbs 23: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a father's inmost being will rejoice, when his son speaks right things.

Lord God, cause my son to speak right things, so I may rejoice. Cause me to speak right things so You may rejoice.

Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

Proverbs 23: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that we are not to envy sinners, but we are to be in fear of You all day long. In the end, those who fear You will not have their expectations cut off.

Lord God, cause my heart to not envy sinners, but to be in fear of You all day long, for You have given me a future hope, and my expectation shall not be cut off.

Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long. For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.

Proverbs 23: 17-18

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, that a son should listen, be wise, and keep his heart on the right path.

Lord God, cause me to listen, become wise, and keep my heart on the right path.

Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

Proverbs 23: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not associate with those who drink too much, or are gluttonous eaters of meat.

Lord God, keep me from the company of those who drink too much, or are gluttonous eaters of meat.

Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:

Proverbs 23: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that drunkards and gluttons will come to poverty, and their drowsiness will clothe them with rags.

Lord God, keep me from becoming a drunkard, or a gluttonous eater of food, that would cause me to be poor, and clothed in rags.

For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

Proverbs 23: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, that a son should listen intently to the father who gave him life, and not despise his mother when she is old.

Lord God, cause me to listen intently to my father, and not despise my mother when she is old.

Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

Proverbs 23: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, that we should buy should buy - and not sell - truth. And we should get wisdom, instruction, and understanding.

Lord God, cause me to buy truth, and not sell it. And to get wisdom, instruction, and understanding.

Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

Proverbs 23: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the father of the righteous has great joy, and he that fathers a wise child delights in him.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, the type of person that makes his father have great joy, and the type whose father delights in him.

The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.

Proverbs 23: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a child whose father has great joy, and delights in him, will make his father and mother glad, and his mom will delight in him.

Lord God, cause me to be a child whose father has great joy, who delights in him, who makes his father and mother glad, and whose mom delights in him.

Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

Proverbs 23: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a son should give his father his heart, and his eyes should observe his ways.

Lord God, make my ways upright, so my son may give me his heart, and observe the ways of righteousness, as I have given You my heart, and observe Your righteousness.

My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

Proverbs 23: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a prostitute is a deep ditch, and an adulteress woman is a narrow pit, who lie in wait for a prey, and multiplies the unfaithful among men.

Lord God, cause me to not be taken in by a prostitute, or an adulterous woman, and be placed among the transgressors.

Lord God, cause me to not be a prostitute, or an adulterous woman, multiplying the unfaithful among men.

For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit. She also lieth in wait as for a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men.

Proverbs 23: 27-28

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who linger over wine, and go looking for mixed wine, have woe, sorrow, contentions, babbling, wounds without cause, and redness of eyes.

Lord God, cause me to not linger over wine, or go looking for mixed wine.

Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

Proverbs 23: 29-30

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that alcohol can be alluring, and can try to seduce one to drink it.

Lord God, keep me from being seduced by the allure of alcohol, and wine.

Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

Proverbs 23: 31

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that taken to it's end, alcohol can bite like a serpent, and sting like a viper.

Lord God, cause me to not be ensnared by the drinking of alcohol.

At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

Proverbs 23: 32

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that alcohol can cause lust for immoral women, and make one's heart utter perverse things.

Lord God, keep me from alcohol, and from lusting after immoral women, and uttering perverse things.

Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

Proverbs 23: 33

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that indulging of alcohol is likened to lying in the sea, where we will drown, or lying on the top of a mast, where we will fall and be broken to pieces.

Lord God, keep me from alcohol, and from activities that would lead to my destruction.

Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

Proverbs 23: 34

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who drink alcohol can be put in a stupor, where they do not know what they are doing, or what is being done to them, yet they will seek it again.

Lord God, keep me from alcohol, from being insensible to everything around me, and yet desiring to do it again.

They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

Proverbs 23: 35

Chapter 24

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not be envious of evil men, and do not desire to be with them.

Lord God, cause me to not envy evil men, or desire to be with them.

Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.

Proverbs 24: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that evil men's hearts devise violence, and their words stir up trouble.

Lord God, cause me to not envy men whose heart's devise violence, and whose lips speak of trouble.

For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

Proverbs 24: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding, it is established.

Lord God, cause my house to be built through wisdom, and established by understanding.

Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:

Proverbs 24: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when a house is built through wisdom, and established by understanding, knowledge will fill the rooms with all precious and pleasant riches.

Lord God, cause knowledge to fill the rooms of my house, with all pleasant and precious riches.

And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Proverbs 24: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a wise man is strong, and a man of knowledge increases strength.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, be strong, and increase my strength.

A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

Proverbs 24: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that war should be made by wise counsel, and through a multitude of counselors, there is safety.

For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.

Proverbs 24: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom is too high for a fool, and he does not open his mouth in the gate.

Lord God, cause me to be possess wisdom, and to be able to open my mouth in the gate.

Wisdom is too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.

Proverbs 24: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a person who devises to do evil, shall be called a mischievous person.

Lord God, keep me from devising to do evil, or from being called mischievous.

He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person.

Proverbs 24: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the thought of foolishness is sin, and the scoffer is an abomination to men.

Lord God, cause me to not devise foolishness, and to not jeer, mock, treat something with contempt, or call out in derision.

The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men.

Proverbs 24: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who faint in the day of adversity, their strength is small.

Lord God, give me strength in the day of adversity.

If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

Proverbs 24: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that we should stand up for those we know are innocent, but will be slain for a matter they are not guilty of.

Lord God, cause me to stand up for the innocent, and not neglect to plead their cause.

If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain;

Proverbs 24: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that if we do not stand up for the innocent, who are to be slain for offenses they are not guilty of, You, who keeps are soul will know it, and shall render back to us according to our work.

Lord God, cause me to stand up for the innocent, and not neglect to plead their cause, lest You will know of it, and this transgression will be upon me.

If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?

Proverbs 24: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom should be to the soul, as honey is good, and sweet to the taste.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when knowledge and wisdom are found, there will be a reward, and the expectation of it will not be cut off.

Lord God, cause me to seek the knowledge of wisdom, gain a reward, and not be disappointed.

My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste: So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

Proverbs 24: 13-14

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to wicked men, not to lie in wait against the dwelling of the righteous, or destroy his resting place, as the just man will fall and rise again, but the wicked will fall into ruin.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and not go up against the righteous.

Lay not wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting place: For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

Proverbs 24: 15-16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that we should not rejoice when our enemy falls, and we should not have a glad heart when he stumbles.

Lord God, cause me to not rejoice when my enemy falls, and do not let my heart be glad when he stumbles.

Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:

Proverbs 24: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that if we rejoice when our enemy falls, or our heart is glad when he stumbles, it would displease You, and You would turn away Your wrath from him.

Lord God, cause me to not rejoice when my enemy falls, and do not let my heart be glad when he stumbles, as You would see my sin, be displeased, and turn away Your wrath from him.

Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

Proverbs 24: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not fret because of evildoers, or be envious of the wicked.

Lord God, cause me to not fret because of evildoers, or be envious of the wicked.

Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked;

Proverbs 24: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that there shall be no reward to the evil man, and the candle of the wicked shall be put out.

Lord God, teach me not to fret because of evil men, or be envious of the wicked, for there is no reward for an evil man, and the lamp of the wicked will be put out.

For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.

Proverbs 24: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to fear You, and the king, and to not associate with those who are rebels.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a rebel's destruction will come suddenly, and who knows what calamities they may bring.

Lord God, cause me to fear You, and the government, and to not associate with those who would rebel against either.

My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change: For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

Proverbs 24: 21-22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is not good to have respect of person's in judgment.

Lord God, cause me not to not show partiality in judgment, and keep me from receiving an unjust judgment, from those who do.

These things also belong to the wise. It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

Proverbs 24: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who say to the wicked, "You are righteous" will be cursed by people, and denounced by nations.

Lord God, cause me to not say to the wicked, "You are righteous".

He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:

Proverbs 24: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who rebuke the wicked, will have delight, and a good blessing will come upon them.

Lord God, cause me to be one who rebukes the wicked.

But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.

Proverbs 24: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that an honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.

Lord God, cause me to a person who gives honest answers.

Every man shall kiss his lips that giveth a right answer.

Proverbs 24: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction to plan and prepare our fields, before building a house.

Lord God, cause me to plan ahead, and make preparations for a harvest, before building a house.

Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.

Proverbs 24: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not be a witness against a neighbor without cause, and to not deceive with my lips.

Lord God, cause me to not witness against someone without cause, and to not deceive with my lips.

Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive not with thy lips.

Proverbs 24: 28

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not say we will pay someone back for what they have done to us.

Lord God, thank You for promise, that You will pay them back for what they have done.

Lord God, cause me to no pay anyone back for what they have done to me, but to leave retribution, if it is due, to you.

Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.

Proverbs 24: 29

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that by looking at a lazy man's vineyard, grown over with thorns, covered in nettles, and the walls broken down, we can consider the sight, and receive instruction.

Lord God, cause me to be a hard worker, that has understanding, and keeps up with things that need to be done.

I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.

Proverbs 24: 30-32

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that with a little sleep, a little slumber, and a little folding of the hands, poverty will come as a robber, and want will come as an armed man.

Lord God, cause me to be a hard worker, that does not put off things that need to be done.

Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.

Proverbs 24: 33-34

Chapter 25

Lord God, thank You for these proverbs of Solomon, copied by the men of Hezekiah, king of Judah.

These are also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

Proverbs 25: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You are all knowledgeable and do not need advice or assistance from any other.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the kings of this earth need to search out the truth of claims, in order to be reasonable and just.

Lord God, cause kings, and governments, to seek righteous counsel, seek for truth in judgment, and attempt to impart justice to their people.

It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.

Proverbs 25: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the reasons for the actions of rulers, and their secrets, can not be known by the common person.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that although kings search out other men, their inward thoughts are not discoverable.

The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings is unsearchable.

Proverbs 25: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that just as taking away dross from silver makes it more pure, taking away wicked counsel from before a king, will establish his throne in righteousness.

Lord God, cause the rulers of our country to cast off wicked counsels, and establish our government in righteousness.

Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer. Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.

Proverbs 25: 4-5

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not stand before a king, or stand in a place of honor, unless you are instructed to be there.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is better to be asked to move in to a place of honor, than to be standing in the place of honor, and be asked to move to a lower place.

Lord God, incline me to not feel entitled to occupy a place of honor, unless those in charge have placed me there.

Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great men: For better it is that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.

Proverbs 25: 6-7

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not enter into court hastily.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who hastily take their neighbors to court, will be in a difficult situation, and will be put to shame, if they lose their case.

Lord God, cause me to be discerning, and to not be in haste to bring charges against my neighbor, especially if my claims may be unjust.

Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

Proverbs 25: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to bring up any disputes we may have with our neighbor himself, and to not divulge these conversations to others.

Lord God, cause me to discuss problems with my neighbor privately.

Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and discover not a secret to another:

Proverbs 25: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that if we do not discuss our problems with a neighbor privately, but instead take them to an open forum, we might be put to shame, and bring public reproach on ourselves.

Lord God, cause me to discuss problems with my neighbor privately.

Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away

Proverbs 25: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a word spoken at the right time, is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

Lord God, cause me to speak the right words at the appropriate time.

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

Proverbs 25: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a wise person giving correction to a person who wants to be obedient, is a beautiful thing.

Lord God, cause me to have a yearning for obedience, and make it a joy when I receive wise correction.

As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear.

Proverbs 25: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the coolness of snow is refreshing on a day of hot work.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a faithful messenger is refreshing to those who send him.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a faithful messenger refreshes the soul of his masters.

Lord God, cause me to be a faithful messenger of Your word, and to be trustworthy in my speech.

As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.

Proverbs 25: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who boast of a gift that they did not give, are like clouds, and wind without rain.

Lord God, cause me to not boast of giving things that I did not give.

Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain.

Proverbs 25: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a ruler can be persuaded by patience, and a gentle words can make a powerful impression.

Lord God, cause me to be patient in my persuasions, and to use gentle speech.

By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

Proverbs 25: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that if we find honey, only eat what is sufficient, as you can get sick from eating too much, and vomit.

Lord God, cause me to eat things in moderation, and not over indulge.

Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

Proverbs 25: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is best to not spend too much time in a neighbors house, else he will weary of you, and hate you.

Lord God, cause me to not spend too much time with my friends, where they get tired of having me around, and stop enjoying my company.

Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.

Proverbs 25: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that bearing false witness against your neighbor can cause a lot of pain, and do much injury.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that bearing false witness against your neighbor is like a maul, a sword, or a sharp arrow.

Lord God, cause me to be truthful, and to not bear false witness against anyone.

A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

Proverbs 25: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that trusting in an unreliable person in times of trouble, is like a broken tooth, or a foot out of joint.

Lord God, cause me to be reliable, and trustworthy.

Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

Proverbs 25: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that whoever sings songs to a heavy heart, is like one who takes off a garment on a cold day, or pours vinegar on soda.

Lord God, cause me to not be merry towards someone with a heavy heart.

As he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, and as vinegar upon nitre, so is he that singeth songs to an heavy heart.

Proverbs 25: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to give my enemy food if he is hungry, and drink if he is thirsty.

Lord God, cause me to give my enemies food if they are hungry, and water if they are thirsty.

If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:

Proverbs 25: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that I should give my enemies food if they are hungry, and drink if they are thirsty. If they are not won over, it will aggravate their sin and punishment, and heap the burning coals of Your wrath on their heads, and it will earn me a reward.

Lord God, incline my heart to give my enemies food to eat when they are hungry, and water to drink when they are thirsty. If there are contentions, let it be because of them.

For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

Proverbs 25: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that as a north wind brings forth rain, so does a gossiper bring forth an angry countenance.

Lord God, keep me from gossiping, and making someone angry with me.

The north wind driveth away rain: so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

Proverbs 25: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, than in a house with a quarrelsome wife.

Lord God, give me a gentle and quiet spirit, so my house can be filled with peace, and harmony.

It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.

Proverbs 25: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that as cold water is to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

Lord God, cause me to bring good news to those who have waited for it, and who long to hear it.

As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

Proverbs 25: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when the righteous are oppressed by the wicked, their power to do good is destroyed.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and to not bow down before the wicked.

A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.

Proverbs 25: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that just as eating too much honey is not good, neither is it good to seek intently for the honor and applause of men.

Lord God, cause me to be humble, and to not do righteous works, striving to be seen by men.

It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory.

Proverbs 25: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that someone who has no rule over his own spirit, is like a city that is broken down and without walls.

Lord God, cause me to have rule over my spirit, so I am not like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

Proverbs 25: 28

Chapter 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that snow is not fitting in the summer, rain is not fitting during harvest, and honor is not fitting for a fool.

Lord God, cause me to not give honor to a foolish person.

As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool.

Proverbs 26: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, the innocent will escape from a curse, like a bird escapes from a fowler.

Lord God, thank You for the confidence, that an undeserved curse, will not harm those who are innocent.

As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

Proverbs 26: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that as whips are for horses, and bridles are for donkeys, so are rods for the fools back.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and not need punishment to get me to listen to You.

A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.

Proverbs 26: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not answer a fool in the same way a fool would answer.

Lord God, cause me not to answer a fool in the same way a fool would answer.

Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

Proverbs 26: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, that an answer to a fool should be wise, convincing, reprovng, and will put him to shame.

Lord God, cause me to be able to give wise, convincing, and reprovng answers to fools, that will put them to shame.

Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.

Proverbs 26: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is not wise to use a fool to do important work.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that sending a fool to deliver a message, is like cutting off your own feet.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that sending a fool to deliver a message, will result in a lot of damage.

Lord God, cause me to be wise when selecting someone for an important work.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, if You, or someone else chooses me to do some important work.

He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, and drinketh damage.

Proverbs 26: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a fool will distort a parable, so it will not teach a proper message.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, and to be able to impart wisdom correctly.

The legs of the lame are not equal: so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

Proverbs 26: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that giving honor to a fool is something that is not right, and should be avoided.

Lord God, cause me to no give honor to fools.

As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so is he that giveth honour to a fool.

Proverbs 26: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a parable in the mouth of a fool, is like a thorn in the hand of a drunkard.

Lord God, cause me to be discerning, and cautious, if I should hear a fool speak a parable.

As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

Proverbs 26: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that someone who hires a fool, or any passer-by, is like an archer who wounds at random.

Lord God, cause me to not hire a fool, or just any passer by.

Like an archer who wounds at random is he who hires a fool or any passer-by.

Proverbs 26: 10 (NIV)

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that like a dog returns to his vomit, fools repeat their foolishness.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, and to cease foolish ways.

As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.

Proverbs 26: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are wise in their own eyes, are worse than a fool.

Lord God, cause me to not be wise in my own eyes.

Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

Proverbs 26: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the lazy will make up excuses to not do work.

Lord God, cause me to be a hard worker, and to not make up excuses why I can not work.

The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets.

Proverbs 26: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are slothful spend a lot of time in bed.

Lord God, cause me to be a hard worker, and to not get excessive sleep.

As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed.

Proverbs 26: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, those who are slothful, are too lazy to do what it takes to feed themselves.

Lord God, cause me to be a hard worker, and to not be too lazy to provide substance.

The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.

Proverbs 26: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are lazy are wise in their own minds, than seven men that can answer sensibly.

Lord God, cause me to be hard working, and to not be arrogant.

The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.

Proverbs 26: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is like taking a dog by the ears, when someone passes by, and meddles in strife not belonging to him.

Lord God, keep me from meddling in strife that I have no part in.

He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.

Proverbs 26: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who play harmful practical jokes are hostile in their spirit.

Lord God, cause me to be honest, have self control, and to have concern and respect for the well being and welfare of my neighbors.

As a mad man who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death, So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?

Proverbs 26: 18-19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that where there is no wood, the fire goes out. And where there is no gossiper, the strife ceases.

Lord God, keep me from gossiping, and from being around those who gossip, so I might also be kept from strife.

Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

Proverbs 26: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a quarrelsome man kindles strife.

Lord God, keep me from from being quarrelsome, and from being around those who are quarrelsome, so I might be kept from strife.

As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.

Proverbs 26: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the words of a talebearer are like wounds, that go down to the innermost parts of the belly.

Lord God, keep me from gossiping, and from the harm it causes.

The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

Proverbs 26: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that an common earthen vessel, with a thin sheet of silver to make it look extremely valuable, looks good, but it is not worth anything.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that smooth words from an evil heart, sound good, but are not worth anything.

Lord God, cause my words to be honest and pure, and my speech to be sincere.

Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a potsherd covered with silver dross.

Proverbs 26: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who hate, disguise themselves with their speech, and they harbor deceit in their heart.

Lord God, cause me to love others, and to not harbor deceit in my heart.

He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him;

Proverbs 26: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not believe the speech of those who hate.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that in hearts of those who hate, are seven abominations.

Lord God, cause me to love, and to have honest speech that can be believed.

When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart.

Proverbs 26: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who hate, and have covered their hatred in deceit, their evil will be revealed in the assembly.

Lord God, cause me to love, and to not cover hatred with deceit.

Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation.

Proverbs 26: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who dig a pit will fall in it.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who roll a stone, will have it roll back on them.

Lord God, cause me to not set a trap for others.

Lord God, cause me to not do something that will crush someone.

Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

Proverbs 26: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who lie, hate those who are hurt by their lie.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who have a flattering mouth, causes ruin.

Lord God, cause me to love others, and to not tell lies that may hurt them.

Lord God, cause me to be sincere, and to not use flattery as a way to get something in return.

A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

Proverbs 26: 28

Chapter 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that we are not to boast of tomorrow, for we do not know what tomorrow may bring.

Lord God, cause me to not boast of tomorrow, for I do not know what tomorrow may bring.

Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

Proverbs 27: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that we are not to praise ourselves, that if praise is due us, it should come unsolicited from others.

Lord God, give my heart wisdom, to not praise myself.

Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

Proverbs 27: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your wisdom, that as a stone is heavy, and sand is weighty, but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both.

Lord God, keep me from having a fool's wrath, and from experiencing the wrath of fools.

A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both.

Proverbs 27: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your wisdom, that wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous, but it is wise to stay away from ungoverned passion.

Lord God, keep me out of the path of those who are full of jealousy, or have ungoverned passions.

Anger is cruel and fury overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?

Proverbs 27: 4 (NIV)

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that open rebuke is better than secret love.

Lord God, cause me to consider open rebuke, as better than secret love.

Open rebuke is better than secret love.

Proverbs 27: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wounds of a friend are faithful, but kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Lord God, cause me to accept the wounds of a friend, and be cautious of kisses from an enemy.

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Proverbs 27: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who believe they have it all can not appreciate the things You provide them, as much as those who have want.

Lord God, cause me to appreciate the things You have provided me, and to understand how good You have been.

Lord God, cause me to be desirous of more wisdom, and to continue to seek after it.

The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

Proverbs 27: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a man that wanders from his place, is like a bird that wanders from her nest.

Lord God, keep me safe, and from wandering away from my home.

As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place.

Proverbs 27: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that ointment and perfume can rejoice the heart.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the sweetness of a friend that arises from his hearty counsel, can rejoice the heart.

Lord God, cause me to have friends that give me earnest counsel, that rejoices my heart.

Lord God, cause me to be someone, who my friends deems sweet by my earnest counsel, and who also rejoices their hearts.

Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.

Proverbs 27: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that friends are a good help in times of need, and can be better than a relative who is distant.

Lord God, cause me to cultivate friendships, be friendly to others, and to be able to call on them in times of need.

Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: for better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off.

Proverbs 27: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is important to be wise, so our father will not suffer reproach for our disobedience.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, and obedient, so I will not bring shame to those who watch over me.

My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.

Proverbs 27: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are prudent, foresee evil and hide themselves, but the simple proceed and pay the penalty.

Lord God, cause me to foresee evil, and hide in Your Son, and to not be foolish, and proceed like it will not matter.

A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.

Proverbs 27: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to get collateral for someone who is putting up surety for a stranger, and to hold it in pledge if they are putting up surety for an immoral woman.

Lord God, cause me to have the wisdom to receive collateral when dealing with someone putting up surety for a stranger, and to hold it in pledge if they are putting up surety for an immoral woman.

Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

Proverbs 27: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that rising early in the morning to bless a friend with a loud voice, will be counted as a curse to him.

Lord God, keep me from praising others inappropriately, when praise for the new day should go to You.

He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.

Proverbs 27: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a continual dropping on a rainy day, and a contentious woman are alike.

Lord God, cause me to be wise when picking someone to marry, and to stay away from contentious women.

A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

Proverbs 27: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is just as hard to restrain the wind, than to conceal a contentious wife.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is just as hard to grasp oil in your hand, than to conceal the conduct of a contentious wife.

Lord God, cause me to be wise when choosing who to marry, and to not choose a contentious women.

Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, which bewrayeth itself.

Proverbs 27: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that fellowship with others is important for us.

Lord God, cause me to have fellowship with others, and especially with those who fear You.

Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

Proverbs 27: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who care caretakers of a fig tree will eat of it's fruit.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are their master's servant will be honored.

Lord God, cause me to be Your servant, and to be rewarded with the fruit that is from You.

Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.

Proverbs 27: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that as water reflects the face, the heart reflects the person.

As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man.

Proverbs 27: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, of the similarity between hell and destruction unable to be satisfied, and man's lust unable to be satisfied.

Lord God, cause me to put off the lust of this world, and to make You my desire.

Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

Proverbs 27: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a fining pot shows the purity of silver.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a fining pot can demonstrate the purity of silver.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a furnace can demonstrate the purity of gold.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that praise can demonstrate the purity of man.

Lord God, cause me to be able to be given praise, without becoming puffed up and prideful.

As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise.

Proverbs 27: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that even if a fool were ground like grain, it is not possible to separate his foolishness from him.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and to walk with an upright heart.

Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

Proverbs 27: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to be diligent to know the state of our flocks, and to look well into our herds.

Lord God, cause those that care for Your church, to be diligent of it's condition, and to make sure the people are tended to.

Lord God, cause me to give due diligence to the care of my business, giving it forethought, and the attention it needs.

Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.

Proverbs 27: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that riches are not forever, and the crown's of rulers are not always passed to the next generation.

Lord God, cause me to be diligent about my business, because wealth can be lost, and kings can be taken from a throne, but a properly run business can continue to provide.

For riches are not for ever: and doth the crown endure to every generation?

Proverbs 27: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the hay appears, and the tender grass shows itself, and the herbs of the mountain are gathered.

Lord God, thank You for Your reassurance that You are able to provide the means for my business to work, even in the most barren areas, if I have maintained diligence, given it careful consideration, and spent time caring for it.

The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered.

Proverbs 27: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that if I have given diligence, thought, and effort to my business, I will be able to utilize the provisions You will make available to prosper my business. I will be able to run the business with Your provisions, and will have enough food and clothing for my household, and for those who have assisted me.

Lord God, cause me to give the proper amount of diligence, thought, and effort to my business, so You will be able to provide the needed provisions at the appropriate time, so my family, and my helpers, will have enough food to eat and clothes to wear.

The lambs are for thy clothing, and the goats are the price of the field. And thou shalt have goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and for the maintenance for thy maidens.

Proverbs 27: 26-27

Chapter 28

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the wicked flee, even when no one pursues.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the righteous are as bold as a lion.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous and bold as a lion, with no fear of pursuit by seekers of justice.

The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Proverbs 28: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those countries who rebel against You, will have one ruler after another.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that governments will endure, when it's rulers have understanding and knowledge.

Lord God, cause those in the government of the whole earth, to have understanding and knowledge, and cause their rule to endure.

Lord God, cause those in the government of my country, to have understanding and knowledge, and cause their rule to endure.

For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged.

Proverbs 28: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a ruler, who does not have much himself, will oppress the poor.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a poor man who is ruling over others, and who is oppressing the poor, is like a sweeping rain which doesn't leave any food.

Lord God, cause rulers in power to have enough substance, so they are not inclined to oppress the poor.

A poor man that oppreseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.

Proverbs 28: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who forsake the law, praise those who are wicked.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who keep the law, contend with the wicked.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, keep the law, and strive against the wicked.

They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.

Proverbs 28: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that evil men do not understand judgment, but they who seek the Lord understand all things.

Lord God, cause me to seek after You, inherit understanding, and matters of judgment.

Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all things.

Proverbs 28: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is better to be poor and walk in uprightness, than to be rich and perverse in your ways.

Lord God, cause me to be poor with integrity, if having riches would pervert my ways.

Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

Proverbs 28: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that whoever keeps the law is a wise son, but he that is a companion of riotous men, shames his father.

Lord God, cause me to be a wise son, who keeps the law, and from being a companion of disorderly men, which would shame my father.

Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father.

Proverbs 28: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who charge exorbitant interest from others, and unjustly gain wealth, will have their wealth taken from them and given to the poor.

Lord God, cause me to be discerning when loaning money, so I do not become rich by usury and unjust gain.

He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

Proverbs 28: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who turn their ear away from hearing the law, even his prayer will be an abomination.

Lord God, cause me to seek after Your laws, and to place them in my heart.

He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

Proverbs 28: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who cause the righteous to go astray in an evil way, will fall into his own pit.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the upright will inherit good things.

Lord God, cause me to walk uprightly, and to have a good inheritance.

Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession.

Proverbs 28: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are rich, are wise in their own conceit.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are poor, have understanding, and will discern a rich man's motives.

Lord God, cause me to use my wealth righteously, where even the poor will discern my desire to walk uprightly, be humble, and know Your law.

The rich man is wise in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.

Proverbs 28: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when the righteous triumph, there is great glory.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when the wicked come into power, people hide themselves.

Lord God, cause the righteous to triumph, and keep the wicked from rising to power.

When righteous men do rejoice, there is great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden.

Proverbs 28: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who cover their sins will not prosper.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who confess their sin's and forsake them, will have mercy.

Lord God, cause me to not conceal my sins, but to confess them, and forsake them.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Proverbs 28: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who always fear You are happy.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who harden their heart, will fall into calamity.

Lord God, cause me to fear You always, and to not harden my heart.

Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

Proverbs 28: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a wicked ruler over poor people is like a roaring lion, and a charging bear.

Lord God, cause those who rule over the poor to be righteous.

As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.

Proverbs 28: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a ruler who lacks understanding is a great oppressor.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a ruler who hates covetousness, will prolong his days.

Lord God, cause those who rule, to have understanding, and to hate covetousness.

The prince that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor: but he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.

Proverbs 28: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are murderers will be a fugitive until death, and no one should help them.

Lord God, cause me to not protect a murderer against receiving justice.

A man that doeth violence to the blood of any person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.

Proverbs 28: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who walk blamelessly will be saved.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are perverse in their ways will fall suddenly.

Lord God, cause me to walk blamelessly, and to not be perverse in my ways.

Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.

Proverbs 28: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who till their land will have plenty of bread.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who follow worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty.

Lord God, cause me to work hard, following the path You would have me go, and I will look to You for my substance.

He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough.

Proverbs 28: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are faithful will have many blessings.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who hasten to be rich, will not go unpunished.

Lord God, cause me to be faithful, and not in a hurry to become rich.

A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

Proverbs 28: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is not good to show partiality, because for a piece of bread, a man will transgress.

Lord God, cause me to not show partiality, or be a respecter of persons.

To have respect of persons is not good: for for a piece of bread that man will transgress.

Proverbs 28: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are in a hurry to get rich, looks on others with evil intent.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are in a hurry to get rich, do not consider that poverty will come upon him.

Lord God, cause me to not be in a hurry to get rich, but to walk uprightly, and give to those who have need.

He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

Proverbs 28: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who rebuke someone, will find more favor than someone else who uses flattery.

Lord God, cause my mouth to rebuke others when it is appropriate, and to stay away from flattering with my lips.

He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.

Proverbs 28: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who rob their father or mother, and say it is not a transgression is a companion of a man who destroys.

Lord God, should I rob my mother or father, give me discernment that it is a transgression.

Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer.

Proverbs 28: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are prideful, stir up strife.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who put their trust in You, will be made fat.

Lord God, cause me to not be prideful, and to put my trust in You,

He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

Proverbs 28: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who trust in their own heart are fools.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who walk wisely, will be delivered.

Lord God, cause me to not trust in myself, but to trust in You, and walk wisely.

He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

Proverbs 28: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that whoever gives to the poor will not lack, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses.

Lord God, cause me to give to the poor and not lack, keeping the curse of hiding my eyes from the poor from me.

He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

Proverbs 28: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when the wicked rise in power, men hide.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when wicked rulers perish, the righteous flourish.

Lord God, cause the wicked to not rise in power, but to perish.

When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.

Proverbs 28: 28

Chapter 29

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, whoever hardens his neck after much reproof, will suddenly be destroyed beyond remedy.

Lord God, keep me from repeatedly rejecting wisdom and reproof, and afterward being destroyed without remedy.

He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

Proverbs 29: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when the wicked bear rule, the people mourn.

Lord God, place righteous people in authority over me, over my country, and over the whole world.

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

Proverbs 29: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who love wisdom, make their father rejoice.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who keep company with prostitutes destroys his wealth.

Lord God, cause me to love wisdom, and my father to rejoice.

Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance.

Proverbs 29: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that through justice, a government gives a country stability.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, a government that accepts bribes, overthrows their country.

Lord God, cause the governments of this earth to be established through justice, and keep bribes far from them.

Lord God, cause the government of my country to be established through justice, and keep bribes far from them.

The king by judgment establisheth the land: but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.

Proverbs 29: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who flatter their neighbor, spreads a net for their feet.

Lord God, cause me to not flatter my neighbor.

A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.

Proverbs 29: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that there is a snare in the transgression of an evil man.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the righteous sing, and rejoice.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, to sing, and to rejoice.

In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.

Proverbs 29: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the righteous consider the cause of the poor, but the wicked do not understand such knowledge.

Lord God, cause me to consider the cause of the poor, and not be unconcerned about their situation.

The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: but the wicked regardeth not to know it.

Proverbs 29: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that men who have a contemptuous disregard for Your laws, bring their city into a snare.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wise men turn away wrath.

Lord God, cause the whole earth to be filled with wise men.

Lord God, cause my city, and country, to be filled with wise men.

Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise men turn away wrath.

Proverbs 29: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when the wise have a controversy with the foolish, the foolish will rage, or laugh, but there will be no rest.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, and to be kept from controversies with foolish people.

If a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, there is no rest.

Proverbs 29: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that bloodthirsty men hate the upright, but the just seek his soul.

Lord God, cause me to be concerned for the upright, and seek good for his soul.

The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.

Proverbs 29: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that foolish people vent all their anger.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wise men keep themselves under control, and quietly hold in harsh words.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, keep myself under control, and refrain from speaking angry words.

A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.

Proverbs 29: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when a government hearkens to lies, all of it's officials will be wicked.

Lord God, cause all the governments of the earth, to not give heed to lies.

Lord God, cause the governments of my city, and country, to not give heed to lies.

If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked.

Proverbs 29: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You gave sight to both the poor man, and to the oppressor.

Lord God, thank You for creating, and placing value on all men; giving the poor, hope, and giving all a chance to repent, and to fear You.

The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the LORD lighteneth both their eyes.

Proverbs 29: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the king who faithfully judges the poor, will have his throne established forever.

Lord God, cause those in authority around the world, to be faithful judges of the poor.

The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.

Proverbs 29: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that punishment, and correction give wisdom.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a child left to himself, brings his mother to shame.

Lord God, cause me to receive the correct punishments, and corrections from my parents, or those who are in authority over me, to cause me to receive wisdom.

Lord God, cause me to impart the correct punishments, and corrections to my children, so they will receive wisdom.

The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

Proverbs 29: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when the wicked increase, sin increases.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when the wicked increase, and sin increases, the righteous will look upon their downfall.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and to look upon the downfall of the wicked.

When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall.

Proverbs 29: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to correct our sons.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who correct their son, will be given rest.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who correct their son, will cause him to be a delight to their soul.

Lord God, cause my parents to give me the appropriate correction, so I may give them rest, and be a delight to their soul.

Lord God, cause me to wisely, and appropriately, correct my son.

Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

Proverbs 29: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who keep Your law, will be happy.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and to keep Your law.

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Proverbs 29: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a stubborn servant will not be corrected by words. Just because he understand what you say, he will not respond

Lord God, cause me to be a diligent and obedient servant, always willing to be in service to You.

A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer.

Proverbs 29: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that if a man is hasty in his words, there is more hope for a fool than for him.

Lord God, cause me to not be hasty in my words.

Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

Proverbs 29: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who bring up their servant from a child, in the end will find him to be a son.

Lord God, cause me to be Your servant, and to be a son, and an heir to You.

He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become his son at the length.

Proverbs 29: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that an angry man stirs up strife, and a hot-tempered man abounds in transgressions.

Lord God, keep me from being angry and stirring up strife, and from being hot-tempered, abounding in transgression.

An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

Proverbs 29: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a person's pride will bring him low.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a person who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.

Lord God, cause me to be lowly in spirit, and to not be prideful.

A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

Proverbs 29: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are partners with a thief, hate their own soul.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are partners with a thief, swear to tell the truth, but do not.

Lord God, cause me to not be partner with a thief, or be in the position of a false witness.

Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth it not.

Proverbs 29: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is a snare to fear man.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who put their trust in the Lord will be safe.

Lord God, cause me to trust in You, and to not fear man.

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

Proverbs 29: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that many seek a rulers favor, but a man receives justice from You.

Lord God, keep me mindful, that although I may seek the favor of rulers, judgment comes from You.

Many seek the ruler's favour; but every man's judgment cometh from the LORD.

Proverbs 29: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that just as the wicked are despised by the godly, the righteous are despised by the wicked.

An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.

Proverbs 29: 27

Chapter 30

Lord God, thank You for this word, that came by the way of Agur the son of Jakesh, to Ithiel, and Ucal.

Lord God, cause me to understand these proverbs, and apply their principles to my everyday life.

The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, even the prophecy: the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal,

Proverbs 30: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the words of this parable were not things taught, or learned by men, or revealed by an educated man, but were ordained by You.

Lord God, cause me to understand and apply the following verses.

Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man. I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy.

Proverbs 30: 2-3

Lord God, thank You for these questions, You asked through Agur, to confound the wise.

Lord God, thank You for Your question, "Who has ascended up into heaven, or descended? Thank You for Your answer, **And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.** John 3:13

Lord God, cause me to know You are the one who is described here. You gather the winds in Your fists. You have bound the waters in a garment. You have established the ends of the earth. Your Son, is Jesus Christ, and He is the one who has ascended up into heaven, and descended.

Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

Proverbs 30: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that every word of Yours is pure.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You are a shield to those who put their trust in You.

Lord God, cause me to put my trust in You, and know that every word of Yours is pure.

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Proverbs 30: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that he who adds to Your words, may receive Your reproof.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that he who adds to Your words, will be found to be lying.

Lord God, give me understanding of Your word, and keep me from adding to it.

Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Proverbs 30: 6

Lord God, thank You for these model requests to You, from Agur.

Lord God, cause me to have similar requests, and to seek to have them fulfilled.

Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die:

Proverbs 30: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that vanity and lies should be something we strive to not have around us.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that both poverty, and riches, should be something we strive to not be given.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that poverty should be avoided, as it can lead to stealing, and a dishonoring of Your character.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wealth should be avoided, as it can cause me not to know You.

Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

Proverbs 30: 8-9

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, that it is best to not meddle with another person's servants.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, to not accuse another man's servant unjustly.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who unjustly accuse another man's servant, may get cursed, and may have God's wrath fall on them.

Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.

Proverbs 30: 10

Lord God, cause my, thank You for Your truth, that the eye that mocks at his father, the ravens of the valley will pick it out, and the young eagles will eat it.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the eye that despises to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley will pick it out, and the young eagles will eat it.

Lord God, cause my eye to not mock at my father, or despise to obey my mother.

The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

Proverbs 30: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that if someone has foolishly exalted themselves, or has planned evil, they should put their hand on their mouth.

Lord God, when I am of proud speech, or have evil thoughts, cause me to cover my mouth in shame.

If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, lay thine hand upon thy mouth.

Proverbs 30: 32

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that churning milk, brings forth butter.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wringing the nose, brings forth blood.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that stirring up anger, brings forth strife.

Lord God, cause me to not stir up anger.

Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

Proverbs 30: 33

Chapter 31

Lord God, as Lemuel in Hebrew, means "Devoted To God", thank You for giving the following prophecy to king Lemuel, through his mother.

The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.

Proverbs 31: 1

Lord God, thank You for giving words to king Lemuel's mother, on what to say to her son, the son of her womb, the son of her vows.

What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?

Proverbs 31: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your prophesy, advising a king, devoted to God, to not give his strength to women, or his ways to that which destroys kings.

Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.

Proverbs 31: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your prophecy to king Lemuel, that he should not drink wine, and his princes should not drink strong drink, for they might forget the law, and pervert the judgment of those who are afflicted.

It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink: Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

Proverbs 31: 4-5

Lord God, thank You for Your prophecy to king Lemuel, that instead of drinking wine or strong drink himself, and thereby denying justice to the afflicted, these items should be for those with heavy hearts, and for those ready to perish.

Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.

Proverbs 31: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wine and strong drink are not for kings, and princes, but are useful for some to forget their poverty, and others to not remember their misery.

Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

Proverbs 31: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to a king, that he should open his mouth for those who are not able to speak for themselves, or are destitute, and especially those who are appointed to die.

Lord God, cause those in high places, to open their mouths, for the cause of the innocent who are unable to speak for themselves, are destitute, or are scheduled to be executed.

Lord God, if I know someone is innocent, and unable to speak for themselves, are destitute, or are scheduled to be executed, cause me to speak out for their cause.

Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.

Proverbs 31: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to a king, that he should open his mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

Lord God, cause those in high places, to open their mouths, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

Proverbs 31: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is hard to find a virtuous woman, and her worth is far above rubies.

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

Proverbs 31: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the husband of a virtuous wife, safely trusts in her, and he does not lack anything good.

The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

Proverbs 31: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife does her husband good, and not evil, all the days of her life.

She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Proverbs 31: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife seeks wool, and flax, and works diligently with her hands.

She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

Proverbs 31: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife rises while it is still dark, and provides food for her household, and a portion to her maidens.

She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

Proverbs 31: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife rises while it is still dark, and provides food for her household, and a portion to her maidens.

She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

Proverbs 31: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife evaluates a field and buys it, and out of her earnings, she plants a vineyard,

She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

Proverbs 31: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong for the task.

She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

Proverbs 31: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife perceives that her merchandise is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.

She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

Proverbs 31: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife lays her hand to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

Proverbs 31: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife stretches out her hand to the poor, and reaches forth her hands to the needy.

She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

Proverbs 31: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

Proverbs 31: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife makes herself coverings of tapestry, and her clothing is silk and purple.

She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

Proverbs 31: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife's husband is known at the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.

Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

Proverbs 31: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife makes fine linen and sells it, and delivers sashes to the merchants.

She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

Proverbs 31: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a strength and honor are a virtuous wife's clothing, and she will rejoice in time to come.

Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

Proverbs 31: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife opens her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

Proverbs 31: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Proverbs 31: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the children of a virtuous wife, arise and call her blessed, and her husband praises her also.

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Proverbs 31: 28

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that many daughters have done virtuous things, but a virtuous wife can do more virtuous acts, than they can do in theirs.

Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

Proverbs 31: 29

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that favor is deceitful, beauty is vain, but a woman who fears You, will be praised.

Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

Proverbs 31: 30

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a woman who fears You should be given the rewards of her labor, and her own works will praise her at the city gate.

Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Proverbs 31: 31

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