

DASV: Proverbs 1

- ¹ The proverbs of Solomon,
the son of David, king of Israel.
- ² For learning wisdom and discipline,
for understanding insightful words;
³ for gaining instruction in doing what is wise,
righteous, just and fair;
⁴ for giving prudence to the simple,
to the young knowledge and discretion;
⁵ let the wise listen, and increase learning,
and let those with understanding gain guidance;
⁶ for understanding proverbs, and parables,
the words of the wise, and their riddles.
- ⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and discipline.
- ⁸ My son, listen to the instruction of your father,
and do not forsake your mother's teaching;
⁹ for they will be a crown of grace for your head,
and chains to adorn your neck.
- ¹⁰ My son, if sinners entice you,
do not consent.
- ¹¹ If they say, "Come with us, let us lie in wait to shed blood,
let us ambush the innocent for no reason.
¹² Let us swallow them alive like the grave,
gulping them down whole,
as those who go down into the pit.
¹³ We will get all sorts of precious possessions,
we will pile our houses full of plunder.
¹⁴ Throw in your lot with us,
we will all share one purse."
- ¹⁵ My son, do not walk in their way,
do not set your foot on their path;
¹⁶ for their feet run to evil,
and they hurry to shed blood.
¹⁷ For it is futile to spread a net
in the sight of any bird.
¹⁸ Yet these set a trap for their own blood,

- they ambush only themselves.
- ¹⁹ Such are the ways of every one who is greedy for gain,
unjust gain robs the life of its possessors.
- ²⁰ Wisdom cries aloud in the street,
in the public squares she raises her voice.
- ²¹ She cries out on main street,
at the entrance of the city gates she proclaims her words:
- ²² "How long will you simple ones love simplicity?
How long will you mockers delight in mocking?
How long will you fools hate knowledge?"
- ²³ If you had turned at my reproof,
I would have poured out my spirit upon you;
I would have made my words known to you.
- ²⁴ Because I called and you refused,
I stretched out my hand, and no one paid attention;
- ²⁵ because you have ignored all my counsel,
and rejected my reproof;
- ²⁶ I will laugh at your calamity,
I will mock when terror overtakes you.
- ²⁷ When panic attacks you like a storm,
and disaster devastates you like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you,
- ²⁸ then will they call upon me, but I will not answer,
they will diligently seek me, but they will not find me.
- ²⁹ For they hated knowledge,
and did not choose the fear of the LORD.
- ³⁰ For they rejected my counsel,
they despised all my reproof.
- ³¹ Therefore they will eat of the fruit of their own way,
and have their fill of their own schemes;
- ³² for the turning away of the simple will slay them,
and the complacency of fools will destroy them.
- ³³ But whoever listens to me will live in security,
and will be at ease with no fear of harm."

DASV: Proverbs 2

- ¹ My son, if you receive my words,
and store up my commandments within you;
² turning your ear to wisdom,
and applying your heart to understanding;
³ yes, if you cry out for discernment,
and raise your voice for understanding;
⁴ if you seek it like silver,
and search for it as for hidden treasures;
⁵ then you will understand the fear of the LORD,
and find the knowledge of God.
- ⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom,
out of his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
⁷ He reserves sound wisdom for the upright,
he is a shield to those who walk with integrity;
⁸ he guards the paths of the just,
and preserves the way of those faithful to him.
- ⁹ Then you will understand what is right and just,
and fair, yes, every good path.
¹⁰ For wisdom will enter into your heart,
and knowledge will bring joy to your soul;
¹¹ Discretion will watch over you,
and understanding will protect you.
- ¹² Wisdom will save you from the way of evil,
from those who speak perverted words;
¹³ who abandon the paths of uprightness,
to walk in the ways of darkness;
¹⁴ who delight to do wrong,
and enjoy the perverseness of evil;
¹⁵ who are crooked in their ways,
and devious in their paths.
- ¹⁶ Wisdom will save you from the immoral woman,
from the flattering words of the adulteress;
¹⁷ who has abandoned the partner of her youth,
and forgotten the covenant made before God.
¹⁸ For her house leads down to death,
and her paths to the dead.
¹⁹ None who go to her ever return,

nor will they regain the paths of life.

²⁰ But you will walk in the way of good men,
and keep on the paths of the righteous.

²¹ For the upright will live in the land,
and those with integrity will remain in it;

²² but the wicked will be cut off from the land,
and the treacherous will be rooted out of it.

DASV: Proverbs 3

- ¹ My son, never forget my instruction,
but keep my commands in your heart;
² for length of days and years of life,
and peace they will add to you.
- ³ Never let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you,
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart;
⁴ then you will find favor and a good reputation
in the sight of God and man.
- ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not depend on your own understanding;
⁶ in all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight.
- ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes,
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.
⁸ This will bring health to your body,
and strength to your bones.
- ⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth,
and with the first fruits of all your crops;
¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will overflow with wine.
- ¹¹ My son do not despise the LORD's chastening,
or grow weary of his correction;
¹² because those the LORD loves, he reproves,
just as a father the son he delights in.
- ¹³ Happy is the one who finds wisdom,
the one who gets understanding;
¹⁴ for gaining her is better than the acquiring of silver,
and her benefits are more profitable than fine gold.
¹⁵ She is more precious than rubies,
and nothing you desire compares with her.
- ¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand,
in her left are riches and honor.
¹⁷ Her ways are ways of pleasantness,

- and all her paths are peace.
18 She is a tree of life to those who embrace her,
and happy is every one who grasps her.
- 19 By wisdom the LORD founded the earth,
by understanding he established the heavens.
20 By his knowledge the watery depths sprung open,
and the clouds drop down the dew.
- 21 My son, do not lose sight of them,
hold on to common sense and discretion;
22 they will be life to your soul,
and a lovely ornament to adorn your neck.
23 Then you will walk on your way securely,
and your foot will not stumble;
24 when you lie down, you will not be afraid;
you will lie down, and your sleep will be sweet.
- 25 Do not be afraid of sudden disaster,
or the destruction that overtakes the wicked;
26 for the LORD will be your confidence,
and will keep your foot from being caught in a trap.
- 27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when you have the ability to do it.
28 Do not say to your neighbor,
“Go away, come back tomorrow
and I will give it to you”
when you have it with you.
29 Do not plot evil against your neighbor,
for the one who lives next to you trusts you.
30 Do not pick a fight with anyone without a reason,
when he has done you no harm.
31 Do not envy the violent,
or choose any of their ways;
32 for the LORD detests the devious,
but his friendship is offered to the upright.
- 33 The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked,
but he blesses the home of the righteous.
34 Surely he mocks at the mockers,
but gives grace to the humble.
35 The wise will inherit honor,

but fools only shame.

DASV: Proverbs 4

- ¹ Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction,
and pay attention so that you may gain insight;
- ² for I give you good guidance,
do not forsake my teaching.
- ³ For I was once a son to my father,
dearly loved as an only child of my mother;
- ⁴ he taught me, and said to me,
"Let your heart grasp my words,
keep my commandments, and live.
- ⁵ Get wisdom, get insight,
do not forget or reject the words of my mouth.
- ⁶ Do not forsake her, and she will protect you;
love her, and she will watch over you.
- ⁷ Wisdom is the first principle, therefore get wisdom,
whatever else you obtain get understanding.
- ⁸ Prize her, and she will promote you,
she will honor you, if you embrace her.
- ⁹ She will put a lovely wreath on your head,
she will present you with a beautiful crown."
- ¹⁰ Listen, my son, and accept my sayings,
and the years of your life will be many.
- ¹¹ I teach you the way of wisdom,
I lead you in paths of uprightness.
- ¹² When you walk your steps will not be hampered,
and when you run, you will not stumble.
- ¹³ Hang on to instruction,
do not let her not go;
guard her, for she is your life.
- ¹⁴ Do not set foot on the path of the wicked,
or walk in the way of evil doers.
- ¹⁵ Avoid it, do not go there,
turn from it, and move on.
- ¹⁶ For they cannot sleep until they do evil,
and they are robbed of slumber
until they cause someone to stumble.
- ¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness,
and drink the wine of violence.
- ¹⁸ But the path of the righteous is like the first light of dawn,

- it shines brighter until the full daylight arrives.
- ¹⁹ The way of the wicked is like darkness,
they do not know what they stumble over.
- ²⁰ My son, pay attention to my words,
bend your ear to my sayings.
- ²¹ Do not let them out of your sight,
keep them deep in your heart.
- ²² For they are life to those who find them,
and fitness to all their flesh.
- ²³ Carefully guard your heart,
for out of it flow the decisions of life.
- ²⁴ Put away perverted speech from your mouth,
corrupt talk far from your lips.
- ²⁵ Let your eyes look straight ahead,
focus your gaze on what is before you.
- ²⁶ Set a straight path for your feet,
stay on the sure ways.
- ²⁷ Do not swerve to the right or to the left,
keep your foot from evil.

DASV: Proverbs 5

- ¹ My son, pay attention to my wisdom,
incline your ear to my understanding;
² so that you may preserve discretion,
and your lips may maintain knowledge.
³ For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey,
and her mouth is smoother than oil;
⁴ but in the end she is bitter as wormwood,
sharp as a double-edged sword.
⁵ Her feet go down to death,
her steps lead straight to the grave;
⁶ for she does not care about the path of life,
her ways wander, and she does not know it.
- ⁷ Now my sons, listen to me,
and do not turn from the words of my mouth.
⁸ Keep your way far from her,
and do not go near the door of her house.
⁹ Lest you give your honor to others,
and your years to the cruel;
¹⁰ lest strangers devour your wealth,
and your labors go to the house of another man.
¹¹ At the end of your life you will groan,
when your flesh and your body are consumed;
¹² and will you say, “How I hated discipline,
and my heart despised being corrected.
¹³ I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers,
or inclined mine ear to my instructors.
¹⁴ Now I am at the point of utter ruin,
in front of the public assembly.”
- ¹⁵ Drink water from your own cistern,
and running water from your own well.
¹⁶ Should your springs be spilled everywhere,
and your streams of water, in the streets?
¹⁷ Let them be yours alone,
and not shared with strangers.
¹⁸ Let your fountain be blessed,
and rejoice in the wife of your youth.
¹⁹ She is like a lovely deer and a graceful doe.
May her breasts satisfy you always,
may you always be intoxicated by her love.

²⁰ Why should you, my son, be intoxicated
with an immoral woman,
and embrace the bosom of an adulteress?

²¹ For a man's ways are seen by the eyes of the LORD,
and he examines all his paths.

²² The iniquities of the wicked will trap him,
and he will be bound by the ropes of his sin.

²³ He will die for lack of discipline,
and be led astray by his own great folly.

DASV: Proverbs 6

- ¹ My son, if you have put up collateral for your neighbor's debt,
if you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger,
² if you are snared by what you have said,
caught by the words of your mouth,
³ do this now, my son, and save yourself,
since you have fallen under obligation to your neighbor,
go, humble yourself, and plead with your neighbor.
⁴ Do not give sleep to your eyes,
or slumber to your eyelids.
⁵ Save yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter,
and like a bird from the hand of the fowler.
- ⁶ Go to the ant, you sluggard;
consider its ways, and be wise.
⁷ It has no chief, governor, or ruler,
⁸ yet it prepares its provisions in the summer,
and gathers its food in the harvest.
- ⁹ How long will you sleep, O sluggard?
When will you wake up from your sleep?
¹⁰ A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to rest;
¹¹ and poverty will assail you like a robber,
and scarcity will attack you like an armed bandit.
- ¹² A worthless person, a wicked man,
walks around with a crooked mouth.
¹³ He winks with his eyes, and signals with his feet,
and makes signs with his fingers.
¹⁴ Whose perverted heart plots evil continually,
who constantly sows discord.
¹⁵ Therefore disaster will destroy him suddenly,
he will be broken in an instant beyond repair.
- ¹⁶ There are six things the LORD hates,
seven that are detestable to him:
¹⁷ haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
hands that shed innocent blood,
¹⁸ a heart that plots wicked plans,
feet that run to do evil,
¹⁹ a false witness who propagates lies,

and he who sows discord among brothers.

- ²⁰ My son, keep your father's commandment,
and do not forsake your mother's instruction.
- ²¹ Bind them always upon your heart,
fasten them around your neck.
- ²² When you walk, they will guide you,
when you sleep, they will watch over you,
and when you wake up, they will talk to you.
- ²³ For the command is a lamp,
and the instruction is a light,
and the reproofs of discipline are the way to life,
- ²⁴ to keep you from the immoral woman,
from the smooth tongue of the adulteress.
- ²⁵ Do not lust after her beauty in your heart,
or let her seduce you with her eyelashes.
- ²⁶ For a prostitute reduces you to a piece of bread,
and the adulteress preys upon your precious life.
- ²⁷ Can a man scoop fire into his lap,
and his clothes not be burned?
- ²⁸ Or can one walk on hot coals,
and his feet not be scorched?
- ²⁹ So is he who sleeps with his neighbor's wife,
no one who touches her will go unpunished.
- ³⁰ Men do not despise a thief,
if he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving.
- ³¹ Yet if he is caught, he must repay seven times what he stole,
even if it costs him all the goods of his house.
- ³² He who commits adultery lacks sense,
he destroys his own soul.
- ³³ He will get wounds and dishonor,
and his disgrace will never be erased.
- ³⁴ For jealousy sparks a husband's fury,
and he will show no mercy when he takes revenge.
- ³⁵ He will not accept any compensation,
or be satisfied with a bribe of any size.

DASV: Proverbs 7

- ¹ My son, keep my words,
and treasure my commandments with you.
- ² Keep my commandments and live,
guard my instruction as the apple of your eye.
- ³ Bind them upon your fingers,
write them upon the tablet of your heart.
- ⁴ Say to wisdom, "You are my sister,"
and call understanding your closest relative;
- ⁵ that they may keep you from the immoral woman,
from the promiscuous woman with her flattering words.
- ⁶ At the window of my house I looked out through my lattice.
- ⁷ I saw among the simple,
I observed among the youths,
a young man lacking sense,
- ⁸ going through the street near her corner,
and walking down the path to her house,
- ⁹ in the twilight, in the evening,
as the dark of the night set in.
- ¹⁰ Then a woman came out to meet him,
dressed like a prostitute and sly of heart.
- ¹¹ She was loud and rebellious,
her feet do not stay at home;
- ¹² now in the streets, now in the squares,
she lurks at every corner.
- ¹³ She grabbed him, and kissed him,
and with brazen face she said to him,
- ¹⁴ "I have offered my peace-offerings,
today I have fulfilled my vows.
- ¹⁵ So I came out to meet you,
to eagerly seek your face,
and now I have found you.
- ¹⁶ I have spread my bed with colored sheets,
with a beautiful bedspread from Egypt.
- ¹⁷ I have perfumed my bed
with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
- ¹⁸ Come, let us drink deeply of love until the morning,
let us delight ourselves with love.
- ¹⁹ For my husband is not at home,
He is gone on a long trip.

- ²⁰ He has taken a bag full of money,
he will not come home until the full moon.”
- ²¹ With her seductive speech she persuaded him,
with her flattering lips she enticed him.
- ²² Suddenly he went after her,
like an ox going to the slaughter,
like a deer caught in a trap,
- ²³ awaiting the deadly arrow that would pierce its liver,
he is like a bird darting into a snare,
not knowing that it would cost him his life.
- ²⁴ Now my sons, listen to me,
and pay attention to the words of my mouth.
- ²⁵ Do not let your heart wander into her ways,
do not stray into her paths.
- ²⁶ For she has brought down many victims,
she has slain many casualties.
- ²⁷ Her house is the way to the grave,
descending to the chambers of death.

DASV: Proverbs 8

- ¹ Does not wisdom call?
Does not understanding raise her voice?
- ² On the heights beside the way,
where the paths meet, she stands;
- ³ beside the gates into the city,
at the entrance road she cries aloud,
- ⁴ “To you, O people, I call out,
and I raise my voice to everyone.
- ⁵ You who are simple learn prudence,
you fools acquire understanding.
- ⁶ Listen for I speak significant things,
and my lips say what is right.
- ⁷ My mouth speaks the truth,
and my lips detest wickedness.
- ⁸ All the words of my mouth are just,
there is nothing crooked or perverted in them.
- ⁹ They are plain to one with understanding,
and right to one who finds knowledge.
- ¹⁰ Choose my instruction instead of silver,
and knowledge rather than choice gold,
- ¹¹ for wisdom is better than rubies,
and anything you desire can not compare with it.
- ¹² I wisdom dwell with prudence,
I know how to find knowledge and discretion.
- ¹³ The fear of the LORD is to hate evil,
I hate pride, arrogance, the evil way
and the perverse mouth.
- ¹⁴ Counsel and sound wisdom are mine,
I have insight and strength.
- ¹⁵ By me kings reign,
and rulers make just decrees.
- ¹⁶ By me rulers rule,
and nobles judge righteously.
- ¹⁷ I love those who love me,
and those who diligently seek me, find me.
- ¹⁸ Riches and honor are with me,
lasting wealth and prosperity.
- ¹⁹ My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,
and my wages better than choice silver.

- ²⁰ I walk in the way of righteousness,
in paths of justice,
²¹ granting wealth to those who love me,
and filling their treasuries.
- ²² The LORD created me in the beginning,
the first of his works of old.
²³ I was set up from everlasting,
from the beginning,
before the earth was.
- ²⁴ When there were no ocean depths, I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵ Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills I was born;
²⁶ before he made the earth and its fields,
or the first dust of the world.
- ²⁷ I was there when he established the heavens,
when he drew the horizon on the face of the deep,
²⁸ when he set the skies above,
when the fountains of the deep were fixed,
²⁹ when he set the boundary of the sea,
so the waters would not surge beyond his commandment,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth;
³⁰ then I was a master craftsman,
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing always before him,
³¹ rejoicing in his whole world,
and delighting in all humankind.
- ³² Now therefore, my sons, listen to me,
for blessed are those who keep my ways.
³³ Listen to my instruction and be wise,
and do not reject it.
³⁴ Blessed is the one who listens to me,
watching daily at my gates,
waiting beside my doorway.
³⁵ For whoever finds me, finds life,
and obtains favor from the LORD.
³⁶ But whoever misses me hurts himself,
all those who hate me, love death.”

DASV: Proverbs 9

- ¹ Wisdom has built her house,
she has carved out her seven pillars.
- ² She has prepared her meat,
she has mixed her wine,
she has set her table.
- ³ She has sent out her maidens,
she calls out from the highest parts of the city,
- ⁴ “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
To the one who lacks understanding, she says,
- ⁵ “Come, eat my bread,
and drink the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶ Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of understanding.”
- ⁷ Whoever corrects a mocker will get insulted,
and one who rebukes the wicked will get hurt.
- ⁸ Do not rebuke a mocker, or he will hate you,
rebuke the wise, and he will love you.
- ⁹ Instruct the wise, and he will become even wiser,
teach the righteous, and he will increase in learning.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
- ¹¹ For by me your days will be multiplied,
and years added to your life.
- ¹² If you are wise, your wisdom will benefit you,
and if you mock, you alone will suffer.
- ¹³ The woman Folly is loud,
She is ignorant, and knows nothing.
- ¹⁴ She sits at the door of her house,
on a seat in the high places of the city,
- ¹⁵ calling out to those who pass by,
who go straight on their way,
- ¹⁶ “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here,”
and to the one who lacks sense, she says,
- ¹⁷ “Stolen waters are sweet,
and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.”
- ¹⁸ But they do not know that the dead are there,
that her guests are in the depths of the grave.

DASV: Proverbs 10

- ¹ The proverbs of Solomon.
 A wise son brings joy to a father,
 but a foolish son is a grief to his mother.
- ² Treasures gained by wickedness profit nothing,
 but righteousness delivers even from death.
- ³ The LORD does not allow the righteous to go hungry,
 but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.
- ⁴ A lazy hand produces poverty,
 but diligent hands get rich.
- ⁵ He who gathers in summer is a wise son,
 but he who sleeps in harvest is a shameful son.
- ⁶ Blessings are upon the head of the righteous,
 but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
- ⁷ The memory of the righteous is a blessing,
 but the name of the wicked will rot.
- ⁸ The wise hearted receives instructions,
 but a babbling fool will fall.
- ⁹ Whoever walks with integrity walks securely,
 but one who perverts his ways will be found out.
- ¹⁰ Whoever winks with the eye signals trouble,
 but a babbling fool will fall.
- ¹¹ The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,
 but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
- ¹² Hatred stirs up strife,
 but love covers all offenses.
- ¹³ Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning,
 but a rod is for the back of one who lacks sense.
- ¹⁴ The wise treasure knowledge,
 but the mouth of a fool invites destruction.
- ¹⁵ The wealth of the rich is their strong city,
 the poverty of the poor is their destruction.
- ¹⁶ The wage of the righteous leads to life,
 the gain of the wicked to sin.
- ¹⁷ Whoever heeds instruction is on the way of life,
 but whoever ignores reproof goes astray.
- ¹⁸ Whoever hides hatred has lying lips,
 and whoever spreads slander is a fool.
- ¹⁹ When words are many, sin is not absent,
 but whoever restrains their lips is wise.
- ²⁰ The tongue of the righteous is choice silver,
 the heart of the wicked is worthless.

- ²¹ The lips of the righteous feed many,
but fools die for lack of sense.
- ²² The blessing of the LORD makes rich,
and he adds no sorrow to it.
- ²³ Wickedness is fun for a fool,
but wisdom gives pleasure to a person of understanding.
- ²⁴ The fear of the wicked will come upon him,
but the desire of the righteous will be granted.
- ²⁵ When the whirlwind hits, the wicked are blown away,
but the righteous have an everlasting foundation.
- ²⁶ As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes,
so is the sluggard to those who send him.
- ²⁷ The fear of the LORD prolongs days,
but the years of the wicked are cut short.
- ²⁸ The hope of the righteous ends in joy,
but the expectation of the wicked perishes.
- ²⁹ The way of the LORD is a stronghold for the upright,
but it is destruction for evildoers.
- ³⁰ The righteous will never be removed,
but the wicked will not dwell in the land.
- ³¹ The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom,
but the perverse tongue will be cut out.
- ³² The lips of the righteous know what is appropriate,
but the mouth of the wicked what is perverse.

DASV: Proverbs 11

- ¹ A dishonest scale is detestable to the LORD,
but an accurate weight is his delight.
- ² When pride comes, then comes shame,
but with humility is wisdom.
- ³ The integrity of the upright guides them,
but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.
- ⁴ Riches are worthless in the day of wrath,
but righteousness delivers from death.
- ⁵ The righteousness of the blameless directs their way,
but the wicked fall by their own desires.
- ⁶ The righteousness of the upright delivers them,
but the treacherous are trapped by their own iniquity.
- ⁷ When the wicked dies, his hope perishes,
and the expectation based on his power perishes too.
- ⁸ The righteous are rescued from trouble,
and it comes on the wicked instead.
- ⁹ With his mouth the godless destroys his neighbor,
but through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.
- ¹⁰ When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices,
and when the wicked perish there are shouts of joy.
- ¹¹ By the blessing of the upright, the city is exalted,
but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
- ¹² Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense,
but an understanding person stays silent.
- ¹³ A gossip reveals secrets,
but whoever is trustworthy keeps a confidence.
- ¹⁴ Where there is no guidance a nation falls,
but with many counselors there is safety.
- ¹⁵ Whoever signs for the debt of a stranger will suffer,
but whoever hates guaranteeing a debt is secure.
- ¹⁶ A gracious woman receives honor,
but violent men get wealth.
- ¹⁷ A kind person benefits himself,
but whoever is cruel damages himself.
- ¹⁸ A wicked person earns deceptive wages,
but whoever sows righteousness gains a sure reward.
- ¹⁹ Whoever is steadfastly righteous attains life,
and whoever pursues evil will die.
- ²⁰ Those with a perverse heart are detestable to the LORD,
but those whose ways are blameless are his delight.
- ²¹ Be sure of this, the wicked will not go unpunished,

- but the children of the righteous will be delivered.
- ²² Like a gold ring in a pig's snout,
so is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion.
- ²³ The desire of the righteous ends only in good,
but the hope of the wicked ends in wrath.
- ²⁴ One gives freely yet gains even more,
yet another is stingy but only suffers need.
- ²⁵ The generous will prosper,
and whoever waters others will be watered himself.
- ²⁶ Whoever withholds grain, the people will curse,
but blessing will be upon the head of the one who sells it.
- ²⁷ Whoever diligently seeks good, seeks favor;
but evil comes to whoever searches for it.
- ²⁸ Whoever trusts in riches will fall,
but the righteous will flourish as a green leaf.
- ²⁹ Whoever troubles his own home will inherit the wind,
and the foolish will be servant to the wise of heart.
- ³⁰ The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
and whoever wins friends is wise.
- ³¹ If the righteous are repaid on earth,
how much more the wicked and the sinner!

DASV: Proverbs 12

- ¹ Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,
but whoever hates reproof is brutish.
- ² A good person obtains favor from the LORD,
but he condemns those who plot wickedness.
- ³ No one will be established by wickedness,
but the root of the righteous will not be pulled up.
- ⁴ A worthy wife is her husband's crown,
but she who disgraces is like rotteness in his bones.
- ⁵ The plans of the righteous are just,
but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.
- ⁶ The words of the wicked are a deadly ambush,
but the mouth of the upright delivers them.
- ⁷ The wicked are overthrown, and are no more,
but the house of the righteous will stand.
- ⁸ A person is commended according to his wisdom,
but one who is of a perverse heart will be despised.
- ⁹ Better is one who is lightly esteemed and has a servant,
than one who is self-important and lacks food.
- ¹⁰ The righteous cares for the needs of his animals,
but even the kindness of the wicked is cruel.
- ¹¹ One who works his land will have plenty of food,
but the one who chases fantasies lacks sense.
- ¹² The wicked are jealous of the plunder of evil doers,
but the root of the righteous bears fruit.
- ¹³ The evil are trapped by the sin of their lips,
but the righteous escape from trouble.
- ¹⁴ From the fruit of the mouth, one is satisfied with good,
and the work of one's hands yields rewards.
- ¹⁵ The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,
but one who is wise listens to counsel.
- ¹⁶ A fool quickly broadcasts his anger,
but the prudent ignores an insult.
- ¹⁷ An honest witness tells the truth,
but a false witness speaks lies.
- ¹⁸ One who speaks rashly pierces like a sword,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
- ¹⁹ Truthful lips endure forever,
but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.
- ²⁰ Deceit is in the heart of those who plot evil,
but those who promote peace have joy.
- ²¹ No harm hurts the righteous,

- but the wicked are filled with trouble.
- ²² The LORD detests lying lips,
but delights in those who are truthful.
- ²³ The prudent do not show off their knowledge,
but the heart of fools broadcasts folly.
- ²⁴ The hand of the diligent will rule,
but the lazy will be enslaved.
- ²⁵ A wounded heart weighs one down,
but an encouraging word cheers it up.
- ²⁶ The righteous give a neighbor good advice,
but the way of the wicked leads them astray.
- ²⁷ The lazy do not even roast the game they have caught,
but the diligent utilize their possessions.
- ²⁸ In the way of righteousness is life,
and along its pathway there is no death.

DASV: Proverbs 13

- ¹ A wise son accepts his father's instruction,
but a mocker does not listen to rebuke.
- ² By the fruit of one's mouth a person eats good things,
but the treacherous have a taste for violence.
- ³ Whoever guards his mouth prolongs his life,
but whoever opens wide his lips comes to ruin.
- ⁴ The sluggard craves, and gets nothing,
but the desires of the diligent are richly supplied.
- ⁵ The righteous hate lying,
but the wicked cause shame and disgrace.
- ⁶ Righteousness guards the one whose way is upright,
but wickedness overthrows the sinner.
- ⁷ One pretends to be rich, yet has nothing,
another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth.
- ⁸ Riches may ransom a person's life,
but the poor hear no threat.
- ⁹ The light of the righteous rejoices,
but the lamp of the wicked will be snuffed out.
- ¹⁰ With pride comes conflict,
but whoever takes advice is wise.
- ¹¹ Wealth quickly gained will dwindle away,
but whoever gathers it little by little makes it grow.
- ¹² Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
but a desire satisfied is a tree of life.
- ¹³ Whoever despises instruction destroys himself,
but whoever respects the commandment will be rewarded.
- ¹⁴ The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life,
turning one from the snares of death.
- ¹⁵ Good sense wins favor,
but the way of the treacherous leads to destruction.
- ¹⁶ Every prudent person acts with knowledge,
but a fool flaunts his folly.
- ¹⁷ A wicked messenger trips into trouble,
but a faithful messenger brings healing.
- ¹⁸ Poverty and shame are for the one who rejects correction,
but whoever pays attention to reproof is honored.
- ¹⁹ A dream come true is sweet to the soul,
but to turn from evil is detestable for fools.
- ²⁰ Walk with the wise, and you will become wise,
but a friend of fools suffers harm.
- ²¹ Evil pursues sinners,

- but the righteous will be rewarded with prosperity.
- ²² The good leave an inheritance to their grandchildren,
but sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.
- ²³ Much food comes from the field of the poor,
but it is swept away by injustice.
- ²⁴ Whoever spares the rod hates his son,
but whoever loves him carefully disciplines him.
- ²⁵ The righteous eats until his heart is content,
but the belly of the wicked goes hungry.

DASV: Proverbs 14

- ¹ A wise woman builds her house,
but a foolish one tears it down with her own hands.
- ² Whoever walks uprightly fears the LORD,
but the one who is devious in his ways despises him.
- ³ The mouth of the fool brings a rod to his back,
but the lips of the wise protect them.
- ⁴ Where there are no oxen, the crib is clean,
but from the strength of the ox
comes an abundant harvest.
- ⁵ A faithful witness will not lie,
but a false witness breathes out lies.
- ⁶ A mocker seeks wisdom and cannot find it,
but knowledge comes easily to one who has understanding.
- ⁷ Stay away from a fool,
for you will not find lips of knowledge there.
- ⁸ The wisdom of the prudent guides his way,
but the folly of fools deceives them.
- ⁹ Fools make fun of paying for damage,
but among the upright there is goodwill.
- ¹⁰ Each heart knows its own bitterness,
and a stranger cannot share its joy.
- ¹¹ The house of the wicked will be destroyed,
but the tent of the upright will flourish.
- ¹² There is a way that seems right,
but its end is the way of death.
- ¹³ Even in laughter the heart may ache,
and the end of joy may be grief.
- ¹⁴ The backslider gets what his ways deserve,
but a good person will be rewarded for his.
- ¹⁵ The simple believe anything,
but the prudent give thought to their steps.
- ¹⁶ The wise are cautious, and turn from evil,
but the fool proceeds with reckless confidence.
- ¹⁷ The quick tempered act foolishly,
and a schemer is hated.
- ¹⁸ The simple inherit folly,
but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
- ¹⁹ The evil bow down before the good,
and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
- ²⁰ The poor are despised even by their neighbors,
but the rich have many friends.

- ²¹ Whoever despises his neighbor sins,
but blessed is the one who is kind to the poor.
- ²² Do they not err who plot evil?
But those who plan good find love and faithfulness.
- ²³ In all hard work there is profit,
but mere talk leads to poverty.
- ²⁴ The crown of the wise is their wealth,
but the folly of fools yields only folly.
- ²⁵ A truthful witness saves lives,
but one who utters lies is deceitful.
- ²⁶ In the fear of the LORD is security,
and one's children will have a place of refuge.
- ²⁷ The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,
so that one may turn from the snares of death.
- ²⁸ The king's glory is in the multitude of people,
but by the lack of subjects a prince is destroyed.
- ²⁹ Whoever is slow to anger is of great understanding,
but one who has a hasty temper displays folly.
- ³⁰ A tranquil heart gives life to the body,
but envy is rottenness in the bones.
- ³¹ Whoever oppresses the poor insults his Maker,
but the one who is kind to the needy honors him.
- ³² The wicked are overthrown by evil-doing,
but the righteous have a refuge even in death.
- ³³ Wisdom rests in the understanding heart,
but it is not found among fools.
- ³⁴ Righteousness exalts a nation,
but sin is a disgrace to any people.
- ³⁵ The king's favor is on a wise servant,
but his wrath falls on one who causes shame.

DASV: Proverbs 15

- ¹ A soft answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.
- ² The tongue of the wise makes knowledge attractive,
but the mouth of fools pours out folly.
- ³ The eyes of the LORD are in every place,
keeping watch upon the evil and the good.
- ⁴ A gentle tongue is a tree of life,
but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.
- ⁵ A fool despises a father's correction,
but whoever heeds correction is prudent.
- ⁶ There is treasure in the house of the righteous,
but the income of the wicked brings them trouble.
- ⁷ The lips of the wise spread knowledge,
but not so the heart of fools.
- ⁸ The LORD detests the sacrifice of the wicked,
but the prayer of the upright is his delight.
- ⁹ The LORD detests the way of the wicked,
but he loves the one who pursues righteousness.
- ¹⁰ There is severe discipline for the one who forsakes
the right way,
whoever hates correction will die.
- ¹¹ The grave and destruction are open before the LORD,
how much more human hearts!
- ¹² A mocker does not like to be corrected,
he will not go to the wise.
- ¹³ A glad heart makes a cheerful face,
but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken.
- ¹⁴ The heart of one who has understanding seeks knowledge,
but the mouths of fools feed on folly.
- ¹⁵ All the days of the oppressed are bad,
but whoever has a cheerful heart has a continual feast.
- ¹⁶ Better is little, with the fear of the LORD,
than great treasure with trouble.
- ¹⁷ Better is a dinner of vegetables with love,
than a fattened ox with hatred.
- ¹⁸ A hothead stirs up contention,
but whoever is slow to anger calms a conflict.
- ¹⁹ The way of the sluggard is blocked by thorns,
but the path of the upright is an open road.
- ²⁰ A wise son makes a glad father,
but a foolish son despises his mother.

- ²¹ Folly is delightful to one with no sense,
but the understanding walk unimpeded.
- ²² Without counsel, plans fail,
but with many advisors they are successful.
- ²³ Everyone enjoys a good answer,
and the right word at the right time—how sweet it is!
- ²⁴ To the wise the path of life leads upward,
that they may leave the grave below.
- ²⁵ The LORD will tear down the house of the proud,
but he will protect the property of the widow.
- ²⁶ The LORD detests evil schemes,
but the plans of the pure please him.
- ²⁷ Whoever is greedy of unjust gain troubles his own house,
but one who hates bribes will live.
- ²⁸ The heart of the righteous ponders an answer,
but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil.
- ²⁹ The LORD is far from the wicked,
but he hears the prayer of the righteous.
- ³⁰ A cheerful look brings joy to the heart,
and good news nourishes the bones.
- ³¹ The ear that listens to a life-giving rebuke
will be at home among the wise.
- ³² Whoever refuses correction despises himself,
but one who listens to reproof gains understanding.
- ³³ The fear of the LORD teaches wisdom,
and humility comes before honor.

DASV: Proverbs 16

- ¹ The plans of the heart belong to humans,
but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.
- ² All the ways of a person are clean in their own eyes,
but the LORD weighs the motives.
- ³ Commit your works to the LORD,
and your plans will succeed.
- ⁴ The LORD has made everything for its own purpose,
even the wicked for the day of disaster.
- ⁵ The LORD detests everyone who is proud of heart,
be assured they will not go unpunished.
- ⁶ By love and faithfulness atonement is made for sin,
and by the fear of the LORD one avoids evil.
- ⁷ When someone's ways please the LORD,
he makes even their enemies to be at peace with them.
- ⁸ Better is a little, with righteousness,
than great wealth with injustice.
- ⁹ A person's heart plans its way,
but the LORD directs its steps.
- ¹⁰ A divine oracle is on the lips of the king,
his mouth should not betray justice.
- ¹¹ Honest balances and scales are the LORD's,
all the standard weights in the bag are his work.
- ¹² Wrongdoing is detestable to kings,
for the throne is established by righteousness.
- ¹³ Righteous lips are the king's delight,
and they love the one who speaks right.
- ¹⁴ The king's wrath is a messenger of death,
but the wise will appease it.
- ¹⁵ When the king's face smiles there is life,
his favor refreshes like a rain cloud in spring.
- ¹⁶ How much better to get wisdom than gold,
to get understanding rather than silver.
- ¹⁷ The highway of the upright avoids evil,
whoever guards his way guards his life.
- ¹⁸ Pride goes before destruction,
and an arrogant spirit before a fall.
- ¹⁹ It is better to live humbly with the poor,
than to share plunder with the proud.
- ²⁰ The one who pays attention to instruction will find good,
and whoever trusts in the LORD will be happy.
- ²¹ The wise heart will be called perceptive,

- and sweet speech increases persuasiveness.
- ²² Understanding is a fountain of life for the one who has it,
but correcting fools is folly.
- ²³ The wise heart instructs its mouth,
and adds persuasiveness to its lips.
- ²⁴ Kind words are like honeycomb,
sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.
- ²⁵ There is a way that seems right to a person,
but in the end it is the way to death.
- ²⁶ A worker's appetite works for him,
for his hunger drives him on.
- ²⁷ The worthless plot mischief,
and their speech is like a scorching fire.
- ²⁸ A perverse person spreads strife,
and a whisperer separates best friends.
- ²⁹ The violent entice their neighbor,
and lead him in a way that is not good.
- ³⁰ Whoever winks his eyes plots dishonest things,
whoever smirks brings evil to pass.
- ³¹ Grey hair is a crown of glory,
it is gained by a righteous life.
- ³² One who is patient is better than the powerful,
and one who controls his temper than the one who
captures a city.
- ³³ The lot is cast into the lap,
but every decision is from the LORD.

DASV: Proverbs 17

- ¹ Better is a dry crust with quietness
than a house full of feasting with strife.
- ² A wise servant will rule over a son who acts shamefully,
and will share in the inheritance as one of the family.
- ³ The crucible is for silver, and the furnace for gold,
but the LORD tests hearts.
- ⁴ An evil-doer listens to wicked lips,
and a liar pays attention to a malicious tongue.
- ⁵ Whoever mocks the poor insults his Maker,
and one who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished.
- ⁶ Grandchildren are the crown of the old,
and parents are the pride of their children.
- ⁷ Eloquent speech is not fitting for a fool,
much less lying lips for a ruler.
- ⁸ A bribe is like a lucky charm in the eyes of the one who gives it,
wherever he turns he prospers.
- ⁹ Whoever covers an offense fosters love,
but one who harps on it separates best friends.
- ¹⁰ A rebuke strikes deeper into one who has understanding
than a hundred lashes on a fool.
- ¹¹ An evil person seeks rebellion,
so a cruel messenger will be sent against him.
- ¹² It is safer to meet a bear robbed of her cubs
than a fool in his folly.
- ¹³ Whoever rewards evil for good,
evil will never leave his house.
- ¹⁴ Starting strife is like letting water out of a dam,
so stop it before a quarrel breaks out.
- ¹⁵ One who justifies the wicked, and condemns the righteous,
the LORD detests them both.
- ¹⁶ Why give a fool money to buy wisdom,
when he has no desire to learn?
- ¹⁷ A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born to help in adversity.
- ¹⁸ One lacking sense shakes hands in a pledge,
and puts up security for the debt of a neighbor.
- ¹⁹ Whoever loves a quarrel loves strife,
whoever builds a strong gate invites destruction.
- ²⁰ A crooked heart does not prosper,
and a deceitful tongue falls into trouble.
- ²¹ One who gives birth to a fool

- and the father of a fool have no joy.
- ²² A cheerful heart is good medicine,
but a broken spirit dries up the bones.
- ²³ The wicked accept a secret bribe
to pervert the ways of justice.
- ²⁴ One who has understanding keeps an eye on wisdom,
but the eyes of a fool wander to the ends of the earth.
- ²⁵ A foolish son is a grief to his father,
and bitterness to her who bore him.
- ²⁶ It is not good to punish the righteous,
or to flog officials for their integrity.
- ²⁷ Whoever uses few words has knowledge,
and whoever is of a calm spirit has understanding.
- ²⁸ Even a fool who keeps silent is thought to be wise,
when he shuts his mouth, he is considered intelligent.

DASV: Proverbs 18

- ¹ An unfriendly person pursues his own selfish desire,
and explodes against all common sense.
- ² A fool has no delight in understanding,
but only in expressing his own opinion.
- ³ When a wicked person comes, contempt comes too,
and with shame comes disgrace.
- ⁴ The words of the mouth are deep waters,
but the fountain of wisdom is a rushing brook.
- ⁵ It is not good to be partial to the wicked,
or to deprive the righteous of justice.
- ⁶ A fool's lips lead him into quarrels,
and his mouth invites a beating.
- ⁷ A fool's mouth is his destruction,
and his lips are a snare to his soul.
- ⁸ The words of a gossip are as tasty morsels,
they descend into the deepest parts.
- ⁹ Whoever is slack in his work,
is kin to one who is a destroyer.
- ¹⁰ The name of the LORD is a strong tower,
the righteous run into it, and are safe.
- ¹¹ The wealth of the rich is their strong city,
and they imagine it a high wall of security.
- ¹² A haughty heart precedes destruction,
and humility comes before honor.
- ¹³ Whoever gives an answer before listening,
it is his folly and shame.
- ¹⁴ The human spirit can sustain infirmity,
but who can bear a broken spirit?
- ¹⁵ The heart of the prudent gets knowledge,
and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
- ¹⁶ Giving gifts opens doors,
and gives access to the great.
- ¹⁷ One who pleads his cause first seems just,
but his neighbor comes and cross examines him.
- ¹⁸ Casting lots can end disputes,
and decide between powerful opponents.
- ¹⁹ A brother offended is harder to win than a strong city,
and quarrels incarcerate like the bars of a castle.
- ²⁰ By the fruit of one's mouth one's stomach is filled,
with the harvest of his lips he will be satisfied.
- ²¹ Death and life are in the power of the tongue,

and those who love it will eat its fruit.

²² Whoever finds a wife finds a good thing,
and obtains favor from the LORD.

²³ The poor plead for mercy,
but the rich answer roughly.

²⁴ Some friends destroy each other,
but a true friend sticks closer than a brother.

DASV: Proverbs 19

- ¹ Better to be poor walking in integrity,
 than one who has dishonest lips and is a fool.
- ² Desire without knowledge is not good,
 and one whose feet move too fast misses the way.
- ³ One's own folly ruins his life,
 yet his heart rages against the LORD.
- ⁴ Wealth makes many friends,
 but the poor are abandoned by their friends.
- ⁵ A false witness will not go unpunished,
 and one who utters lies will not escape.
- ⁶ Many seek the favor of the generous,
 and everyone is a friend of those giving gifts.
- ⁷ All the relatives of the poor hate him,
 how much more do his friends abandon him.
 Though he plead with words, yet they are gone.
- ⁸ Whoever gets wisdom loves himself,
 whoever keeps understanding will prosper.
- ⁹ A false witness will not go unpunished,
 and one who utters lies will perish.
- ¹⁰ Luxury is not fitting for a fool,
 much less for a servant to rule over princes.
- ¹¹ Good sense makes one slow to anger,
 and it is his glory to overlook a transgression.
- ¹² The king's wrath is like a lion's roar,
 but his favor is like dew on the grass.
- ¹³ A foolish son is the ruin of his father,
 and a quarrelsome wife is like a continual dripping.
- ¹⁴ House and wealth are inherited from fathers,
 but a prudent wife is from the LORD.
- ¹⁵ Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep,
 and the idle person will suffer hunger.
- ¹⁶ Whoever keeps the commandments keeps his life,
 but whoever is careless with them will die.
- ¹⁷ Whoever is kind to the poor, lends to the LORD,
 and he will repay him.
- ¹⁸ Discipline your son while there is hope,
 and do not contribute to his destruction.
- ¹⁹ An angry person will pay the penalty,
 for if you rescue him you will have to do it repeatedly.
- ²⁰ Hear counsel, and receive instruction,
 that you may be wise in the end.

- ²¹ There are many plans in a person's heart,
but the purpose of the LORD will prevail.
- ²² What a person wants is loyal love,
and better to be poor than a liar.
- ²³ The fear of the LORD leads to life,
and whoever has it will be satisfied and will not
be visited by harm.
- ²⁴ The sluggard buries his hand in the dish,
and will not even lift it to his mouth.
- ²⁵ Beat a mocker, and the simple will learn prudence,
and rebuke one that has understanding,
and he will gain knowledge.
- ²⁶ One who does violence to his father, and chases away
his mother,
is a son that causes shame and disgrace.
- ²⁷ My son, stop listening to instruction,
and you will wander away from words of knowledge.
- ²⁸ A worthless witness mocks at justice,
and the mouth of the wicked gulps down iniquity.
- ²⁹ Punishment is prepared for mockers,
and beatings are for the backs of fools.

DASV: Proverbs 20

- ¹ Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler,
and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.
- ² The king's anger is like a lion's roar,
whoever provokes his anger forfeits his life.
- ³ It is an honor to avoid strife,
but every fool is quick to quarrel.
- ⁴ The sluggard will not plow in the right season,
yet he will seek a harvest and find nothing.
- ⁵ Advice in the human heart is like deep water,
one with understanding will draw it out.
- ⁶ Many will proclaim their own loyalty,
but who can find one who is truly faithful?
- ⁷ The righteous one walks with integrity,
blessed are his children after him.
- ⁸ A king who sits on the throne for judgment,
winnows out all evil with his eyes.
- ⁹ Who can say, "I have made my heart clean,
I am pure from my sin"?
- ¹⁰ Unequal weights and unfair measures,
both of them are detestable to the LORD.
- ¹¹ Even a child is known by the way he acts,
whether his conduct is pure and right.
- ¹² The hearing ear and the seeing eye,
the LORD has made them both.
- ¹³ Do not love sleep, or you will become poor,
keep your eyes open and you will have plenty of bread.
- ¹⁴ "It is bad, it is bad," the buyer says,
but after he leaves, he brags about what a bargain he got.
- ¹⁵ There is gold, and an abundance of rubies,
but lips that speak knowledge are a precious jewel.
- ¹⁶ Take the garment of one who guarantees the debt
of a stranger,
and get a deposit from one who co-signs for foreigners.
- ¹⁷ Bread gained by deceit may be sweet,
but afterwards his mouth will be filled with gravel.
- ¹⁸ Every plan is established by counsel,
so wage war with wise guidance.
- ¹⁹ A gossip reveals secrets,
so stay away from one who talks too much.
- ²⁰ Whoever curses his father or his mother,
his lamp will be snuffed out in total darkness.

- ²¹ An inheritance quickly acquired at the beginning,
will not be blessed in the end.
- ²² Do not say, "I will repay this evil,"
wait for the LORD, and he will deliver you.
- ²³ Unequal weights are detestable to the LORD,
and dishonest scales are not good.
- ²⁴ A person's steps are ordered by the LORD,
how can anyone understand his way?
- ²⁵ It is a snare for one to say rashly, "It is holy,"
and only afterwards ask questions about the vow.
- ²⁶ A wise king winnows the wicked,
and drives the threshing-wheel over them.
- ²⁷ The lamp of the LORD penetrates,
searching all the innermost parts.
- ²⁸ Loyal love and faithfulness preserve the king,
and his throne is upheld by loyal love.
- ²⁹ The glory of the young is their strength,
and the splendor of the old is their grey hair.
- ³⁰ Blows that wound cleanse away evil,
and beatings clean the innermost parts.

DASV: Proverbs 21

- ¹ The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD,
he turns it wherever he wants.
- ² All a person's ways seem right in their own eyes,
but the LORD weighs the heart.
- ³ To do righteousness and justice
is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.
- ⁴ Haughty eyes, a proud heart,
and the lamp of the wicked are all sin.
- ⁵ The plans of the diligent tend only to prosperity,
but every one who hastily cuts corners comes to poverty.
- ⁶ Getting treasures by a lying tongue
is a vanishing mist and a deadly snare.
- ⁷ The violence of the wicked will sweep them away,
because they refuse to do what is just.
- ⁸ The way of the guilty is crooked,
but the conduct of the pure is right.
- ⁹ It is better to dwell on the corner of the housetop,
than with a quarrelsome wife in a spacious house.
- ¹⁰ The soul of the wicked desires evil,
his neighbor finds no mercy in his eyes.
- ¹¹ When a mocker is punished, the simple becomes wise,
and when the wise is instructed, he gains knowledge.
- ¹² The Righteous One considers the house of the wicked,
he casts down the wicked to their ruin.
- ¹³ Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor,
he too will cry out, but will not be heard.
- ¹⁴ A gift in secret pacifies anger,
and a secret present calms strong wrath.
- ¹⁵ Justice is a joy to the righteous,
but terror to evil doers.
- ¹⁶ Whoever strays from the path of understanding
will rest in the assembly of the dead.
- ¹⁷ Whoever loves pleasure will be poor,
one who loves wine and oil will never be rich.
- ¹⁸ The wicked is punished in place of the righteous,
and the traitor instead of the upright.
- ¹⁹ It is better to live in a desert,
than with a quarrelsome and complaining wife.
- ²⁰ Precious treasure and oil are in the house of the wise,
but a fool devours it all.
- ²¹ Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness

- will find life, righteousness and honor.
- ²² A wise person scales the city of the mighty,
and tears down the fortress in which they trust.
- ²³ Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue,
keeps himself out of trouble.
- ²⁴ "Mocker" is the name of the proud and haughty,
he acts with arrogant pride.
- ²⁵ The sluggard's desire kills him,
for his hands refuse to work.
- ²⁶ Some people are constantly greedy,
but the righteous give without holding back.
- ²⁷ The sacrifice of the wicked is detestable,
how much more, when brought with evil intent.
- ²⁸ A false witness will perish,
but whoever listens, his speech will last.
- ²⁹ A wicked person puts on a bold face,
but the upright gives thought to his ways.
- ³⁰ There is no wisdom, understanding or counsel
that can succeed against the LORD.
- ³¹ The horse is prepared for the day of battle,
but victory belongs to the LORD.

DASV: Proverbs 22

- ¹ A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favor rather than silver and gold.
- ² The rich and the poor have this in common,
the LORD made them both.
- ³ The prudent sees danger and hides,
but the simple goes on and suffers the consequences.
- ⁴ The reward for humility and the fear of the LORD
is riches, honor, and life.
- ⁵ Thorns and snares are in the way of the crooked,
the one who guards his soul will stay away from them.
- ⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not depart from it.
- ⁷ The rich rule over the poor,
and the borrower is servant to the lender.
- ⁸ Whoever sows injustice will reap disaster,
and the rod of his wrath will cease.
- ⁹ Whoever is generous will be blessed,
for he shares his food with the poor.
- ¹⁰ Throw out the mocker, and conflict will leave,
strife and insults will cease.
- ¹¹ One who loves a pure heart and has gracious lips,
the king will be his friend.
- ¹² The eyes of the LORD protect those with knowledge,
but he overthrows the plans of the treacherous.
- ¹³ The sluggard says, "There is a lion out there.
I will be killed in the streets."
- ¹⁴ The mouth of an immoral woman is a deep pit,
he with whom the LORD is angry falls into it.
- ¹⁵ Folly is bound up in the heart of a child,
but the rod of discipline will drive it from him.
- ¹⁶ The one who oppresses the poor to increase wealth,
and the one who gives to the rich,
both will become poor.
- ¹⁷ Listen to the words of the wise,
and focus your heart on my knowledge,
- ¹⁸ for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you,
and always ready on your lips.
- ¹⁹ I have made them known to you this day,
so that your trust may be in the LORD.

- ²⁰ Have not I written thirty sayings to you,
sayings of advice and knowledge,
²¹ to make you know right and true words,
that you may give a true report to those who sent you?
- ²² Do not rob the poor, because he is poor,
or oppress the afflicted in the city gate;
²³ for the LORD will plead their cause,
and plunder those who plunder them.
- ²⁴ Do not make friends with one given to anger,
and do not go with a hothead,
²⁵ lest you learn their ways,
and entrap your soul.
- ²⁶ Do not be one who shakes hands in a pledge,
or one who puts up collateral for someone else's debts.
²⁷ If you have nothing to pay with,
why should your bed be taken from under you?
- ²⁸ Remove not the ancient landmark,
which your forefathers have set up.
²⁹ Do you see someone diligent in business?
That one will stand before kings,
and not serve under common folks.

DASV: Proverbs 23

- ¹ When you sit to eat with a ruler,
pay attention to what is put before you,
² and put a knife to your throat,
if you are one given to gluttony.
³ Do not desire his delicacies,
for that is deceptive food.
- ⁴ Do not wear yourself out to get rich,
be wise knowing when to quit.
⁵ Riches disappear in the blink of an eye,
they make wings like an eagle and fly away.
- ⁶ Do not eat the bread of the stingy,
or desire his delicacies,
⁷ for he is always calculating the cost,
“Eat and drink,” he says to you,
but his heart is not with you.
⁸ The morsel that you have eaten you will vomit up,
and your compliments will be wasted.
- ⁹ Do not speak to a fool,
for he will despise the wisdom of your words.
- ¹⁰ Remove not the ancient landmark,
and do not encroach on the fields of the orphans,
¹¹ for their Redeemer is strong,
he will plead their case against you.
- ¹² Apply your heart to instruction,
and your ears to the words of knowledge.
- ¹³ Do not withhold discipline from a child,
for if you spank him with a rod, he will not die.
¹⁴ You will spank him with a rod,
and will save his life from the grave.
- ¹⁵ My son, if your heart is wise,
then my heart will be glad;
¹⁶ yes, my heart will rejoice,
when your lips speak right things.

- ¹⁷ Do not let not your heart envy sinners,
but always fear the LORD.
- ¹⁸ For this you will be rewarded,
and your hope will not be cut off.
- ¹⁹ Listen, my son, and be wise,
and guide your heart in the right way.
- ²⁰ Do not join in with winebibbers,
or those who gorge themselves with meat,
- ²¹ for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty,
and drowsiness will clothe them with rags.
- ²² Listen to your father who gave you life,
and do not despise your mother when she is old.
- ²³ Buy the truth, and do not sell it,
get wisdom, instruction and understanding.
- ²⁴ The parent of the righteous will greatly rejoice,
and the one who gave birth to a wise child will have joy.
- ²⁵ Let your father and mother be glad,
and let her who bore you rejoice.
- ²⁶ My son, give me your heart,
and may your eyes delight in my ways,
- ²⁷ for a prostitute is a deep pit,
and an immoral woman is a narrow well.
- ²⁸ She lies in wait like a robber,
and increases the unfaithful among men.
- ²⁹ Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has fights?
Who is always complaining? Who has unnecessary bruises?
Who has bloodshot eyes?
- ³⁰ Those who linger over wine,
those who seek out mixed drinks.
- ³¹ Do not look at wine when it is red,
when it sparkles in the cup,
when it goes down smoothly.
- ³² In the end it bites like a serpent,
and stings like a viper.
- ³³ Your eyes will see strange things,
and your heart will say crazy things.
- ³⁴ You will be like one lying down in the midst of the sea,
or swaying like one lying on the top of a mast.
- ³⁵ “They hit me,” you will say, “but I am not hurt.

They beat me, but I do not feel it.
When will I wake up so I can have another drink?"

DASV: Proverbs 24

- ¹ Do not be jealous of evil people,
or desire to be with them,
² for their heart plots violence,
and their lips talk of trouble.
- ³ By wisdom a house is built,
and by understanding it is established;
⁴ by knowledge its rooms are filled,
with all precious and pleasant riches.
- ⁵ The wise are strong,
Yes, a person with knowledge grows stronger.
- ⁶ For you should wage war with wise guidance,
and there is safety in a multitude of counselors.
- ⁷ Wisdom is too lofty for a fool,
he does not open his mouth in the city gate.
- ⁸ One who plots evil,
people will call him a trouble-maker.
- ⁹ The schemes of the foolish are sin,
and people detest a mocker.
- ¹⁰ If you faint in the day of trouble,
your strength is small.
- ¹¹ Rescue those who are taken away to death,
and hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.
- ¹² If you say, "Look, we knew nothing about it,"
does not he who weighs the hearts perceive it?
Does not he who keeps your life know it?
And will he not render to every one according to their
deeds?
- ¹³ My son, eat honey, for it is good,
and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet
to your taste,
¹⁴ so is wisdom to your soul,
if you find it, you will have a future,
and your hope will not be cut off.
- ¹⁵ Do not lie in wait like the wicked, against the house
of the righteous,
do not destroy his home,

¹⁶ for the righteous will fall seven times, yet rise up again,
but the wicked are overthrown by calamity.

¹⁷ Do not rejoice when your enemy falls,
and do not let your heart be glad when he is overthrown,
¹⁸ Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him,
and he will turn his wrath away from him.

¹⁹ Do not fret because of evil-doers,
or be envious of the wicked,
²⁰ for there the evil have no future,
the lamp of the wicked will be snuffed out.

²¹ My son, fear the LORD and the king,
and do not join with those who are rebellious,
²² for their destruction will come suddenly,
and who knows how much devastation can come
from the LORD and the king.

²³ These also are sayings of the wise:

to show favoritism in judgment is not good.
²⁴ Whoever says to the wicked, "You are innocent,"
many people will curse him and nations abhor him,
²⁵ but those who convict the wicked will have delight,
and a good blessing will come upon them.

²⁶ An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.
²⁷ Plan your work, and prepare your field,
and then afterwards build your house.
²⁸ Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause,
and do not deceive with your lips.
²⁹ Do not say, "I will do to him as he has done to me,
I will repay him for what he has done."

³⁰ I went by the field of the sluggard,
by the vineyard of a person lacking sense,
³¹ And, look, it was all grown over with thorns,
the ground was covered with weeds,
and its stone wall was broken down.

³² Then I saw, I thought about it,
I looked and received instruction:

³³ A little sleep, a little slumber,

a little folding of the hands to sleep;
³⁴ and poverty will come on you like a robber,
and scarcity like an armed thug.

DASV: Proverbs 25

- ¹ These are more proverbs of Solomon,
copied by the men of Hezekiah king of Judah.
- ² It is the glory of God to conceal a matter,
but the glory of kings is to search it out.
- ³ As the heavens are high, and the earth is deep,
so the hearts of kings are unsearchable.
- ⁴ Take away dross from the silver,
and the vessel is ready for the silversmith.
- ⁵ Take away the wicked from the presence of the king,
and his throne will be established by righteousness.
- ⁶ Do not push yourself into the presence of the king,
and do not stand in the place of great men,
- ⁷ for it is better to be told, “Come up here,”
than that you should be humiliated in the presence
of a noble.
- What your eyes have seen
⁸ do not bring quickly to court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
- ⁹ Argue your case directly with your neighbor,
and do not disclose another’s secret;
- ¹⁰ or he who hears it will shame you,
and your bad reputation will never end.
- ¹¹ A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a silver basket.
- ¹² Like an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold,
so is a wise rebuke to a listening ear.
- ¹³ Like a cool snow in the time of harvest,
so is a faithful messenger to those who send him;
he refreshes the soul of his masters.
- ¹⁴ Like clouds and wind without rain,
so is one who boasts of a gift never given.
- ¹⁵ By patience a ruler can be persuaded,
and a soft tongue can break the bone.
- ¹⁶ If you find honey,

- eat only as much as is sufficient for you,
or you will have too much and vomit it up.
- ¹⁷ Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house,
or he will grow weary of you and hate you.
- ¹⁸ One who bears false witness against his neighbor
is like a club, a sword or a sharp arrow.
- ¹⁹ Relying on an unfaithful person in time of trouble
is like a broken tooth, and a lame foot.
- ²⁰ Like one who takes away a coat in cold weather,
or pours vinegar on soda,
so is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.
- ²¹ If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat,
and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;
- ²² for you will heap coals of fire upon his head,
and the LORD will reward you.
- ²³ As the north wind brings rain,
so a backbiting tongue brings an angry look.
- ²⁴ It is better to live in the corner of a housetop,
than with a contentious wife in a spacious house.
- ²⁵ Like cold waters to a thirsty soul,
so is good news from a far country.
- ²⁶ Like a muddied fountain and a polluted spring,
so is a righteous person who gives in to the wicked.
- ²⁷ It is not good to eat much honey,
or to seek honor for oneself.
- ²⁸ One who lacks self-control
is like a city broken into and without walls.

DASV: Proverbs 26

- ¹ Like snow in summer, or rain in harvest,
so honor is not fitting for a fool.
- ² Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow,
so an undeserved curse will not land on the innocent.
- ³ A whip for the horse, a bridle for the donkey,
and a rod for the back of fools.
- ⁴ Answer not a fool according to his folly,
or you will be like him.
- ⁵ Answer a fool according to his folly,
or he will be wise in his own eyes.
- ⁶ Sending a message by the hand of a fool,
is like cutting off one's own feet,
or drinking poison.
- ⁷ Like the legs of the lame that hang limp,
so is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
- ⁸ Like one who binds a stone in a sling,
so is one who gives honor to a fool.
- ⁹ Like a thorny branch brandished by the hand of a drunkard,
so is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
- ¹⁰ Like an archer that wounds everyone,
so is one who hires a fool or hires anyone who passes by.
- ¹¹ Like a dog that returns to its vomit,
so is a fool who repeats his folly.
- ¹² Do you see a person wise in his own eyes?
There is more hope for a fool than for him.
- ¹³ The sluggard says, "There is a lion in the road;
a lion is in the streets."
- ¹⁴ Like a door turns upon its hinges,
so a sluggard turns upon his bed.
- ¹⁵ The sluggard buries his hand in the dish,
he is too exhausted to bring it back to his mouth.
- ¹⁶ The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes
than seven people who can answer sensibly.
- ¹⁷ One who passes by and meddles in a controversy not his own,
is like one who grabs a dog by the ears.
- ¹⁸ Like a madman who shoots deadly firebrands and arrows,
¹⁹ so is one who deceives his neighbor,
and says "I was just joking."

- ²⁰ For lack of wood a fire goes out,
and where there is no gossip, quarrelling ceases.
- ²¹ Like coals to hot embers, and wood to fire,
so is a quarrelsome person who inflames strife.
- ²² The words of a gossip are as dainty morsels,
they go down into the deepest parts.
- ²³ Smooth lips and a wicked heart
are like an earthen vessel overlaid with silver glaze.
- ²⁴ Whoever hates, disguises it with his lips,
but he harbors deceit within.
- ²⁵ When he speaks kindly, do not believe him,
for there are seven abominations concealed in his heart.
- ²⁶ Though his hatred is covered with guile,
his wickedness will be openly exposed before the assembly.
- ²⁷ The one who digs a pit will fall into it,
and the one who rolls a stone down on someone,
it will roll back upon him.
- ²⁸ A lying tongue hates those it wounds,
and a flattering mouth causes ruin.

DASV: Proverbs 27

- ¹ Do not boast about tomorrow,
for you do not know what a day may bring.
- ² Let another praise you, and not your own mouth,
a stranger, and not your own lips.
- ³ A stone is heavy, and sand weighty,
but provocation caused by a fool is heavier than both.
- ⁴ Wrath is cruel, and anger is overwhelming,
but who can stand before jealousy?
- ⁵ Better is open rebuke
than hidden love.
- ⁶ Faithful are the wounds of a friend,
but the kisses of an enemy are profuse.
- ⁷ One who is full loathes honey,
but to the hungry even the bitter tastes sweet.
- ⁸ Like a bird that strays from her nest,
so is a man who strays from his home.
- ⁹ Oil and perfume make the heart happy,
so sweetness comes with a friend's earnest counsel.
- ¹⁰ Do not forsake your friend or your father's friend,
and do not go to your brother's house
in the day of disaster;
better is a neighbor who is nearby than a brother far away.
- ¹¹ My son, be wise, and bring me joy,
then I may answer those who criticize me.
- ¹² The prudent person sees evil, and hides himself,
but the simple go on, and suffer for it.
- ¹³ Take the garment of one who puts up collateral for a stranger;
and demand a deposit if he puts up security for a foreigner.
- ¹⁴ Whoever blesses his friend with a loud voice early
in the morning,
will be counted as cursing.
- ¹⁵ A quarrelsome wife is like dripping water on a rainy day.
- ¹⁶ To restrain her complaints is like restraining the wind
or grasping oil in one's right hand.
- ¹⁷ As iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens another.
- ¹⁸ Whoever tends the fig tree will eat its fruit,
and one who protects his master will be honored.
- ¹⁹ As water reflects the face,
so the heart reflects the person.
- ²⁰ As Death and Destruction are never satisfied,

- so human eyes are never satisfied.
- ²¹ The crucible is for silver, and the furnace for gold,
but a person is tested by the praise he receives.
- ²² Though you grind a fool like grain with mortar and pestle,
you cannot remove his folly from him.
- ²³ Be careful to know the condition of your flocks,
and pay attention to your herds,
- ²⁴ for riches do not last forever,
and the crown is not secure for all generations.
- ²⁵ When hay is cut, the new grass appears,
and the mountain grasses are gathered in.
- ²⁶ Lambs will provide you with clothing,
and goats provide the price of the field;
- ²⁷ and there will be enough goats' milk for your food,
your household, and your servants.

DASV: Proverbs 28

- ¹ The wicked flee when no one pursues,
but the righteous are bold as a lion.
- ² When a land rebels it has many rulers,
but by understanding and knowledge rulers attain stability.
- ³ A poor person who oppresses the poor
is like a sweeping rain that leaves no crops.
- ⁴ Those who forsake the law praise the wicked,
but those who keep the law fight against them.
- ⁵ The evil do not understand justice,
but those who seek the LORD understand it totally.
- ⁶ Better to be a poor person who walks with integrity,
than to have a crooked way and be rich.
- ⁷ Whoever keeps the law is a wise son,
but one who is a companion of gluttons shames his father.
- ⁸ One who increases wealth by charging high interest rates
gathers it for one who will be generous to the poor.
- ⁹ One who turns a deaf ear to hearing the law,
even his prayer is detestable.
- ¹⁰ Whoever misleads the upright into an evil path,
he will fall into his own pit,
but the blameless will have a good inheritance.
- ¹¹ The rich are wise in their own conceit,
but the poor who have understanding see through him.
- ¹² When the righteous triumph, there is great joy,
but when the wicked rise to power, people go into hiding.
- ¹³ Whoever covers his transgressions will not prosper,
but whoever confesses and forsakes them will find mercy.
- ¹⁴ Blessed is the one who fears always,
but whoever hardens his heart will fall into trouble.
- ¹⁵ Like a roaring lion or a charging bear,
so is a wicked ruler over a poor people.
- ¹⁶ The ruler who lacks understanding is a great oppressor,
but whoever hates unjust gain will prolong his days.
- ¹⁷ A murderer's conscience will put him in the grave;
let no one help him.
- ¹⁸ Whoever walks blamelessly will be delivered,
but one who is crooked in his ways will fall suddenly.
- ¹⁹ One who tills the land will have plenty of bread,
but one who chases fantasies will have plenty of poverty.
- ²⁰ The faithful will have abundant blessings,
but one who tries to get rich quickly will not go unpunished.

- ²¹ To show partiality is not good,
yet for a piece of bread a person may do wrong.
- ²² A stingy person pursues getting rich quickly,
and does not know that poverty will come upon him.
- ²³ Whoever rebukes a person will find more favor in the end
than one who flatters with the tongue.
- ²⁴ Whoever robs his father or his mother, and says,
“It is not wrong,”
is the companion of one who destroys.
- ²⁵ The greedy person stirs up strife,
but one who puts his trust in the LORD will prosper.
- ²⁶ One who trusts in his own heart is a fool,
but whoever walks wisely will be delivered.
- ²⁷ One who gives to the poor will not lack,
but one who closes his eyes will get many a curse.
- ²⁸ When the wicked rise to power, people hide themselves,
but when they perish, the righteous flourish.

DASV: Proverbs 29

- ¹ One who is often reprov'd, yet remains stubborn,
will suddenly be destroyed beyond recovery.
- ² When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice,
but when the wicked rule, the people sigh.
- ³ Whoever loves wisdom brings joy to his father,
but a visitor of prostitutes squanders his wealth.
- ⁴ By justice the king builds up the land,
but he who accepts bribes tears it down.
- ⁵ One who flatters a neighbor,
spreads a trap for his feet.
- ⁶ An evil person is snared by his own sin,
but the righteous sing and rejoice.
- ⁷ The righteous care about the rights of the poor;
the wicked simply do not care.
- ⁸ Mockers set a city on fire,
but the wise calm anger.
- ⁹ If a wise person has a case against a fool,
the fool will rant and rave but there is no resolution.
- ¹⁰ The bloodthirsty hate one who is blameless,
and seek to kill the upright.
- ¹¹ A fool gives full vent to his anger,
but a wise person quietly holds it back.
- ¹² If a ruler listens to lies,
all his officials will become wicked.
- ¹³ The poor and the oppressor share this:
The LORD gives sight to the eyes of both.
- ¹⁴ The king who faithfully judges the poor,
his throne will be secure forever.
- ¹⁵ The rod and reproof give wisdom,
but a child left to himself causes his mother shame.
- ¹⁶ When the wicked are in authority, sin increases,
but the righteous will look upon their downfall.
- ¹⁷ Discipline your son, and he will give you rest;
he will give delight to your soul.
- ¹⁸ Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint,
but happy is the one who keeps the law.
- ¹⁹ By mere words a servant is not disciplined,
for though he understands, he will not respond.
- ²⁰ Do you see a person hasty in his words?
There is more hope for a fool than for him.
- ²¹ A servant pampered from childhood,

- will rebel in the end.
- ²² An angry person stirs up strife,
and a hothead multiplies sin.
- ²³ Pride brings humiliation,
but a humble spirit obtains honor.
- ²⁴ The partner of a thief hates his own life,
he hears the curse but can say nothing.
- ²⁵ The fear of man is a dangerous trap,
but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe.
- ²⁶ Many seek the ruler's favor,
but justice comes from the LORD.
- ²⁷ The unjust are despised by the righteous,
and the upright are despised by the wicked.

DASV: Proverbs 30

¹ The sayings of Agur the son of Jakeh--an oracle.

The man declared: "I am weary, O God,
I am weary, O God, and worn out."

² Surely I am too stupid to be human,
and I do not have human understanding.

³ I have not learned wisdom,
nor do I have human knowledge of the Holy One.

⁴ Who has ever ascended to heaven, and come back down?
Who has grasped the wind in his fists?
Who has wrapped up the waters in his garment?
Who has established all the ends of the earth?
What is his name, and what is his son's name?
Surely you know!

⁵ Every word of God proves true,
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

⁶ Do not add to his words,
or he will rebuke you, and expose you as a liar.

⁷ Two things have I asked from you,
do not deny them to me before I die:

⁸ remove falsehood and lies far from me;
give me neither poverty nor riches.
Feed me just the food I need.

⁹ For if I am full,
I may deny you and say, "Who is the LORD?"
or if I am poor,
I may steal and dishonor the name of my God.

¹⁰ Do not slander a servant to his master,
or he will curse you and you will pay for it.

¹¹ There are those who curse their father,
and do not bless their mother.

¹² There are those who are pure in their own eyes,
and yet are not cleansed from their filthiness.

¹³ There are those--oh how arrogant are their eyes,
and how their eyelids look with disdain.

¹⁴ There are those whose teeth are swords,
and their fangs are knives,
devouring the poor from off the earth,
and the needy from among humankind.

¹⁵ The leech has two daughters, crying, "Give, give."

There are three things that are never satisfied,
yes, four that never say, "Enough":
¹⁶ the grave,
the barren womb,
the earth that is never satisfied with water,
and the fire which never says "Enough".

¹⁷ The eye that mocks a father,
or scorns to obey a mother,
will be plucked out by the ravens of the valley,
and be eaten by vultures.

¹⁸ There are three things that are too wonderful for me,
yes, four I do not understand:
¹⁹ the way of an eagle in the sky,
the way of a serpent upon a rock,
the way of a ship in the midst of the sea,
and the way of a man with a woman.

²⁰ This is the way of an adulterous woman:
she eats, wipes her mouth,
and says, "I have done nothing wrong."

²¹ Under three things the earth trembles,
under four it cannot endure:
²² a servant who becomes king,
a fool who is full of food;
²³ an unloved woman when she gets married,
and a handmaid who supplants her mistress.

²⁴ There are four things that are little on the earth,
yet they are exceedingly wise:
²⁵ the ants are creatures not very strong,
yet they store up their food in the summer;
²⁶ the rock badgers are feeble,
yet they make their homes in the rocks;
²⁷ the locusts have no king,
yet they all march forth in ranks;
²⁸ the lizard can easily be caught by hand,
yet they are found in kings' palaces.

- ²⁹ There are three things that are stately in their stride,
yes, four that strut out:
- ³⁰ the lion, which is mightiest among beasts,
 and does not retreat for anything;
- ³¹ the strutting rooster;
 the male goat;
 and the king leading his army.
- ³² If you have foolishly lifted yourself up,
or if you have plotted evil,
put your hand over your mouth.
- ³³ For as the churning of milk produces butter,
and punching the nose produces blood,
so stirring up anger produces strife.

DASV: Proverbs 31

- ¹ The words of king Lemuel,
an oracle his mother taught him.
- ² “O my son! O son of my womb! O son of my vows!
³ Do not give your strength to women,
or your ways to those who destroy kings.
⁴ It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine,
not for princes to crave strong drink.
⁵ Lest they drink, and forget the law,
and pervert justice for the oppressed.
⁶ Give strong drink to one who is perishing,
and wine to one in bitter distress.
⁷ Let them drink, and forget their poverty,
and remember their misery no more.
- ⁸ Speak up for those who cannot,
for the rights of all who are destitute.
⁹ Speak up, judge righteously,
and make sure the poor and needy get justice.”
- ¹⁰ A virtuous woman who can find?
For her price is far above rubies.
¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
¹² She does him good and not evil
all the days of her life.
¹³ She seeks wool and flax,
and works willingly with her hands.
¹⁴ She is like merchant ships,
she brings her food from far away.
¹⁵ She gets up while it is still night,
and prepares food for her household,
and portions for her servant girls.
¹⁶ She considers a field, and buys it,
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
¹⁷ She clothes herself with strength,
and strengthens her arms.
¹⁸ She makes sure that her trading is profitable;
her lamp does not go out at night.
¹⁹ Her hands grasp the distaff,
and her fingers hold the spindle.

- ²⁰ She stretches out her hand to the poor,
she reaches out to the needy.
- ²¹ She is not afraid for her household because of the snow,
for they are clothed with scarlet.
- ²² She makes her own bedspreads,
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- ²³ Her husband is known in the city gates,
when he sits among the elders of the land.
- ²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them,
and delivers sashes to the merchants.
- ²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the future.
- ²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and kind instruction is on her tongue.
- ²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of laziness.
- ²⁸ Her children rise up, and call her blessed,
her husband also praises her, saying:
- ²⁹ “Many daughters are virtuous,
but you have surpassed them all.”
- ³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty fades,
but a woman who fears the LORD,
she will be praised.
- ³¹ Reward her from the work of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.