Proverbs 25:1-28 Concise Straight Practical Wise Statements & Advice

Further Wise Sayings of Solomon

- 1. These also are proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied:
- ² It is the glory of Elohiym (God) to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.
- ³ As the heavens for height and the earth for depth, So the heart of kings is unsearchable.
- ⁴ Take away the dross from silver, And it will go to the silversmith for jewelry.
- ⁵ Take away the wicked from before the king, And his throne will be established in righteousness.
- ⁶ Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, And do not stand in the place of the great;
- ⁷ For *it is* better that he say to you, "Come up here," Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, Whom your eyes have seen.
- ⁸ Do not go hastily to court; For what will you do in the end, When your neighbor has put you to shame?
- ⁹ Debate your case with your neighbor, And do not disclose the secret to another;
- ¹⁰ Lest he who hears it expose your shame, And your reputation be ruined.
- ¹¹ A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold In settings of silver.
- ¹² Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold *Is* a wise rebuker to an obedient ear.
- ¹³ Like the cold of snow in time of harvest *Is* a faithful messenger to those who send him, For he refreshes the soul of his masters.
- ¹⁴ Whoever falsely boasts of giving *Is like* clouds and wind without rain.
- ¹⁵ By long forbearance a ruler is persuaded, And a gentle tongue breaks a bone.
- ¹⁶ Have you found honey? Eat only as much as you need, Lest you be filled with it and vomit.
- ¹⁷ Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house, Lest he become weary of you and hate you.

- ¹⁸ A man who bears false witness against his neighbor *Is like* a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow.
- ¹⁹ Confidence in an unfaithful *man* in time of trouble *Is like* a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.
- ²⁰ Like one who takes away a garment in cold weather, And like vinegar on soda, 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 so you will heap coals of fire on his head, And the LORD will reward you.
- ²³ The north wind brings forth rain, And a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.
- ²⁴ It is better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.
- ²⁵ As cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a far country.
- ²⁶ A righteous *man* who falters before the wicked *Is like* a murky spring and a polluted well.
- ²⁷ It is not good to eat much honey; So to seek one's own glory is not glory.
- ²⁸ Whoever *has* no rule over his own spirit *Is like* a city broken down, without walls.

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Facts Revealed:

- ♦ Short self evident wise statements of Solomon requiring no commentary.
- ♦ Good wise advice.