

# Proverbs 1:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

## Analysis

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God's reproof is an act of grace, offering correction before judgment. The promise to 'pour out my spirit' anticipates the New Covenant's abundant Spirit-gifting (Joel 2:28). The Hebrew 'tokhakhat' (reproof) implies both rebuke and the reasoning that accompanies it, showing God deals with us as rational beings.

## Historical Context

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Prophetic calls to repentance followed this pattern—conviction, invitation, and promised transformation. Solomon speaks with prophetic authority, mediating divine wisdom to covenant people.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How do you respond when the Spirit convicts you through Scripture or conscience?
2. What area of your life is God currently reproving to draw you closer?

## Interlinear Text

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Turn	you at my reproof	H2009	behold I will pour out	H5042	my spirit	H7307													
H7725	H8433			H5042															

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 33:11** (Parallel theme): Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

**Acts 3:19** (Parallel theme): Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

**Joel 2:28** (Spirit): And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

**Isaiah 32:15** (Spirit): Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

**Acts 26:20** (Parallel theme): But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

**Proverbs 12:1** (Parallel theme): Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.

**Zechariah 12:10** (Spirit): And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one

mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

**Luke 11:13** (Spirit): If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

**Isaiah 45:8** (Parallel theme): Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it.

**Psalms 145:1** (Parallel theme): I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

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