

# Proverbs 10

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## **The Proverbs of Solomon: The Wise Son and the Foolish Son**

- 1** The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.
- 2** Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.
- 3** The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.
- 4** He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.
- 5** He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.
- 6** Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.
- 7** The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.
- 8** The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.
- 9** He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.
- 10** He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.
- 11** The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.
- 12** Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

13 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.

14 Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city: the destruction of the poor is their poverty.

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16 The labour of the righteous tendeth to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.

17 He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth.

18 He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.

19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.

20 The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth.

21 The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.

22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

23 It is as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.

24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.

25 As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.

26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him.

27 The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

28 The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

- 29** The way of the LORD is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.
- 30** The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.
- 31** The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.
- 32** The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked speaketh frowardness.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### Hope — תִּקְוָה (Tikvah)

Hope, expectation

The Hebrew **tikvah** (תִּקְוָה) means hope or expectation—confident trust in God's promises. 'Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God' (Psalm 146:5).

### Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יהוה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

### Love — אַהֲבָה / חֶסֶד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אַהֲבָה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חֶסֶד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

### Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

### Sin — חַטָּאת (Chatta'ah)

Sin, missing the mark

The Hebrew **chatta'ah** (חַטָּאת) means sin—missing the mark of God's standard. It encompasses rebellion, transgression, and falling short of divine holiness.

### Transgression — פְּשָׁע (Pesha)

Transgression, rebellion

The Hebrew **pesha** (פְּשָׁע) means transgression or rebellion—willful violation of God's law. It implies deliberate revolt against divine authority: 'he was wounded for our transgressions' (Isaiah 53:5).

**Word** — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

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**CROSS REFERENCES**


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**Proverbs 10:2** **Righteousness:** Proverbs 11:4; 12:28; Romans 2:5; 5:21. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 21:6; Ezekiel 7:19; Zephaniah 1:18

**Proverbs 10:3** **Righteousness:** Psalms 37:25. **References Lord:** Psalms 37:3; Zephaniah 1:18. **Parallel theme:** Job 5:20; 20:28; Psalms 33:19; Isaiah 33:16; Luke 12:31. **Evil:** Psalms 37:19; 112:10

**Proverbs 10:4**

**Parallel theme:** Proverbs 11:24; 12:24; 13:4; 19:15; 19:24; 20:4; 20:13; 21:5; John 6:27; 1 Corinthians 15:58

**Proverbs 10:5** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 6:8; 17:2; 19:26; 30:25

**Proverbs 10:6** **Sin:** Proverbs 11:26; 24:25; 28:20; Deuteronomy 28:2; Job 29:13.

**Righteousness:** Proverbs 10:11; Psalms 107:42. **Parallel theme:** Romans 3:19

**Proverbs 10:7** **Righteousness:** Psalms 112:6. **Blessing:** Luke 1:48. **Parallel theme:** 2 Chronicles 24:16; Psalms 109:13; Mark 14:9

**Proverbs 10:8** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 1:5; 9:9; 12:1; James 3:13

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**Proverbs 10:10** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 6:13; 10:8; Psalms 35:19; 3 John 1:10

**Proverbs 10:11** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 13:14; 15:7; 18:4; 20:15; Ephesians 4:29.

**Righteousness:** Proverbs 10:6; 10:32; Psalms 107:42

**Proverbs 10:12** **Love:** Proverbs 17:9; 1 Peter 4:8. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 15:18; 16:27; 28:25; James 4:1. **Sin:** Proverbs 29:22; James 5:20

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**Proverbs 10:14** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 9:9; 10:8; 10:10; 13:3; 18:7

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**Proverbs 10:16** **Righteousness:** Hebrews 6:10. **Sin:** Romans 6:23. **Parallel theme:** John 6:27; 1 Corinthians 15:58

**Proverbs 10:17** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 3:18; 5:12; 6:23; 12:1; 15:10; 29:1; Luke 11:28

**Proverbs 10:18** **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 3:27; Psalms 15:3; 55:21

**Proverbs 10:19**

**Word:** Ecclesiastes 5:3; James 3:2. **Parallel theme:** James 1:19. **Sin:** Psalms 39:1

**Proverbs 10:20** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 12:18. **Evil:** Genesis 6:5; Jeremiah 17:9

**Proverbs 10:21** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 1:29; 1:31; 5:12; 5:23; 15:4; 17:16; Job 23:12; Hosea 4:6; Matthew 13:19

**Proverbs 10:22** **Blessing:** Proverbs 20:21; Genesis 24:35; 26:12; Psalms 37:22; 107:38. **Sin:** Genesis 12:2. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 28:22; Genesis 13:2; 14:23. **References Lord:** Zechariah 5:4

**Proverbs 10:23** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 2:14; 14:9; 15:21; Ecclesiastes 11:9

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**Proverbs 10:27**    **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 3:2; 3:16; 9:11; Psalms 21:4; 55:23; 91:16. **Evil:** Ecclesiastes 7:17

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**Proverbs 10:32**    **Righteousness:** Proverbs 15:28. **Evil:** Proverbs 2:12; 11:11; 12:6. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 12:18

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