

Proverbs 11

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Proverbs Contrasting Righteousness and Wickedness

- 1** A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight.
- 2** When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.
- 3** The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.
- 4** Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.
- 5** The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.
- 6** The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in their own naughtiness.
- 7** When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust men perisheth.
- 8** The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.
- 9** An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.
- 10** When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, there is shouting.
- 11** By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
- 12** He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

- 13 A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.
- 14 Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.
- 15 He that is surety for a stranger shall smart for it: and he that hateth suretiship is sure.
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- 16 A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong men retain riches.
- 17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.
- 18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.
- 19 As righteousness tendeth to life: so he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death.
- 20 They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the LORD: but such as are upright in their way are his delight.
- 21 Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.
- 22 As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion.
- 23 The desire of the righteous is only good: but the expectation of the wicked is wrath.
- 24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.
- 25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

- 26** He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.
- 27** He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.
- 28** He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.
- 29** He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.
- 30** The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.
- 31** Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Faith — אֱמוּנָה (Emunah)

Faithfulness, trust

The Hebrew **emunah** (אֱמוּנָה) encompasses both faith and faithfulness—trusting God and being trustworthy. It implies steadfast reliability, as in 'The just shall live by his faith' (Habakkuk 2:4).

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** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

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.

Spirit — רוח (Ruach)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוח) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

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Parallel theme: Hosea 12:7

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Proverbs 11:3 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 11:5; 13:6; 19:3; 28:18; Psalms 25:21; 26:1; Ecclesiastes 7:17; John 7:17

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Proverbs 11:6 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 5:22; 1 Kings 2:44; Ecclesiastes 10:8

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Proverbs 11:8 **Righteousness:** Proverbs 21:18

Proverbs 11:9 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 55:12; Acts 20:30; 1 John 2:21; 2:27

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Proverbs 11:11 **Sin:** Proverbs 14:34; James 3:6. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 29:8; Job 22:30; Ecclesiastes 9:15

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Proverbs 11:31 **Evil:** Jeremiah 25:29. **Righteousness:** Proverbs 13:21

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