

Proverbs 24

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More Sayings of the Wise

- ¹ Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.
 - ² For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.
 - ³ Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:
 - ⁴ And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.
 - ⁵ A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.
 - ⁶ For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.
 - ⁷ Wisdom is too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.
 - ⁸ He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person.
 - ⁹ The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men.
 - ¹⁰ If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.
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- ¹¹ If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain;
 - ¹² If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?

- 13 My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste:
- 14 So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.
- 15 Lay not wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting place:
- 16 For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.
- 17 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:
- 18 Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.
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- 19 Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked;
- 20 For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.
- 21 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:
- 22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?
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Further Sayings of the Wise

- 23 These things also belong to the wise. It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.
- 24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:
- 25 But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.

- 26 Every man shall kiss his lips that giveth a right answer.
- 27 Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.
- 28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive not with thy lips.
- 29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.
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- 30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;
- 31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.
- 32 Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.
- 33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:
- 34 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.
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HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

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.

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.

Wrath — אַף (Aph)

Wrath, anger

The Hebrew **aph** (אַף) literally means 'nose' or 'nostrils,' idiomatically expressing wrath or anger—God's righteous indignation against sin. Yet God is 'slow to anger' (Exodus 34:6) and 'abundant in mercy.'

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.

CROSS REFERENCES

Proverbs 24:1 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 3:31; 13:20; 23:17; Psalms 26:9. **Evil:** Proverbs 24:19; Psalms 37:1; 37:7; 73:3

Proverbs 24:2

Parallel theme: 1 Samuel 23:9; Job 15:35; Psalms 7:14; 10:7; 28:3; Isaiah 59:4; Acts 13:10

Proverbs 24:3 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 9:1; 14:1; 2 Samuel 7:26; Jeremiah 10:12; 1 Corinthians 3:9; Colossians 2:7

Proverbs 24:4

Parallel theme: Proverbs 8:21; 15:6; 20:15; 21:20; Nehemiah 10:39; Matthew 13:52

Proverbs 24:5 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 8:14; 10:29; 21:22; Psalms 84:7; Ecclesiastes 7:19; Isaiah 40:31; Colossians 1:11

Proverbs 24:6 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 11:14; 15:22; 20:18; Luke 14:31

Proverbs 24:7 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 14:6; Psalms 10:5

Proverbs 24:8 **Evil:** Proverbs 6:18; 14:22; Psalms 21:11; Romans 1:30. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 6:14

Proverbs 24:9

Parallel theme: Proverbs 24:8; 29:8; Genesis 6:5; Isaiah 55:7; Jeremiah 4:14; Matthew 5:28; 9:4; 15:19; Acts 8:22; 2 Corinthians 10:5

Proverbs 24:10 **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 27:1; Job 4:5; Jeremiah 51:46; 2 Corinthians 4:1; Ephesians 3:13; Revelation 2:3; 2:13

Proverbs 24:11 **Parallel theme:** Job 29:17; Psalms 82:4

Proverbs 24:12 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 21:2; 1 Samuel 16:7; Job 34:11; Psalms 62:12; 121:3; 121:8; Ecclesiastes 5:8; Jeremiah 17:10; Romans 2:6; Revelation 2:23

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Good: Isaiah 7:15. **Related:** Song of Solomon 5:1. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 25:16

Proverbs 24:14 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 2:10; 22:18; 23:18; Psalms 119:103; 119:111; Jeremiah 15:16; James 1:25

Proverbs 24:15 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 140:5; Isaiah 32:18; Jeremiah 11:19; Acts 9:24

Proverbs 24:16 **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 26:10; Psalms 37:24; 52:5; 1 Thessalonians 5:3. **Righteousness:** Proverbs 14:32; Psalms 34:19. **Evil:** Proverbs 13:17; Job 5:19. **Resurrection:** Amos 5:2

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Parallel theme: Proverbs 17:5; Judges 16:25; Job 31:29; Psalms 35:15; 35:19; 42:10; Obadiah 1:12

Proverbs 24:19 **Evil:** Proverbs 24:1; Numbers 16:26; Psalms 37:1; 73:3; 119:115. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 13:20; 23:17; Psalms 1:1; Ephesians 5:11

Proverbs 24:20

Evil: Proverbs 13:9; Job 21:17; Psalms 11:6. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 20:20

Proverbs 24:21 **Kingdom:** 1 Kings 12:16. **Parallel theme:** Titus 3:1

Proverbs 24:23 **Good:** Proverbs 28:21; James 3:17. **Judgment:** Proverbs 18:5; Leviticus 19:15; Deuteronomy 1:17; 16:19; John 7:24. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 1:6; Psalms 107:43; Hosea 14:9

Proverbs 24:24 **Righteousness:** Proverbs 17:15; Isaiah 5:23. **Curse:** Proverbs 11:26

Proverbs 24:25 **Sin:** 1 Timothy 5:20. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 28:23

Proverbs 24:26 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 15:23; 16:1; Job 6:25

Proverbs 24:27 **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 6:7

Proverbs 24:28 **Parallel theme:** Ephesians 4:25. **Witness:** Proverbs 25:18

Proverbs 24:29 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 20:22; Judges 15:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:15

Proverbs 24:30 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 12:11

Proverbs 24:31 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 19:23; 20:4; 22:13; 23:21; Job 31:40; Ecclesiastes 10:18; Isaiah 5:5; Jeremiah 4:3; Matthew 13:7; Hebrews 6:8

Proverbs 24:32 **Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 10:11

Proverbs 24:33 **Parallel theme:** Romans 13:11; Ephesians 5:14

Proverbs 24:34 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 10:4; 13:4

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