

Proverbs 27

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Proverbs on Friendship and Prudence

- 1** Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.
 - 2** Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.
 - 3** A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both.
 - 4** Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?
 - 5** Open rebuke is better than secret love.
 - 6** Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.
 - 7** The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.
 - 8** As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place.
 - 9** Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.
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- 10** Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: for better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off.
 - 11** My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.

- 12 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.
- 13 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.
- 14 He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.
- 15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.
- 16 Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, which bewrayeth itself.
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- 17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.
- 18 Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.
- 19 As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man.
- 20 Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.
- 21 As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise.
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- 22 Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him.
- 23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.
- 24 For riches are not for ever: and doth the crown endure to every generation?
- 25 The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered.
- 26 The lambs are for thy clothing, and the goats are the price of the field.
- 27 And thou shalt have goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and for the maintenance for thy maidens.

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).

Lamb — שֶׁה / כֶּבֶשׂ (Seh / Kebes)

Lamb, young sheep

The Hebrew **seh** (שֶׁה) denotes a lamb—central to Israel's sacrificial system. The Passover lamb's blood protected Israel from judgment (Exodus 12), and Isaiah prophesied the Servant would be 'brought as a lamb to the slaughter' (Isaiah 53:7).

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.

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.'

CROSS REFERENCES

Proverbs 27:1 **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 28:19; 2 Corinthians 6:2

Proverbs 27:2 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 25:27; 2 Corinthians 10:12; 10:18; 12:11

Proverbs 27:3 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 17:12; Daniel 3:19

Proverbs 27:4 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 6:34; 14:30; Matthew 27:18; Acts 7:9. **Judgment:** Job 5:2

Proverbs 27:5 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 28:23; Leviticus 19:17; Matthew 18:15; Galatians 2:14; 1 Timothy 5:20

Proverbs 27:6 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 10:18; Psalms 141:5; Hebrews 12:10; Revelation 3:19

Proverbs 27:7 **Parallel theme:** Numbers 21:5

Proverbs 27:8 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 21:16; 26:2; Genesis 4:16; 1 Samuel 22:5; 1 Kings 19:9; Isaiah 16:2; Jonah 1:3; 1 Corinthians 7:20

Proverbs 27:9

Parallel theme: Proverbs 15:23; 16:21; Psalms 23:5; 104:15. **Related:** Song of Solomon 3:6

Proverbs 27:10 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 17:17; 18:24; 19:7; 2 Samuel 19:24

Proverbs 27:11 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 10:1; Psalms 119:42

Proverbs 27:12 **Evil:** Proverbs 22:3. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 18:10; Hebrews 11:7

Proverbs 27:13 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 20:16; Exodus 22:26

Proverbs 27:15 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 19:13; 21:9; 21:19; 25:24

Proverbs 27:16 **Parallel theme:** John 12:3

Proverbs 27:17 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 27:9; 1 Samuel 23:16; 1 Thessalonians 3:3; 2 Timothy 1:8; 1:12; 2:3; Hebrews 10:24; James 1:2

Proverbs 27:18 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 22:29; Matthew 24:46; Luke 12:37; 19:17; John 12:26; 1 Corinthians 3:8; 9:7; 2 Timothy 2:6; 1 Peter 2:21. **Related:** Song of Solomon 8:12

Proverbs 27:19 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 6:5; Psalms 33:15; Mark 7:21

Proverbs 27:20 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 15:11; 23:5; Job 26:6; Ecclesiastes 1:8; 4:8; 6:7; Jeremiah 22:17; Habakkuk 2:5; 1 John 2:16

Proverbs 27:21 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 17:3; Psalms 66:10; Zechariah 13:9; Malachi 3:3. **Resurrection:** 1 Peter 1:7

Proverbs 27:22

Parallel theme: Proverbs 23:35; Exodus 12:30; 14:5; Isaiah 1:5; Jeremiah 5:3

Proverbs 27:23 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 24:32; Genesis 33:13; Deuteronomy 32:46; 2 Chronicles 26:10; Ezekiel 34:31; John 10:3; 1 Peter 5:2

Proverbs 27:24 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 23:5; Isaiah 9:7

Proverbs 27:25 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 10:5; Psalms 104:14

Proverbs 27:27 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 6:33

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