

# Proverbs 28

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## Proverbs on Justice and Righteousness

- <sup>1</sup> The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.
- <sup>2</sup> For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged.
- <sup>3</sup> A poor man that oppresseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.
- <sup>4</sup> They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.
- <sup>5</sup> Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all things.
- <sup>6</sup> Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.
- <sup>7</sup> Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father.
- <sup>8</sup> He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.
- <sup>9</sup> He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.
- <sup>10</sup> Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession.
- <sup>11</sup> The rich man is wise in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.

- 12 When righteous men do rejoice, there is great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden.
- 13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.
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- 14 Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.
- 15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.
- 16 The prince that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor: but he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.
- 17 A man that doeth violence to the blood of any person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.
- 18 Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.
- 19 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough.
- 20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.
- 21 To have respect of persons is not good: for for a piece of bread that man will transgress.
- 22 He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.
- 23 He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.
- 24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer.

- 25** He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.
- 26** He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.
- 27** He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.
- 28** When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### **Blood** — דָּם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

### **Confess** — יָדָה (Yadah)

To confess, praise, give thanks

The Hebrew **yadah** (יָדָה) means to confess or give thanks—acknowledging truth openly. 'He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy' (Proverbs 28:13).

### **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).

### **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.

### **Law** — תּוֹרָה (Torah)

Law, instruction

The Hebrew **Torah** (תּוֹרָה) means law or instruction—God's revealed will for His people. The Law includes moral, civil, and ceremonial commandments, revealing God's character and humanity's need for a Savior.

### **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.

**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).

**Save** — יָשָׁע (Yasha)

To save, deliver, rescue

The Hebrew **yasha** (יָשָׁע) means to save or deliver—rescue from danger or distress. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.' God alone is Savior: 'I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour' (Isaiah 43:11).

**CROSS REFERENCES**

**Proverbs 28:1** **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 26:36; Deuteronomy 28:7; 28:25; 2 Kings 7:15; Psalms 53:5; Jeremiah 20:4; Acts 4:13; 14:3; 1 Thessalonians 2:2. **Evil:** Psalms 112:7

**Proverbs 28:2** **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 15:28

**Proverbs 28:4**

**Parallel theme:** Acts 15:2; Romans 1:32; Ephesians 5:11; 1 John 4:5. **Word:** 1 Kings 18:18; 18:21; Matthew 14:4. **Resurrection:** Psalms 49:18; Matthew 3:7. **Evil:** Psalms 10:3

**Proverbs 28:5** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 92:6; John 7:17; James 1:5; 1 John 2:20; 2:27

**Proverbs 28:6** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 19:1; 19:22; 28:18

**Proverbs 28:7** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 29:3

**Proverbs 28:8** **Righteousness:** Proverbs 13:22. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 14:31; Exodus 22:25; Leviticus 25:36; Ecclesiastes 2:26; Ezekiel 18:8; 18:13; 18:17

**Proverbs 28:9**

**Parallel theme:** Proverbs 21:13; Psalms 66:18. **Prayer:** Proverbs 15:8; Psalms 109:7

**Proverbs 28:10** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 26:27; Galatians 2:4. **Righteousness:** Proverbs 15:6; Matthew 6:33

**Proverbs 28:11** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 18:17; 26:16; Romans 12:16

**Proverbs 28:12** **Righteousness:** Proverbs 11:10; 28:28; 29:2

**Proverbs 28:13**

**Sin:** Job 31:33; 33:27. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 4:9; Psalms 51:10; Acts 26:20

**Proverbs 28:14**

**Parallel theme:** Proverbs 23:17; 29:1; Psalms 2:11; 95:8; 112:1; Isaiah 66:2; Jeremiah 32:40; Romans 11:20; Hebrews 4:1; 1 Peter 1:17

**Proverbs 28:15** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 19:12; 20:2; Matthew 2:16. **Evil:** 1 Peter 5:8

**Proverbs 28:17** **Blood:** Genesis 9:6; 1 Kings 21:19. **Parallel theme:** Exodus 21:14

**Proverbs 28:18** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 10:9; 10:25; 28:6; Numbers 22:32; Psalms 25:21; 26:11; 84:11; 125:5; 1 Thessalonians 5:3; Revelation 3:3

**Proverbs 28:19** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 12:11; Judges 9:4

**Proverbs 28:20** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 13:11; 17:5; 23:4; 28:22. **Faith:** Nehemiah 7:2; Psalms 101:6; Revelation 2:10; 2:13. **Sin:** Proverbs 10:6. **Blessing:** Proverbs 20:21

**Proverbs 28:21** **Parallel theme:** Exodus 23:2; 23:8; Ezekiel 13:19. **Good:** Proverbs 18:5; 24:23

**Proverbs 28:22** **Evil:** Proverbs 23:6. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 28:20; 1 Timothy 6:9

**Proverbs 28:23** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 141:5; Matthew 18:15

**Proverbs 28:24** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 18:9; 19:26; 28:7; Judges 17:2

**Proverbs 28:25** **Creation:** Proverbs 11:25; 13:4. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 10:12; 13:10; 15:18; 21:24; 29:22; 1 Timothy 6:6. **Faith:** Proverbs 29:25; Psalms 84:12

**Proverbs 28:26**

**Faith:** Proverbs 3:5; 2 Timothy 3:15. **Parallel theme:** 2 Kings 8:13; Job 28:28; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 8:7; James 1:5

**Proverbs 28:27** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 11:24; 19:17; 22:9; Deuteronomy 15:7; 15:10.

**Curse:** Proverbs 11:26

**Proverbs 28:28** **Parallel theme:** Job 24:4. **Righteousness:** Proverbs 28:12; 29:2

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