

PROVERBS 11

¹ False balances are an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is acceptable unto Him.

² Wherever pride enters, there will also be disgrace, but the mouth of the lowly meditates wisdom.

³ When a just man dies he leaves regret, but the destruction of the ungodly is speedy, and causes joy.

⁴ (This verse omitted in LXX)

⁵ Righteousness traces out blameless paths, but ungodliness encounters unjust dealing.

⁶ The righteousness of upright men delivers them, but transgressors are caught in their own destruction.

⁷ At the death of a just man his hope does not perish, but the boast of the ungodly perishes.

⁸ A righteous man escapes from a snare, and the ungodly man is delivered up in his place.

⁹ In the mouth of ungodly men is a snare to citizens, but the understanding of righteous men is prosperous.

¹⁰ In the prosperity of righteous men a city prospers:

¹¹ but by the mouth of ungodly men it is overthrown.

¹² A man void of understanding sneers at *his fellow* citizens, but a sensible man is quiet.

¹³ A double-tongued man discloses the secret counsels of an assembly, but he that is faithful in spirit conceals matters.

¹⁴ They that have no guidance fall like leaves, but in much counsel there is safety.

¹⁵ A bad man does harm wherever he meets a just man, and he hates the sound of safety.

¹⁶ A gracious wife brings glory to her husband, but a woman hating righteousness is a theme of dishonor. The slothful come to want, but the diligent support themselves with wealth.

¹⁷ A merciful man does good to his own soul, but the merciless destroys his own body.

¹⁸ An ungodly man performs unrighteous works, but the seed of the righteous is a reward of truth.

¹⁹ A righteous son is born for life, but the persecution of the ungodly *ends* in death.

²⁰ Perverse ways are an abomination to the Lord, but all those that are blameless in their ways are acceptable to Him.

²¹ He that unjustly strikes hands shall not be unpunished, but he that sows righteousness shall receive a faithful reward.

²² As an ornament in a swine's snout, so is beauty to an ill-minded woman. ²³ All the desire of the righteous is good, but the hope of the ungodly shall perish.

²⁴ There are *some* who scatter their own, and make it more, and there are some also who gather, yet have less. ²⁵ Every sincere soul is blessed, but a passionate man is not graceful.

²⁶ May he that hoards grain leave it to the nation: but blessing be on the head of him that gives it.

²⁷ He that devises good *counsels* seeks good favor, but as for him that seeks after evil, *evil* shall overtake him.

²⁸ He that trusts in wealth shall fall, but he that helps righteous men shall rise. ²⁹ He that does not deal graciously with his own house shall inherit the wind, and the fool shall be servant to the wise man.

³⁰ Out of the fruit of righteousness grows a tree of life, but the souls of transgressors are cut off before their time.

³¹ If the righteous are scarcely saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?