

PROVERBS 19

¹ (This verse omitted in LXX)

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³ The folly of a man destroys his ways, and in his heart he blames God.

⁴ Wealth acquires many friends, but the poor is deserted even of the friend he has.

⁵ A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that accuses unjustly shall not escape.

⁶ Many court the favor of kings, but every bad man becomes a reproach to *another* man.

⁷ Everyone who hates his poor brother shall also be far from friendship.

Good understanding will draw near to them that know it, and a sensible man will find it.

He that does much harm perfects wickedness, and he that uses provoking words shall not escape.

⁸ He that procures wisdom loves himself, and he that keeps wisdom shall find good things.

⁹ A false witness shall not go unpunished, and whosoever shall kindle mischief shall perish by it.

¹⁰ Delight does not suit a fool, nor *is it seemly* if a servant should begin to rule with haughtiness.

¹¹ A merciful man is long suffering, and his triumph overtakes transgressors.

¹² The threatening of a king is like the roaring of a lion, but as dew on the grass, so is his favor.

¹³ A foolish son is a disgrace to his father; vows *paid out* of the hire of a harlot are not pure.

¹⁴ Fathers divide house and substance to their children, but a wife is suited to a man by the Lord.

¹⁵ Fear restrains the effeminate man, and the soul of the idle person shall hunger.

¹⁶ He that keeps the commandment keeps his own soul, but he that despises his ways shall perish.

¹⁷ He that has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will recompense to him according to his gift.

¹⁸ Chasten your son, for so he shall be hopeful; and do not be exalted in your soul to haughtiness.

¹⁹ A malicious man shall be severely punished, and if he commit injury, he shall also lose his life.

²⁰ Hear, son, the instruction of your father, that you may be wise in your latter days.

²¹ *There are* many thoughts in a man's heart, but the counsel of the Lord abides forever.

²² Mercy is a fruit to a man, and a poor man is better than a rich liar.

²³ The fear of the Lord is life to a man; and he shall lodge without fear in places where knowledge is not seen. ²⁴ He that unjustly hides his hands in his bosom, will not even bring them up to his mouth.

²⁵ When a criminal is scourged, a simple man is made wiser, but if you rebuke a wise man, he will understand discretion.

²⁶ He that dishonors his father, and drives away his mother, shall be disgraced and shall be exposed to reproach.

²⁷ A son who ceases to attend to the instruction of a father will meditate on evil sayings.

²⁸ He that becomes surety for a foolish child will despise the ordinance, and the mouth of ungodly men shall drink down judgment.

²⁹ Scourges are preparing for the intemperate, and punishments likewise for fools.