

## PROVERBS 27

<sup>1</sup> Do not boast of tomorrow, for you do not know what the next day shall bring forth.

<sup>2</sup> Let your neighbor praise you, and not your own mouth—a stranger, and not your own lips.

<sup>3</sup> A stone is heavy and sand cumbersome, but a fool's wrath is heavier than both.

<sup>4</sup> Wrath is cruel and anger sharp, but nothing can withstand envy.

<sup>5</sup> Open rebukes are better than secret love.

<sup>6</sup> More faithful are the wounds of a friend than the spontaneous kisses of an enemy.

<sup>7</sup> A satisfied soul scorns *the* honeycomb, but to a hungry soul even bitter things appear sweet.

<sup>8</sup> As when a bird flies down from its own nest, so is a man brought into bondage, when removed from his country.

<sup>9</sup> The heart delights in ointments and wines and perfumes, but the soul is broken by calamities.

<sup>10</sup> Do not forsake your own friend or your father's friend, nor go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity; better is a friend *that is* near than a brother far off.

<sup>11</sup> Son, be wise, that your heart may rejoice, and remove from yourself reproachful words.

<sup>12</sup> A wise man, when evils are approaching, hides himself, but fools pass on, and will be punished.

<sup>13</sup> Take away the man's garment, (for a scorner has passed by) whoever lays waste another's goods.

<sup>14</sup> Whosoever shall bless a friend in the morning with a loud voice, shall appear not unlike one who curses him.

<sup>15</sup> On a stormy day drops of rain drive a man out of his house, so also does a contentious woman *drive a man* out of his own house.

<sup>16</sup> The north wind is sharp, though it is called by an honorable name.

<sup>17</sup> Iron sharpens iron, and a man sharpens his friend's countenance.

<sup>18</sup> He that plants a fig tree shall eat of its fruits; so he that waits on his own master shall be honored.

<sup>19</sup> As faces do not resemble *other* faces, so neither do the thoughts of men.

<sup>20</sup> Hell and destruction are never full, neither are the eyes of men ever satisfied. He that fixes his eye is an abomination to the Lord, and the uninstructed do not restrain their tongue.

<sup>21</sup> Fire is the trial for silver and gold, and a man is tried by the mouth of them that praise him.

The heart of the transgressor seeks after mischief, but an upright heart seeks knowledge.

<sup>22</sup> Though you scourge a fool, disgracing him in the midst of the council, you will *still* in no way remove his folly from him.

<sup>23</sup> Do you thoroughly know the number of your flock, and pay attention to your herds?

<sup>24</sup> For a man has not strength and power forever; neither does he transmit it from generation to generation.

<sup>25</sup> Take care of the herbage in the field, and you shall cut grass, and gather the mountain hay;

<sup>26</sup> that you may have sheep's *wool* for clothing; pay attention to the land, that you may have lambs.

<sup>27</sup> My son, you have from me words very useful for your life, and for the life of your servants.