

# Proverbs 28

## Chapter 28

<sup>1</sup> **T**HE 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.

<sup>12</sup> When righteous *men* do rejoyce, *there is* great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden.

<sup>13</sup> He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy.

<sup>14</sup> Happy *is* the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

<sup>15</sup> *As* a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; *so is* a wicked ruler over the poor people.

<sup>16</sup> The prince that wanteth understanding *is* also a great oppressor: *but* he that hateth covetousness shall prolong *his* days.

<sup>17</sup> A man that doeth violence to the blood of *any* person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.

<sup>18</sup> Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but *he that is* perverse *in his* ways shall fall at once.

<sup>19</sup> He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain *persons* shall have poverty enough.

<sup>20</sup> A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

<sup>21</sup> To have respect of persons *is* not good: for for a piece of bread *that* man will transgress.

<sup>22</sup> He that hasteth to be rich *hath* an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

<sup>23</sup> He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.

<sup>24</sup> Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, *It is no transgression*; the same *is* the companion of a destroyer.

<sup>25</sup> He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

<sup>26</sup> He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

<sup>27</sup> He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

<sup>28</sup> When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.