

Proverbs 28

Chapter 28

¹ THE wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

² 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.

³ A poor man that oppresseth the poor *is like* a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.

⁴ They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.

⁵ Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all *things*.

⁶ Better *is* the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than *he that is* perverse *in his* ways, though he *be* rich.

⁷ Whoso keepeth the law *is* a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous *men* shameth his father.

⁸ He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

⁹ He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ The rich man *is* wise in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.

¹² When righteous *men* do rejoyce, *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.

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.