

Proverbs 26

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Similitudes and Instructions

- 1**As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, So honour is not seemly for a fool.
- 2**As the wandering sparrow, as the flying swallow, So the curse that is causeless shall come home.
- 3**A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, And a rod for the back of fools.
- 4**Answer not a fool according to his folly, Lest thou also be like unto him.

- 5** Answer a fool according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own eyes.
- 6** He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool Cutteth off his own feet, and drinketh damage.
- 7** The legs hang limp from the lame; So is a parable in the mouth of fools.
- 8** As a small stone in a heap of stones, So is he that giveth honour to a fool.
- 9** As a thorn that cometh into the hand of a drunkard, So is a parable in the mouth of fools.
- 10** A master performeth all things; But he that stoppeth a fool is as one that stoppeth a flood.
- 11** As a dog that returneth to his vomit, So is a fool that repeateth his folly.
- 12** Seest thou a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope of a fool than of him.
- 13** The sluggard saith: 'There is a lion in the way; Yea, a lion is in the streets.'
- 14** The door is turning upon its hinges, And the sluggard is still upon his bed.
- 15** The sluggard burieth his hand in the dish; It wearieth him to bring it back to his mouth.
- 16** The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes Than seven men that give wise answer.
- 17** He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife not his own, Is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.
- 18** As a madman who casteth firebrands, Arrows, and death;
- 19** So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, And saith: 'Am not I in sport?'
- 20** Where no wood is, the fire goeth out; And where there is no whisperer, contention ceaseth.
- 21** As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; So is a contentious man to kindle strife.
- 22** The words of a whisperer are as dainty morsels, And they go down into the innermost parts of the body.
- 23** Burning lips and a wicked heart Are like an earthen vessel overlaid with silver dross.
- 24** He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, But he layeth up deceit within him.
- 25** When he speaketh fair, Believe him not; For there are seven abominations in his heart.
- 26** Though his hatred be concealed with deceit, His wickedness shall be revealed before the congregation.
- 27** Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein; And he that rolleth a stone, it shall return upon him.
- 28** A lying tongue hateth those that are crushed by it; And a flattering mouth worketh ruin.