

Proverbs 27

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Do Not Boast about Tomorrow

(James 4:13–17)

- 1**Boast not thyself of to-morrow; For thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.
- 2**Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; A stranger, and not thine own lips.
- 3**A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; But a fool's vexation is heavier than they both.
- 4**Wrath is cruel, and anger is overwhelming; But who is able to stand before jealousy?
- 5**Better is open rebuke Than love that is hidden.
- 6**Faithful are the wounds of a friend; But the kisses of an enemy are importunate.
- 7**The full soul loatheth a honeycomb; But to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.
- 8**As a bird that wandereth from her nest, So is a man that wandereth from his place.
- 9**Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart; So doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.
- 10**Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; Neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity; Better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off.
- 11**My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, That I may answer him that taunteth me.
- 12**A prudent man seeth the evil, and hideth himself; But the thoughtless pass on, and are punished.
- 13**Take his garment that is surety for a stranger; And hold him in pledge that is surety for an alien woman.
- 14**He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, It shall be counted a curse to him.
- 15**A continual dropping in a very rainy day And a contentious woman are alike;
- 16**He that would hide her hideth the wind, And the ointment of his right hand betrayeth itself.
- 17**Iron sharpeneth iron; So a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.
- 18**Whoso keepeth the fig-tree shall eat the fruit thereof; And he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.
- 19**As in water face answereth to face, So the heart of man to man.

20The nether-world and Destruction are never satiated; So the eyes of man are never satiated.

21The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold, And a man is tried by his praise.

22Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar with a pestle among groats, Yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

23Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, And look well to thy herds;

24For riches are not for ever; And doth the crown endure unto all generations?

25When the hay is mown, and the tender grass showeth itself, And the herbs of the mountains are gathered in;

26The lambs will be for thy clothing, And the goats the price for a field.

27And there will be goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household; And maintenance for thy maidens.