

Proverbs 28

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The Boldness of the Righteous

- 1**The wicked flee when no man pursueth; But the righteous are secure as a young lion.
- 2**For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof; But by a man of understanding and knowledge established order shall long continue.
- 3**A poor man that oppresseth the weak 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 justice; But they that seek the LORD understand all things.
- 6**Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, Than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.
- 7**A wise son observeth the teaching; but he that is a companion of gluttonous men shameth his father.
- 8**He that augmenteth his substance by interest and increase, Gathereth it for him that is gracious to the poor.
- 9**He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.
- 10**Whoso causeth the upright to go astray in an evil way, He shall fall himself into his own pit; But the whole-hearted shall inherit good.

- 11**The rich man is wise in his own eyes; But the poor that hath understanding searcheth him through.
- 12**When the righteous exult, there is great glory; But when the wicked rise, men must be sought for.
- 13**He that covereth his transgressions shall not prosper; But whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall obtain mercy.
- 14**Happy is the man that feareth alway; But he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into evil.
- 15**As a roaring lion, and a ravenous bear; So is a wicked ruler over a poor people.
- 16**The prince that lacketh understanding is also a great oppressor; But he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.
- 17**A man that is laden with the blood of any person Shall hasten his steps unto the pit; none will support 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 ground shall have plenty of bread; But he that followeth after vain things shall have poverty enough.
- 20**A faithful man shall abound with blessings; But he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be unpunished.
- 21**To have respect of persons is not good; For a man will transgress for a piece of bread.
- 22**He that hath an evil eye hasteneth after riches, And knoweth not that want shall come upon him.
- 23**He that rebuketh a man shall in the end 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 greedy spirit stirreth up strife; But he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be abundantly gratified.
- 26**He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool; But whoso walketh wisely, he shall escape.
- 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.