

Proverbs 31

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The Sayings for King Lemuel

¹The words of king Lemuel; the burden wherewith his mother corrected him.

²What, my son? and what, O son of my womb? And what, O son of my vows?

³Give not thy strength unto women, Nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.

⁴It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine: Nor for princes to say: 'Where is strong drink?'

⁵Lest they drink, and forget that which is decreed, And pervert the justice due to any that is afflicted.

⁶Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, And wine unto the bitter in soul;

⁷Let him drink, and forget his poverty, And remember his misery no more.

⁸Open thy mouth for the dumb, In the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.

⁹Open thy mouth, judge righteously, And plead the cause of the poor and needy.

The Virtues of a Noble Woman

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¹⁰A woman of valour who can find? For her price is far above rubies.

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¹¹The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, And he hath no lack of gain.

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¹²She doeth him good and not evil All the days of her life.

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¹³She seeketh wool and flax, And worketh willingly with her hands.

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¹⁴She is like the merchant-ships; She bringeth her food from afar.

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¹⁵She riseth also while it is yet night, And giveth food to her household, And a portion to her maidens.

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¹⁶She considereth a field, and buyeth it; With the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

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17She girdeth her loins with strength, And maketh strong her arms.

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18She perceiveth that her merchandise is good; Her lamp goeth not out by night.

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19She layeth her hands to the distaff, And her hands hold the spindle.

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20She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; Yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

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21She is not afraid of the snow for her household; For all her household are clothed with scarlet.

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22She maketh for herself coverlets; Her clothing is fine linen and purple.

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23Her husband is known in the gates, When he sitteth among the elders of the land.

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24She maketh linen garments and selleth them; And delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

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25Strength and dignity are her clothing; And she laugheth at the time to come.

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26She openeth her mouth with wisdom; And the law of kindness is on her tongue.

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27She looketh well to the ways of her household, And eateth not the bread of idleness.

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28Her children rise up, and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praiseth her:

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29 Many daughters have done valiantly, But thou excellest them all.'

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30 Grace is deceitful, and beauty is vain; But a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

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31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; And let her works praise her in the gates.