PROVERBS 1

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1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;

PROVERBS 1:2

2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;

PROVERBS 1:3

3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

PROVERBS 1:4

4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

PROVERBS 1:5

5 A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

PROVERBS 1:6

6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

PROVERBS 1:7

7 ¶ The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

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8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

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9 For they *shall be* an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

PROVERBS 1:10

10 ¶ My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

PROVERBS 1:11

11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:

PROVERBS 1:12

12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:

PROVERBS 1:13

13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:

PROVERBS 1:14

14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:

PROVERBS 1:15

15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:

PROVERBS 1:16

16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

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17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.

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18 And they lay wait for their *own* blood; they lurk privily for their *own* lives.

PROVERBS 1:19

19 So *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

PROVERBS 1:20

20 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

PROVERBS 1:21

21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, *saying*,

PROVERBS 1:22

22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

PROVERBS 1:23

23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

PROVERBS 1:24

24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

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25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

PROVERBS 1:26

26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

PROVERBS 1:27

27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

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28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

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29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

PROVERBS 1:30

30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

PROVERBS 1:31

31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

PROVERBS 1:32

32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

PROVERBS 1:33

33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.