

**PROVERBS 26**

## PROVERBS 26:1

1 ¶ As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool.

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2 ¶ As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

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3 ¶ A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.

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4 ¶ Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

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5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.

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6 ¶ He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, *and* drinketh damage.

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7 The legs of the lame are not equal: so *is* a parable in the mouth of fools.

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8 As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so *is* he that giveth honour to a fool.

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9 As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so *is* a parable in the mouth of fools.

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10 ¶ The great *God* that formed all *things* both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors.

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11 ¶ As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.

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12 ¶ Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

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13 ¶ The slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion in the way; a lion *is* in the streets.

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14 ¶ As the door turneth upon his hinges, so *doth* the slothful upon his bed.

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15 ¶ The slothful hideth his hand in *his* bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.

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16 ¶ The sluggard *is* wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.

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17 ¶ He that passeth by, *and* meddleth with strife *belonging* not to him, *is like* one that taketh a dog by the ears.

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18 ¶ As a mad *man* who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death,

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19 So *is* the man *that* deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?

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20 ¶ Where no wood is, *there* the fire goeth out: so where *there is* no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

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21 As coals *are* to burning coals, and wood to fire; so *is* a contentious man to kindle strife.

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22 The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

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23 ¶ Burning lips and a wicked heart *are like* a potsherd covered with silver dross.

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24 ¶ He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him;

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25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for *there are* seven abominations in his heart.

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26 *Whose* hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the *whole* congregation.

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27 ¶ Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

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28 ¶ A lying tongue hateth *those that are* afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.