

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

Chapter 6

Major Sections of Proverbs

- Discourses on Wisdom including talks with "my son" or "my sons" (**1:8 - 9:18**)
- "The Proverbs of Solomon" - a collection of 375 proverbs of Solomon (**10:1 - 22:16**)
- "Words of the Wise" (**22:17 - 24:22**)
- "Also sayings of the wise" (**24:23-34**)
- "Proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out" (**25:1 - 29:27**)
- "The words of Agur" (**30:1-33**)
- "The words of king Lemuel" – last 22 verses are an acrostic of the Hebrew alphabet (**31:1-31**)

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⁶ Go to the ant, you sluggard!

Consider her ways and be wise,

⁷ Which, having no captain,

Overseer or ruler,

⁸ Provides her supplies in the summer,

And gathers her food in the harvest.

⁹ How long will you slumber, O sluggard?

When will you rise from your sleep?

¹⁰ A little sleep, a little slumber,

A little folding of the hands to sleep —

¹¹ So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler,

And your need like an armed man.

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¹² A worthless person, a wicked man,
Walks with a perverse mouth;

¹³ He winks with his eyes,
He shuffles his feet,
He points with his fingers;

¹⁴ Perversity *is* in his heart,
He devises evil continually,
He sows discord.

¹⁵ Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly;
Suddenly he shall be broken without remedy.

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- ¹⁶ These six *things* the Lord hates,
Yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him:
- ¹⁷ A proud look,
A lying tongue,
Hands that shed innocent blood,
- ¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans,
Feet that are swift in running to evil,
- ¹⁹ A false witness *who* speaks lies,
And one who sows discord among brethren.

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- ²⁰ My son, keep your father's command,
And do not forsake the law of your mother.
- ²¹ Bind them continually upon your heart;
Tie them around your neck.
- ²² When you roam, they will lead you;
When you sleep, they will keep you;
And *when* you awake, they will speak with you.
- ²³ For the commandment *is* a lamp, And the law a light;
Reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life,
- ²⁴ To keep you from the evil woman,
From the flattering tongue of a seductress.
- ²⁵ Do not lust after her beauty in your heart,
Nor let her allure you with her eyelids.
- ²⁶ For by means of a harlot *a man is reduced* to a crust of bread;
And an adulteress will prey upon his precious life.

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²⁷ Can a man take fire to his bosom,
And his clothes not be burned?

²⁸ Can one walk on hot coals,
And his feet not be seared?

²⁹ So *is* he who goes in to his neighbor's wife;
Whoever touches her shall not be innocent.

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³⁰ *People* do not despise a thief

If he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving.

³¹ Yet *when* he is found, he must restore sevenfold;

He may have to give up all the substance of his house.

³² Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding;

He *who* does so destroys his own soul.

³³ Wounds and dishonor he will get,

And his reproach will not be wiped away.

³⁴ For jealousy *is* a husband's fury;

Therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

³⁵ He will accept no recompense,

Nor will he be appeased though you give many gifts.

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- Points