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1 A *good* name is to be more desired than great wealth; Favor is better than silver and gold.

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1 A good reputation is more desirable than great wealth, and favorable acceptance more than silver and gold.

1 A *good* name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold.

2 The rich and the poor have a common bond, The LORD is the Maker of them all.

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2 The rich and the poor have this in common— the LORD created both of them.

2 The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all.

(aaa) Prudence and folly (22:3-5)

3 A prudent person sees evil and hides himself, But the naive proceed, and pay the penalty.

3 The prudent sees the evil and hides himself, But the naive go on, and are punished for it.

3 The prudent person sees trouble ahead and hides, but the naive continue on and suffer the consequences.

3 A prudent man foresees the evil, and hides himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

4 The reward of humility *and* the fear of the LORD Are riches, honor, and life.

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4 The reward of humility is the fear of the LORD, along with wealth, honor, and life.

4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honor, and life.

5 Thorns *and* snares are in the way of the perverse; One who guards himself will be far from them.

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5 Thorns and snares lie in the path of the perverse person, but whoever is cautious stays far away from them.

5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: he that keeps his soul shall be far from them.

(bbb) Childrearing (22:6)

- 6 Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he grows older he will not abandon it.
- 6 Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.
- 6 Train a child in the way appropriate for him, and when he becomes older, he will not turn from it.
- 6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

(ccc) Debt (22:7)

- 7 The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower *becomes* the lender's slave.
- 7 The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower *becomes* the lender's slave.
- 7 The wealthy rule over the poor, and anyone who borrows is a slave to the lender.
- 7 The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

(ddd) Sowing and reaping (22:8)

- 8 One who sows injustice will reap disaster, And the rod of his fury will perish.
- 8 He who sows iniquity will reap vanity, And the rod of his fury will perish.
- 8 Whoever sows wickedness reaps trouble, and the anger he uses for a weapon will be destroyed.
- 8 He that sows iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.

(eee) Generosity (22:9)

- 9 One who is generous will be blessed, Because he gives some of his food to the poor.
- 9 He who is generous will be blessed, For he gives some of his food to the poor.
- 9 Whoever is generous will be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.
- 9 He that has a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he gives of his bread to the poor.

(fff) Speech (22:10-12)

- 10 Drive out the scoffer, and strife will leave, Even quarreling and dishonor will cease.
- 10 Drive out the scoffer, and contention will go out, Even strife and dishonor will cease.
- 10 Throw out the mocker and strife departs, too; furthermore, quarrels and discord will end.
- 10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.
- 11 One who loves purity of heart *And* whose speech is gracious, the king is his friend.
- 11 He who loves purity of heart *And* whose speech is gracious, the king is his friend.
- 11 Whoever loves purity and gracious speech will gain the king as his friend.
- 11 He that loves pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.

12 The eyes of the LORD protect knowledge, But He overthrows the words of the treacherous person.
12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, But He overthrows the words of the treacherous man.
12 The LORD watches over anyone with knowledge, but he ruins the plans of the unfaithful.
12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthrows the words of the transgressor.

(ggg) Lethargy (22:13)

13 The lazy one says, "There is a lion outside; I will be killed in the streets!"
13 The sluggard says, "There is a lion outside; I will be killed in the streets!"
13 The lazy person says, "There is a lion outside! I will be killed in the street!"
13 The slothful man says, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.

(hhh) Folly (22:14-16)

14 The mouth of an adulteress is a deep pit; He who is cursed of the LORD will fall into it.
14 The mouth of an adulteress is a deep pit; He who is cursed of the LORD will fall into it.
14 The mouth of an immoral woman is a deep pit; a man experiencing the LORD's wrath will fall into it.
14 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.

15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.
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15 A child's heart has a tendency to do wrong, but the rod of discipline removes it far away from him.
15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

16 One who oppresses the poor to make more for himself, *Or* gives to the rich, *will* only *come* to poverty.
16 He who oppresses the poor to make more for himself *Or* who gives to the rich, *will* only *come to* poverty.
16 Whoever oppresses the poor to enrich himself and whoever gives gifts to the wealthy will yield only loss.

16 He that oppresses the poor to increase his riches, and he that gives to the rich, shall surely come to want.

IV. Sayings of the wise (Prov 22:17—24:34)

(1) Part 1: Thirty precepts of the wise (22:17—24:22)

(A) Introduction (22:17-21)

17 Extend your ear and hear the words of the wise, And apply your mind to my knowledge;

17 Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, And apply your mind to my knowledge;

17 Pay attention and listen to the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my teaching,

17 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

18 For it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, So that they may be ready on your lips.

18 For it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, That they may be ready on your lips.

18 for it is pleasant when you treasure them within you and have them ready on your lips.

18 For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.

19 So that your trust may be in the LORD, I have taught you today, you indeed.

19 So that your trust may be in the LORD, I have taught you today, even you.

19 As a result, your trust will be in the LORD, that's why I'm teaching you today, even you.

19 That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee.

20 Have I not written to you excellent things Of counsels and knowledge,

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20 Have I not written for you 30 sayings containing counsel and knowledge,

20 Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge,

21 To make you know the certainty of the words of truth, So that you may correctly answer him who sent you?

21 To make you know the certainty of the words of truth That you may correctly answer him who sent you?

21 to teach you true and reliable advice, so you can give truthful answers to those who sent you?

21 That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?

(B) First precept: Do not rob the poor (22:22-23)

(a) Warning (22:22)

- 22** Do not rob the poor because he is poor, Nor crush the needy at the gate;
- 22** Do not rob the poor because he is poor, Or crush the afflicted at the gate;
- 22 Don't rob the poor person because he is poor, and don't crush the helpless in court,
- 22 Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate:

(b) Reason: God will take up their case (22:23)

- 23 For the LORD will plead their case And take the life of those who rob them.
- 23 For the LORD will plead their case And take the life of those who rob them.
- 23 for the LORD will plead their case and ruin the lives of those who ruin them.
- 23 For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

(C) Second precept: do not associate with the hot tempered (22:24-25)

(a) Warning (22:24)

- 24** Do not make friends with a person *given* to anger, Or go with a hot-tempered person,
- 24** Do not associate with a man *given* to anger; Or go with a hot-tempered man,
- 24 Don't make friends with a hot-tempered man, and do not associate with someone who is easily angered,
- 24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

(b) Reason: You will learn his ways (22:25)

- 25 Or you will learn his ways And find a snare for yourself.
- 25 Or you will learn his ways And find a snare for yourself.
- 25 or you may learn his ways and find yourself caught in a trap.
- 25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

(D) Third precept: granting surety (22:26-27)

(a) Warning (22:26)

- 26** Do not be among those who shake hands, Among those who become guarantors for debts.
- 26** Do not be among those who give pledges, Among those who become guarantors for debts.
- 26 Don't be one of those who make promises to guarantee loans for debts.
- 26 Be not thou one of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for debts.

(b) Reason: poverty (22:27)

- 27 If you have nothing with which to repay, Why should he take your bed from under you?

- 27 If you have nothing with which to pay, Why should he take your bed from under you?
27 If you don't have the ability to pay, why should your very bed be taken from under you?
27 If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?

(E) Fourth precept: do not move borders (22:28)

- 28** Do not move the ancient boundary Which your fathers have set.
28 Do not move the ancient boundary Which your fathers have set.
28 Don't remove an ancient boundary stone that was set up by your ancestors.
28 Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.

(F) Fifth precept: be skillful (22:29)

(a) Warning (22:29a)

(b) Reason:promotion (22:29b)

- 29** Do you see a person skilled in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before obscure people.
29 Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before obscure men.
29 Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will work for kings, not unimportant people.
29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.