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(B) Related to Kings (25:2-7)

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- 2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honor of kings is to search out a matter.
- 3 As the heavens for height and the earth for depth, So the heart of kings is unsearchable.
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- 3 Just as the heavens are high and earth is deep, so the heart of a king is unfathomable.
- 3 The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings is unsearchable.

- 4 Take away the impurities from the silver, And there comes out a vessel for the smith;
- 4 Take away the dross from the silver, And there comes out a vessel for the smith;
- 4 Purge the dross from the silver, and material for a vessel comes forth for the silversmith.
- 4 Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.

- 5 Take away the wicked before the king, And his throne will be established in righteousness.
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- 5 Purge the wicked from the king's presence, and his throne will be established in righteousness.
- 5 Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.

- 6 Do not boast in the presence of the king, And do not stand in the *same* place as great people;
- 6 Do not claim honor in the presence of the king, And do not stand in the place of great men;
- 6 Don't magnify yourself in the presence of a king, and don't pretend to be in the company of famous men,
- 6 Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great men:

- 7 For it is better that it be said to you, "Come up here," Than for you to be placed lower in the presence of the prince, Whom your eyes have seen.
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- 7 for it is better that it be told you, "Come up here," than for you to be placed lower in the presence of an official. What you've seen with your own eyes,
- 7 For better it is that it be said unto thee, Come up here; than that thou should be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.

(C) Related to court cases (25:8-10)

8 Do not go out hastily to argue *your case*; Otherwise, what will you do in the end, When your neighbor humiliates you?

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8 don't be in a hurry to argue in court. Otherwise, what will you do later on when your neighbor humiliates you?

8 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbor has put thee to shame.

9 Argue your case with your neighbor, And do not reveal the secret of another,

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9 Instead, take up the matter with your neighbor, and don't betray another person's confidence.

9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbor himself; and discover not a secret to another:

10 Or one who hears *it* will put you to shame, And the evil report about you will not pass away.

10 Or he who hears *it* will reproach you, And the evil report about you will not pass away.

10 Otherwise, anyone who hears will make you ashamed, and your bad reputation will never leave you.

10 Lest he that hears it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

(D) Related to speech (25:11-15)

11 *Like* apples of gold in settings of silver, Is a word spoken at the proper time.

11 *Like* apples of gold in settings of silver Is a word spoken in right circumstances.

11 *Like* golden apples set in silver is a word spoken at the right time.

11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

12 *Like* an earring of gold and a jewelry piece of fine gold, Is a wise person who offers rebukes to a listening ear.

12 *Like* an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold Is a wise reprobate to a listening ear.

12 *Like* a gold earring and a necklace of pure gold is a wise reprobate to a listening ear.

12 As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprobate upon an obedient ear.

13 *Like* the cold of snow in the time of harvest Is a faithful messenger to those who send him, For he refreshes the soul of his masters.

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13 Like cold snow during harvest time is a faithful messenger to those who send him; he refreshes his masters.

13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refreshes the soul of his masters.

14 *Like clouds and wind without rain* Is a person who boasts of his gifts falsely.

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14 Like clouds and winds without rain is the man who brags about gifts he never gave.

14 Whoso boasts himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain.

15 Through patience a ruler may be persuaded, And a gentle tongue breaks bone.

15 By forbearance a ruler may be persuaded, And a soft tongue breaks the bone.

15 Through patience a ruler may be persuaded; a gentle word can break a bone.

15 By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaks the bone.

(E) Related to excesses (25:16-17)

16 Have you found honey? Eat *only* what you need, So that you do not have it in excess and vomit it.

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16 If you find some honey, eat only what you need. Take too much, and you'll vomit.

16 Have thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

17 Let your foot rarely be in your neighbor's house, Or he will become weary of you and hate you.

17 Let your foot rarely be in your neighbor's house, Or he will become weary of you and hate you.

17 Seldom set foot in your neighbor's home; otherwise, he'll grow weary and hate you.

17 Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbor's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.

(F) Related to faithfulness and faithlessness (25:18-20)

18 *Like a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow* Is a person who gives false testimony against his neighbor.

18 *Like a club and a sword and a sharp arrow* Is a man who bears false witness against his neighbor.

18 A club, a sword, and a sharp arrow— that's what a man is who lies about his neighbor.

18 A man that bears false witness against his neighbor is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

19 *Like a bad tooth and an unsteady foot* Is confidence in a treacherous person in time of trouble.

19 *Like a bad tooth and an unsteady foot* Is confidence in a faithless man in time of trouble.

19 A bad tooth and an unsteady foot— that's what confidence in an unreliable man is like in a time of trouble.

19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

20 *Like one who takes off a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar on soda*, Is one who sings songs to a troubled heart.

20 *Like one who takes off a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar on soda*, Is he who sings songs to a troubled heart.

20 Taking your coat off when it's cold or pouring vinegar on soda— that's what singing songs does to a heavy heart.

20 As he that takes away a garment in cold weather, and as vinegar upon nitre, so is he that sings songs to a heavy heart.

(G) Related to personal enemies (25:21-22)

21 If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;

21 If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;

21 If your enemy hungers, give him food to eat; and if he thirsts, give him water to drink.

21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:

22 For you will heap burning coals on his head, And the LORD will reward you.

22 For you will heap burning coals on his head, And the LORD will reward you.

22 For you'll be piling burning coals of shame on his head and the LORD will reward you.

22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

[Rom 12:20]

(H) Related to biting speech (25:23-24)

23 The north wind brings rain, And a gossiping tongue *brings* an angry face.
23 The north wind brings forth rain, And a backbiting tongue, an angry countenance.
23 The north wind brings rain, and a backbiting tongue an angry look.
23 The north wind drives away rain: so does an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

24 It is better to live on a corner of the roof, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.
24 It is better to live in a corner of the roof Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.
24 It's better to live in a corner on the roof than in a house with a contentious woman.
24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.

(I) Related to cool water and muddy streams (25:25-26)

25 *Like* cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a distant land.
25 *Like* cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a distant land.
25 Cold water to someone who is thirsty— that's what good news from a distant land is.
25 As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

26 *Like* a trampled spring and a polluted well, So is a righteous person who gives way before the wicked.
26 *Like* a trampled spring and a polluted well Is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.
26 A muddied spring or a polluted well— that's what a righteous person is who compromises with the wicked.
26 A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.

(J) Related to pride and self-control (25:27-28)

27 It is not good to eat much honey, Nor is it glory to search out one's own glory.
27 It is not good to eat much honey, Nor is it glory to search out one's own glory.
27 To eat too much honey isn't good; and neither is it honorable to seek one's own glory.
27 It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory.

28 *Like* a city that is broken into and without walls So is a person who has no self-control over his spirit.

28 *Like a city that is broken into and without walls* Is a man who has no control over his spirit.

28 Like a city with breached walls is a man without self-control.

28 He that has no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.