

- <sup>30</sup> There is no wisdom,<sup>z</sup> no insight,  
no plan  
that can succeed against the LORD.<sup>a</sup>
- <sup>31</sup> The horse is made ready for the day of  
battle,  
but victory rests with the LORD.<sup>b</sup>

**22** A good name is more desirable than  
great riches;  
to be esteemed is better than silver or  
gold.<sup>c</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Rich and poor have this in common:  
The LORD is the Maker of them all.<sup>d</sup>

<sup>3</sup> The prudent see danger and take  
refuge,<sup>e</sup>  
but the simple keep going and pay the  
penalty.<sup>f</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Humility is the fear of the LORD;  
its wages are riches and honor and life.

<sup>5</sup> In the paths of the wicked are snares and  
pitfalls,<sup>g</sup>  
but those who would preserve their  
life stay far from them.

<sup>6</sup> Start children off on the way they should  
go,<sup>h</sup>  
and even when they are old they will  
not turn from it.

<sup>7</sup> The rich rule over the poor,  
and the borrower is slave to the lender.

<sup>8</sup> Whoever sows injustice reaps calamity,<sup>i</sup>  
and the rod they wield in fury will be  
broken.<sup>j</sup>

<sup>9</sup> The generous will themselves be  
blessed,<sup>k</sup>  
for they share their food with the  
poor.<sup>l</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Drive out the mocker, and out goes  
strife;  
quarrels and insults are ended.<sup>m</sup>

<sup>11</sup> One who loves a pure heart and who  
speaks with grace  
will have the king for a friend.<sup>n</sup>

<sup>12</sup> The eyes of the LORD keep watch over  
knowledge,  
but he frustrates the words of the  
unfaithful.

<sup>13</sup> The sluggard says, "There's a lion  
outside!<sup>o</sup>  
I'll be killed in the public square!"

**21:30**  
<sup>a</sup>Jer 9:23  
<sup>b</sup>Isa 8:10;  
Ac 5:39  
**21:31** <sup>c</sup>Ps 3:8;  
33:12-19;  
Isa 31:1  
**22:1** <sup>d</sup>Ecc 7:1  
**22:2**  
<sup>e</sup>Job 31:15  
**22:3**  
<sup>f</sup>Pr 14:16  
<sup>g</sup>Pr 27:12  
**22:5**  
<sup>h</sup>Pr 15:19  
**22:6** <sup>i</sup>Eph 6:4  
**22:8** <sup>j</sup>Job 4:8  
<sup>k</sup>Ps 125:3  
**22:9** <sup>l</sup>2Co 9:6  
<sup>m</sup>Pr 19:17  
**22:10**  
<sup>n</sup>Pr 18:6;  
26:20  
**22:11**  
<sup>o</sup>Pr 16:13;  
Mt 5:8  
**22:13**  
<sup>p</sup>Pr 26:13

<sup>14</sup> The mouth of an adulterous woman is a  
deep pit;<sup>p</sup>  
a man who is under the LORD's wrath  
falls into it.<sup>q</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Folly is bound up in the heart of a  
child,  
but the rod of discipline will drive it  
far away.<sup>r</sup>

<sup>16</sup> One who oppresses the poor to increase  
his wealth  
and one who gives gifts to the rich –  
both come to poverty.

*Thirty Sayings of the Wise*

*Saying 1*

- <sup>17</sup> Pay attention and turn your ear to the  
sayings of the wise;<sup>s</sup>  
apply your heart to what I teach,  
<sup>18</sup> for it is pleasing when you keep them in  
your heart  
and have all of them ready on your  
lips.  
<sup>19</sup> So that your trust may be in the LORD,  
I teach you today, even you.  
<sup>20</sup> Have I not written thirty sayings for  
you,  
sayings of counsel and knowledge,  
<sup>21</sup> teaching you to be honest and to speak  
the truth,<sup>t</sup>  
so that you bring back truthful  
reports  
to those you serve?

*Saying 2*

- <sup>22</sup> Do not exploit the poor<sup>u</sup> because they  
are poor  
and do not crush the needy in  
court,<sup>v</sup>  
<sup>23</sup> for the LORD will take up their case<sup>w</sup>  
and will exact life for life.<sup>x</sup>

*Saying 3*

- <sup>24</sup> Do not make friends with a hot-  
tempered person,  
do not associate with one easily  
angered,  
<sup>25</sup> or you may learn their ways  
and get yourself ensnared.<sup>y</sup>

*Saying 4*

- <sup>26</sup> Do not be one who shakes hands in  
pledge<sup>z</sup>  
or puts up security for debts;  
<sup>27</sup> if you lack the means to pay,  
your very bed will be snatched from  
under you.<sup>a</sup>

*Saying 5*

- <sup>28</sup> Do not move an ancient boundary stone<sup>b</sup>  
set up by your ancestors.

**22:14**  
<sup>p</sup>Pr 2:16; 5:3-5; 7:5; 23:27  
<sup>q</sup>Ecc 7:26  
**22:15**  
<sup>r</sup>Pr 13:24;  
23:14  
**22:17** <sup>s</sup>Pr 5:1  
**22:21** <sup>t</sup>Lk 1:3-4; 1Pe 3:15  
**22:22**  
<sup>u</sup>Zec 7:10  
<sup>v</sup>Ex 23:6;  
Mal 3:5  
**22:23**  
<sup>w</sup>Ps 12:5  
<sup>x</sup>1Sa 25:39;  
Pr 23:10-11  
**22:25**  
<sup>y</sup>1Co 15:33  
**22:26**  
<sup>z</sup>Pr 11:15  
**22:27**  
<sup>a</sup>Pr 17:18  
**22:28**  
<sup>b</sup>Dt 19:14;  
Pr 23:10