Bible Alive 365 – Day #167

Proverbs 25-26

Proverbs 25:1-28 These *are* also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out. **2** *It is* the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings *is* to search out a matter. **3** The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings *is* unsearchable. **4** Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer. **5** Take away the wicked *from* before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness. **6** Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great *men:* **7** For better *it is* that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen. **8** Go not forth hastily to strive, lest *thou know not* what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame. **9** Debate thy cause with thy neighbour *himself;* and discover not a secret to another: **10** Lest he that heareth *it* put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away. **11** A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures of silver. **12** *As* an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, *so is* a wise reprover upon an obedient ear. **13** As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, *so is* a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters. **14** Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift *is like* clouds and wind without rain. **15** By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone. **16** Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it. **17** Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and *so* hate thee. **18** A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour *is* a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow. **19** Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble *is like* a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint. **20** *As* he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, *and as* vinegar upon nitre, so *is* he that singeth songs to an heavy heart. **21** If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: **22** For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee. **23** The north wind driveth away rain: so *doth* an angry countenance a backbiting tongue. **24** *It is* better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house. **25** *As* cold waters to a thirsty soul, so *is* good news from a far country. **26** A righteous man falling down before the wicked *is as* a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring. **27** *It is* not good to eat much honey: so *for men* to search their own glory *is not* glory. **28** He that *hath* no rule over his own spirit *is like* a city *that is* broken down, *and* without walls.

Proverbs 26:1-28 As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool. **2** As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come. **3** A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back. **4** Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him. **5** Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit. **6** He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, *and* drinketh damage. **7** The legs of the lame are not equal: so *is* a parable in the mouth of fools. **8** As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so *is* he that giveth honour to a fool. **9** *As* a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so *is* a parable in the mouth of fools. **10** The great *God* that formed all *things* both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors. **11** As a dog returneth to his vomit, *so* a fool returneth to his folly. **12** Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him. **13** The slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion in the way; a lion *is* in the streets. **14** *As* the door turneth upon his hinges, so *doth* the slothful upon his bed. **15** The slothful hideth his hand in *his* bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth. **16** The sluggard *is* wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason. **17** He that passeth by, *and* meddleth with strife *belonging* not to

him, *is like* one that taketh a dog by the ears. **18** As a mad *man* who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death, **19** So *is* the man *that* deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport? **20** Where no wood is, *there* the fire goeth out: so where *there is* no talebearer, the strife ceaseth. **21** *As* coals *are* to burning coals, and wood to fire; so *is* a contentious man to kindle strife. **22** The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly. **23** Burning lips and a wicked heart *are like* a potsherd covered with silver dross. **24** He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him; **25** When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for *there are* seven abominations in his heart. **26** *Whose* hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the *whole* congregation. **27** Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him. **28** A lying tongue hateth *those that are* afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.