

# Through the Bible

Proverbs 20-31

Ecclesiastes

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# On Repaying Evil for Evil

## **Proverbs 20:22**

Do not say, “I will repay evil”;

Wait for the LORD, and He will save you.

# On Vows and Oaths

## **Proverbs 20:25**

It is a trap for a person to say carelessly, “It is holy!”

And after the vows to make inquiry.

# On the Value of Old Age

## **Proverbs 20:29**

The glory of young men is their strength,  
And the honor of old men is their gray hair.

# On Honoring those in Authority

## **Proverbs 21:1**

The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He pleases.

## **Proverbs 29:14**

If a king judges the poor with truth, His throne will be established forever

## **Proverbs 29:26**

Many seek the ruler's favor, But justice for mankind comes from the LORD

# On Righteousness and Sacrifice

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## **Proverbs 21:13**

One who shuts his ear to the outcry of the poor

Will also call out himself, and not be answered

# On Contentious Spouses

## **Proverbs 21:9**

It is better to live on a corner of a roof

Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

## **Proverbs 21:9**

It is better to live in a desert land

Than with a contentious and irritating woman.



# Proverbs 21:31

The horse is prepared for the day of battle,  
But the victory belongs to the LORD.

# On the Fear of the Lord

## **Proverbs 22:4**

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

## **Proverbs 28:14**

How blessed is the person who fears always,  
But one who hardens his heart will fall into disaster.

# On the Fear of the Lord

## **Proverbs 9:10**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

## **Proverbs 9:10**

The fear of the LORD prolongs life,  
But the years of the wicked will be shortened.

## **Proverbs 14:27**

The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,  
By which one may avoid the snares of death.

# On Child Rearing

## **Proverbs 22:6**

Train up a child in the way he should go,  
Even when he grows older he will not abandon it.

## **Proverbs 22:15**

Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;  
The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.

## **Proverbs 13:24**

He who withholds his rod hates his son,  
But he who loves him disciplines him diligently.

# On Child Rearing

## **Proverbs 23:13–14**

Do not withhold discipline from a child;

Though you strike him with the rod, he will not die.

You shall strike him with the rod

And rescue his soul from Sheol.

# On Child Rearing

## **Proverbs 29:15**

The rod and a rebuke give wisdom,

But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.

## **Proverbs 29:17**

Correct your son, and he will give you comfort;

He will also delight your soul.

# On Friendship

## **Proverbs 22:24–25**

Do not make friends with a person given to anger,  
Or go with a hot-tempered person,  
Or you will learn his ways  
And find a snare for yourself.

## **Proverbs 27:17**

As iron sharpens iron,  
So one person sharpens another.

# On Friendship

## **Proverbs 25:17**

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

## **Proverbs 27:14**

One who blesses his friend with a loud voice early in  
the morning,  
It will be considered a curse to him.



# On Friendship

## **Proverbs 27:6**

Faithful are the wounds of a friend,  
But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.

## **Proverbs 28:23**

One who rebukes a person will afterward find more favor  
Than one who flatters with the tongue.

## **Proverbs 29:1**

A person often rebuked who becomes obstinate  
Will suddenly be broken beyond remedy.

# On Laziness

## **Proverbs 20:13**

Do not love sleep, or you will become poor;

Open your eyes, and you will be satisfied with food.

## **Proverbs 21:17**

One who loves pleasure will become a poor person;

One who loves wine and oil will not become rich.

## **Proverbs 22:13**

The lazy one says, “There is a lion outside;

I will be killed in the streets!”

# On Laziness

## **Proverbs 22:29**

Do you see a person skilled in his work?

He will stand before kings;

He will not stand before obscure people.

## **Proverbs 24:30–34**

## **Proverbs 26:13–16**

# On Good Business Practices

## **Proverbs 20:23**

Differing weights are an abomination to the LORD,  
And a false scale is not good.

## **Proverbs 22:16**

One who oppresses the poor to make more for himself,  
Or gives to the rich, will only come to poverty.

# On Good Business Practices

## **Proverbs 22:26–27**

Do not be among those who shake hands,  
Among those who become guarantors for debts.  
If you have nothing with which to repay,  
Why should he take your bed from under you?

## **Proverbs 22:7**

The rich rules over the poor,  
And the borrower becomes the lender's slave.

# On the Power of the Tongue

## **Proverbs 21:23**

One who guards his mouth and his tongue,  
Guards his soul from troubles.

## **Proverbs 25:11**

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

# On Alcohol and Being Drunk

## **Proverbs 20:1**

Wine is a mocker, intoxicating drink a brawler,  
And whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise.

## **Proverbs 23:29–35**

## **Proverbs 31:6**

Give intoxicating drink to one who is perishing,  
And wine to one whose life is bitter.

# Seek Wisdom

## **Proverbs 23:23**

Buy truth, and do not sell it,

Get wisdom, instruction, and understanding.

## **Proverbs 24:5–6**

A wise man is strong,

And a person of knowledge increases power.

For by wise guidance you will wage war,

And in an abundance of counselors there is victory.



# Seek Wisdom

## **Proverbs 24:13–14**

My son, eat honey, for it is good;

Yes, the honey from the comb is sweet to your taste;

Know that wisdom is the same for your soul;

If you find it, then there will be a future,

And your hope will not be cut off.

# Seek Wisdom

## **Proverbs 26:12**

Do you see a person wise in his own eyes?

There is more hope for a fool than for him.

## **Proverbs 29:11**

A fool always loses his temper,

But a wise person holds it back.

# On Enemies

## **Proverbs 24:17–18**

Do not rejoice when your enemy falls,

And do not let your heart rejoice when he stumbles,

Otherwise, the LORD will see and be displeased,

And turn His anger away from him.

# On Enemies

## **Proverbs 25:21-22**

If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat;

And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;

For you will heap burning coals on his head,

And the LORD will reward you.

# On Boasting

## **Proverbs 27:1**

Do not boast about tomorrow,

For you do not know what a day may bring.

See also:

James 4:13–16

Matthew 6:34

# On the Value of the Torah

## **Proverbs 28:4**

Those who abandon the Law praise the wicked,  
But those who keep the Law strive against them.

## **Proverbs 28:7**

He who keeps the Law is a discerning son,  
But he who is a companion of gluttons humiliates  
his father.

# On the Value of the Torah

## **Proverbs 28:9**

One who turns his ear away from listening to the Law,  
Even his prayer is an abomination.

## **Proverbs 29:18**

Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained,  
But happy is one who keeps the Law.

אִשֶׁת-חַיִּיל

*Eishet Chayil*

**“An accomplished Woman”**



קהלת

*Kohelet*

Ἐκκλησιαστής

*Ecclesiastes*

- Title (1:1)
- Initial poem (1:2–11)
- I: Kohelet's investigation of life (1:12–6:9)
- II: Kohelet's conclusions (6:10–11:6)
  - Introduction (6:10–12)
  - Man cannot discover what is good for him to do (7:1–8:17)
  - Man does not know what will come after him (9:1–11:6)
- Concluding poem (11:7–12:8)
- Epilogue (12:9–14)

# Kohelet's Fatalistic Attitude

## **Ecclesiastes 5:15**

Here is what I have seen to be good and fitting: to eat, to drink, and enjoy oneself in all one's labor in which he labors under the sun during the few years of his life which God has given him; for this is his reward.

# Kohelet's Concluding Questions

## **Ecclesiastes 6:12**

- 1) For who knows what is good for a person during his lifetime, during the few years of his futile life? He will spend them like a shadow.
- 2) For who can tell a person what will happen after him under the sun?

**Q: Who knows what is good for a person during his lifetime?**

**A: Man cannot discover what is good for him to do**

**Ecclesiastes 8:16-17**

**Ecclesiastes 9:10**

**Q: Who can tell a person what will happen after him?**

**A: Man does not know what will come after him**

**Ecclesiastes 11:4–5**

**Ecclesiastes 12:1**

# The Ultimate Conclusion

## **Ecclesiastes 12:13–14**

The conclusion, when everything has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.