

Proverbs 31

Alte englische Darby-Übersetzung



1 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him: **2** What, my son? and what, O son of my womb? and what, O son of my vows? **3** Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to them that destroy kings. **4** It is not for kings, Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, nor for rulers to say, Where is the strong drink? **5** --lest they drink and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the children of affliction. **6** Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto the bitter of soul: **7** let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more. **8** Open thy mouth for the dumb, for the cause of all those that are left desolate. **9** Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and minister justice to the afflicted and needy.

10 Who can find a woman of worth? for her price is far above rubies. **11** The heart of her husband confideth in her, and he shall have no lack of spoil. **12** She doeth him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. **13** She seeketh wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. **14** She is like the merchants' ships: she bringeth her food from afar; **15** And she riseth while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and the day's work to her maidens. **16** She considereth a field, and acquireth it; of the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. **17** She girdeth her loins with strength, and maketh strong her arms. **18** She perceiveth that her earning is good; her lamp goeth not out by night. **19** She putteth her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. **20** She stretcheth out her hand to the afflicted, and she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. **21** She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet. **22** She maketh herself coverlets; her clothing is byssus and purple. **23** Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. **24** She maketh body linen and selleth it, and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. **25** Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laugheth at the coming day. **26** She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and upon her tongue is the law of kindness. **27** She surveyeth the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. **28** Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her: **29** Many daughters have done worthily, but thou excellest them all. **30** Gracefulness is deceitful and beauty is vain; a woman that feareth Jehovah, she shall be praised. **31** Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.