



1 The word^{H1697} of the LORD^{H3068} came unto me again, saying^{H559}, 2 What mean ye, that ye use^{H4911} this proverb^{H4912} concerning the land^{H127} of Israel^{H3478}, saying^{H559}, The fathers^{H1} have eaten^{H398} sour grapes^{H1155}, and the children's^{H1121} teeth^{H8127} are set on edge^{H6949}? 3 As I live^{H2416}, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}, ye shall not have occasion any more to use^{H4911} this proverb^{H4912} in Israel^{H3478}. 4 Behold, all souls^{H5315} are mine; as the soul^{H5315} of the father^{H1}, so also the soul^{H5315} of the son^{H1121} is mine: the soul^{H5315} that sinneth^{H2398}, it shall die^{H4191}. 5 But if a man^{H376} be just^{H6662}, and do^{H6213} that which is lawful^{H4941} and right^{H6666}, 6 And hath not eaten^{H398} upon the mountains^{H2022}, neither hath lifted up^{H5375} his eyes^{H5869} to the idols^{H1544} of the house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}, neither hath defiled^{H2930} his neighbour's^{H7453} wife^{H802}, neither hath come near^{H7126} to a menstruous^{H5079} woman^{H802}, 7 And hath not oppressed^{H3238} any^{H376}, but hath restored^{H7725} to the debtor^{H2326} his pledge^{H2258}, hath spoiled^{H1497} none by violence^{H1500}, hath given^{H5414} his bread^{H3899} to the hungry^{H7457}, and hath covered^{H3680} the naked^{H5903} with a garment^{H899}; 8 He that hath not given forth^{H5414} upon usury^{H5392}, neither hath taken^{H3947} any increase^{H8636}, that hath withdrawn^{H7725} his hand^{H3027} from iniquity^{H5766}, hath executed^{H6213} true^{H571} judgment^{H4941} between man^{H376} and man^{H376}, 9 Hath walked^{H1980} in my statutes^{H2708}, and hath kept^{H8104} my judgments^{H4941}, to deal^{H6213} truly^{H571}; he is just^{H6662}, he shall surely^{H2421} live^{H2421}, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}.

10 If he beget^{H3205} a son^{H1121} that is a robber^{H6530}, a shedder^{H8210} of blood^{H1818}, and that doeth^{H6213} the like^{H251} to any one^{H259} of these things,²³ 11 And that doeth^{H6213} not any of those duties, but even hath eaten^{H398} upon the mountains^{H2022}, and defiled^{H2930} his neighbour's^{H7453} wife^{H802}, 12 Hath oppressed^{H3238} the poor^{H6041} and needy^{H34}, hath spoiled^{H1497} by violence^{H1500}, hath not restored^{H7725} the pledge^{H2258}, and hath lifted up^{H5375} his eyes^{H5869} to the idols^{H1544}, hath committed^{H6213} abomination^{H8441}, 13 Hath given forth^{H5414} upon usury^{H5392}, and hath taken^{H3947} increase^{H8636}: shall he then live^{H2425}? he shall not live^{H2421}: he hath done^{H6213} all these abominations^{H8441}; he shall surely^{H4191} die^{H4191}; his blood^{H1818} shall be upon him.⁴ 14 Now, lo, if he beget^{H3205} a son^{H1121}, that seeth^{H7200} all his father's^{H1} sins^{H2403} which he hath done^{H6213}, and considereth^{H7200}, and doeth^{H6213} not such like^{H2004}, 15 That hath not eaten^{H398} upon the mountains^{H2022}, neither hath lifted up^{H5375} his eyes^{H5869} to the idols^{H1544} of the house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}, hath not defiled^{H2930} his neighbour's^{H7453} wife^{H802}, 16 Neither hath oppressed^{H3238} any^{H376}, hath not withholden^{H2254} the pledge^{H2258}, neither hath spoiled^{H1497} by violence^{H1500}, but hath given^{H5414} his bread^{H3899} to the hungry^{H7457}, and hath covered^{H3680} the naked^{H5903} with a garment^{H899}, 17 That hath taken off^{H7725} his hand^{H3027} from the poor^{H6041}, that hath not received^{H3947} usury^{H5392} nor increase^{H8636}, hath executed^{H6213} my judgments^{H4941}, hath walked^{H1980} in my statutes^{H2708}, he shall not die^{H4191} for the iniquity^{H5771} of his father^{H1}, he shall surely^{H2421} live^{H2421}. 18 As for his father^{H1}, because he cruelly^{H6233} oppressed^{H6231}, spoiled^{H1497} his brother^{H251} by violence^{H1499}, and did^{H6213} that which is not good^{H2896} among^{H8432} his people^{H5971}, lo, even he shall die^{H4191} in his iniquity^{H5771}. 19 Yet say^{H559} ye, Why? doth not the son^{H1121} bear^{H5375} the iniquity^{H5771} of the father^{H1}? When the son^{H1121} hath done^{H6213} that which is lawful^{H4941} and right^{H6666}, and hath kept^{H8104} all my statutes^{H2708}, and hath done^{H6213} them, he shall surely^{H2421} live^{H2421}. 20 The soul^{H5315} that sinneth^{H2398}, it shall die^{H4191}. The son^{H1121} shall not bear^{H5375} the iniquity^{H5771} of the father^{H1}, neither shall the father^{H1} bear^{H5375} the iniquity^{H5771} of the son^{H1121}: the righteousness^{H6666} of the righteous^{H6662} shall be upon him, and the wickedness^{H7564} of the wicked^{H7563} shall be upon him.

21 But if the wicked^{H7563} will turn^{H7725} from all his sins^{H2403} that he hath committed^{H6213}, and keep^{H8104} all my statutes^{H2708}, and do^{H6213} that which is lawful^{H4941} and right^{H6666}, he shall surely^{H2421} live^{H2421}, he shall not die^{H4191}. 22 All his transgressions^{H6588} that he hath committed^{H6213}, they shall not be mentioned^{H2142} unto him: in his righteousness^{H6666} that he hath done^{H6213} he shall live^{H2421}. 23 Have I any pleasure^{H2654} at all^{H2654} that the wicked^{H7563} should die^{H4194}? saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}: and not that he should return^{H7725} from his ways^{H1870}, and live^{H2421}?

24 But when the righteous^{H6662} turneth away^{H7725} from his righteousness^{H6666}, and committeth^{H6213} iniquity^{H5766}, and doeth^{H6213} according to all the abominations^{H8441} that the wicked^{H7563} man doeth^{H6213}, shall he live^{H2425}? All his righteousness^{H6666} that he hath done^{H6213} shall not be mentioned^{H2142}: in his trespass^{H4603} that he hath trespassed^{H4604}, and in his sin^{H2403} that he hath sinned^{H2398}, in them shall he die^{H4191}. 25 Yet ye say^{H559}, The way^{H1870} of the Lord^{H136} is not equal^{H8505}. Hear^{H8085} now, O house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}; Is not my way^{H1870} equal^{H8505}? are not your ways^{H1870} unequal^{H8505}? 26 When a righteous^{H6662} man turneth away^{H7725} from his righteousness^{H6666}, and committeth^{H6213} iniquity^{H5766}, and dieth^{H4191} in them; for his iniquity^{H5766} that he hath done^{H6213} shall he die^{H4191}. 27 Again, when the wicked^{H7563} man turneth away^{H7725} from his wickedness^{H7564} that he hath committed^{H6213}, and doeth^{H6213} that which is lawful^{H4941} and right^{H6666}, he shall save^{H2421} his soul^{H5315} alive^{H2421}. 28 Because he considereth^{H7200}, and turneth away^{H7725} from all his transgressions^{H6588} that he hath committed^{H6213}, he shall surely^{H2421} live^{H2421}, he shall not die^{H4191}. 29 Yet saith^{H559} the house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}, The way^{H1870} of the Lord^{H136} is not equal^{H8505}. O house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}, are not my ways^{H1870} equal^{H8505}? are not your ways^{H1870} unequal^{H8505}?

30 Therefore I will judge^{H8199} you, O house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}, every one^{H376} according to his ways^{H1870}, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}. Repent^{H7725}, and turn^{H7725} yourselves from all your transgressions^{H6588}, so iniquity^{H5771} shall not be your ruin^{H4383}. 31 Cast away^{H7993} from you all your transgressions^{H6588}, whereby ye have transgressed^{H6586}; and make^{H6213} you a new^{H2319} heart^{H3820} and a new^{H2319} spirit^{H7307}: for why will ye die^{H4191}, O house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}? 32 For I have no pleasure^{H2654} in the death^{H4194} of him that dieth^{H4191}, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}: wherefore turn^{H7725} yourselves, and live^{H2421} ye.⁷

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1. that...: Heb. judgment and justice
2. robber: or, breaker up of an house
3. that doeth...: or, that doeth to his brother besides any of these
4. blood: Heb. bloods
5. hath not...: Heb. hath not pledged the pledge, or, taken to pledge
6. yourselves: or, others
7. yourselves: or, others