

The Holy Bible — KJV

Red Letter Edition

PROVERBS: Chapter 31

- 31:1** The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.
- 31:2** What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?
- 31:3** Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.
- 31:4** It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:
- 31:5** Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.
- 31:6** Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.
- 31:7** Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.
- 31:8** Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.
- 31:9** Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.
- 31:10** Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.
- 31:11** The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.
- 31:12** She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
- 31:13** She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
- 31:14** She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.
- 31:15** She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.
- 31:16** She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
- 31:17** She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.
- 31:18** She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.
- 31:19** She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.
- 31:20** She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
- 31:21** She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
- 31:22** She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.
- 31:23** Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
- 31:24** She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

31:25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

31:26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

31:27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

31:28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

31:29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

31:30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

31:31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.
