

## Character

God spoke to Moses, telling him to speak to the entire Israelite community and say to them:

“You must be holy, since I am God your Lord [and] I am holy.”  
Vayikra (Leviticus) 19: 1-2 Kaplan

“Do not take revenge nor bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbor as [you love] yourself. I am God.”

Vayikra (Leviticus) 19: 18 Kaplan

‘And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us.’

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6: 25  
Kaplan

[Y]ou must keep the Torah as they interpret it for you, and follow the laws that they legislate for you. Do not stray to the right or left from the word that they declare to you.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 17: 11  
Kaplan

When thou vowest a vow unto G-d, defer not to pay it; for He hath no pleasure in fools; pay that which thou vowest. Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay.

Keholet (Ecclesiastes) 5: 3-4 JPS

Fret not thyself because of evil-doers, neither be thou envious against them that work unrighteousness. For they shall soon wither like the grass, and fade as the green herb.

Tehilim (Psalms) 37: 1-2 JPS

Do not envy a man of violence and do not choose any of his ways; for the perverse man is an abomination to the LORD, but the upright are in his confidence.

Misheli (Proverbs) 3: 31-32 RSV

He that walketh uprightly walketh securely; but he that perverteth his ways shall be found out.

Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 9 JPS

The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver; the heart of the wicked is little worth. Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 20 JPS

It is as sport to a fool to do wickedness, and so is wisdom to a man of discernment.

Misheli (Proverbs) 10: 23 JPS

Evil pursueth sinners; but to the righteous good shall be repaid.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 13: 21 JPS

Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity than he that is perverse in his lips and a fool at the same time.

Misheli (Proverbs) 19: 1 JPS

The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 21: 25 JPS

There is that coveteth greedily all the day long; but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 21: 26 JPS

He that walketh in his integrity as a just man, happy are his children after him.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 20: 7 JPS

He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity;  
and the rod of his wrath shall fail.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 22: 8 JPS

Better is the poor that walketh in his  
integrity, than he that is perverse in his  
ways, though he be rich.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 28: 6 JPS

He that covereth his transgressions shall not  
prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh  
them shall obtain mercy.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 28: 13 JPS

Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved; but  
he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at  
once.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 28: 18 JPS

There is a generation that are pure in their  
own eyes, and yet are not washed from their  
filthiness.

Mishlei (Proverbs) 30: 12 JPS

But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and  
by liberal things shall he stand.

Yisheyah (Isaiah) 32: 8 JPS

Hillel said, "Be of the disciples of Aaron—  
one that loves peace, that loves mankind,  
and brings them nigh to the Law."

Mishnah, Abot 1:12

As God is called merciful and gracious, so  
you be merciful and gracious, offering gifts  
gratis to all; as the Lord is called righteous  
and loving, so you be righteous and loving.

Midrash, Sifre Deuteronomy

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