

משלי לא

אִשְׁת־חַיִּיל מִי יִמְצָא, וְרַחֵק מִפְּנֵינִים מְכָרָה:
בָּטַח בָּהּ לֵב בַּעֲלָהּ, וְשָׁלַל לֹא יִחְסֹר:
גְּמַלְתָּהּ טוֹב וְלֹא־דָדַע, כֹּל יָמֵי חַיֶּיהָ:
דָּרָשָׁה צֶמֶד וּפְשָׁתִים, וַתַּעַשׂ בְּחֶפְזָא פִּפְיָהּ:
הִיְתָה פְּאֻנִיּוֹת סוֹחֵר, מִמְּרַחֵק תָּבִיא לַחֲמָה:
וַתִּקַּם בְּעוֹד לַיְלָה, וַתִּתֵּן טָרֶף לְבֵיתָהּ, וְחֵק לְנַעֲרֹתֶיהָ:
זָמְמָה שָׂדֵה וַתִּקְחָהּ, מִפְּרֵי כַּפֵּיהָ נָטַע פָּרִס:
חָגְרָה בְּעוֹז מְתַנְיָה, וַתֵּאֱמֶן זְרוּעֹתֶיהָ:
טָעַמָה כִּי־טוֹב סַחְרָה, לֹא־יִכָּפֵה בַּלַּיִל נָרָה:
יָדֶיהָ שִׁלְחָה בְּכִישׁוֹר, וּכְפִיָּה תִמְכּוּ פֶלֶךְ:
כִּפְּהָ פָּרָשָׁה לְעַנִּי, וַיִּדְיָה שִׁלְחָה לְאַבְיוֹן:
לֹא־תִירָא לְבֵיתָהּ מִשִּׁלְג, כִּי כָל־בֵּיתָהּ לֶבֶשׂ שָׁנִים:
מְרַבְּדִים עֲשֵׂתָהּ־לָהּ, שֵׁשׁ וְאַדְגָּמָן לְבוּשָׁה:
נוֹדַע בְּשַׁעְרִים בַּעֲלָהּ, בְּשִׁבְתּוֹ עַם־זִקְנֵי־אַרְץ:
סָדִין עֲשֵׂתָהּ וַתִּמְכֹּר, וַחֲגוֹר נָתַנָּה לְפָנַעֲנִי:
עוֹזֶזְהָדָר לְבוּשָׁה, וַתִּשְׁחַק לְיוֹם אַחֲרוֹן:
פִּיָּה פְּתָחָה בְּחַכְמָה, וַתּוֹרַת־חֶסֶד עַל־לְשׁוֹנָהּ:
צוּפִיָּה הִלִּיכּוֹת בֵּיתָהּ, וְלַחֵם עֲצֵלוֹת לֹא תֹאכַל:
קָמוּ בְנֵיהָ וַיֵּאֱשְׁרוּהָ, בַּעֲלָהּ וַיְהַלְלָהּ:
רַבּוֹת בָּנוֹת עָשׂוּ חַיִּיל, וְאֵת עָלִית עַל־כַּלְנֶסֶת:
שִׁקְרָה חֲחוֹן וְהֶבֶל הַיָּפִי, אִשָּׁה יִרְאֵת־יְהוָה הִיא תִתְהַלֵּל:
תִּגְוֹלָהּ מִפְּרֵי יָדֶיהָ, וַיְהַלְלוּהָ בְּשַׁעְרִים מַעֲשִׂיהָ:

אִשְׁת־חַיִל A woman of strength, who can find? Her worth is far
beyond pearls.

Prov. 31

Her husband's heart trusts in her, and he has no lack of gain.

She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and linen, and works with willing hands.

She is like a ship laden with merchandise, bringing her food from afar.

She rises while it is still night, providing food for her household,
portions for her maids.

She considers a field and buys it; from her earnings she plants a vineyard.

She girds herself with strength, and braces her arms for her tasks.

She sees that her business goes well; her lamp does not go out at night.

She holds the distaff in her hand, and grasps the spindle with her palms.

She reaches out her palm to the poor, and extends her hand to the needy.

She has no fear for her family when it snows, for all her household is
clothed in crimson wool.

She makes elegant coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple wool.

Her husband is well known in the gates,
where he sits with the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies merchants
with sashes.

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the law of kindness is on her tongue.

She watches over the ways of her household,
and never eats the bread of idleness.

Her children rise and call her happy; her husband also praises her:

"Many women have excelled, but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceptive and beauty vain:

it is the God-fearing woman who deserves praise.

Give her the reward she has earned;

let her deeds bring her praise in the gates.