





Our Thoughts: Proverbs 18

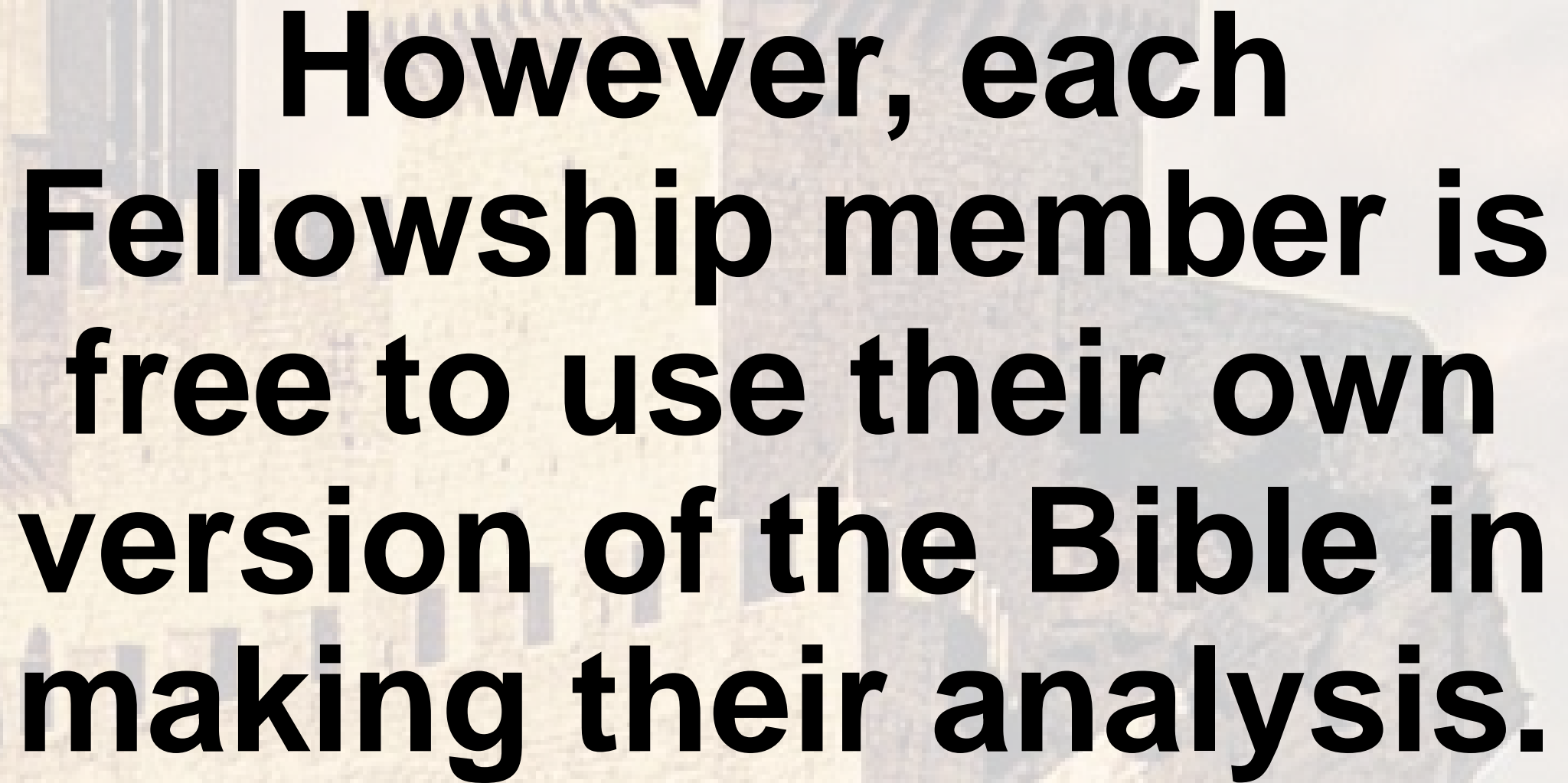
Unlike previous teachings, led by one person, this teaching is based on the input of all the Fellowship attendees.

Using one Biblical chapter, the Fellowship will dissect and analyze the chapter, hopefully providing new insights to all that are present.



**Due to the immediate nature
of tonight's teaching, to
receive the greatest
understanding of this
teaching, please view the
Zoom video for tonight.**

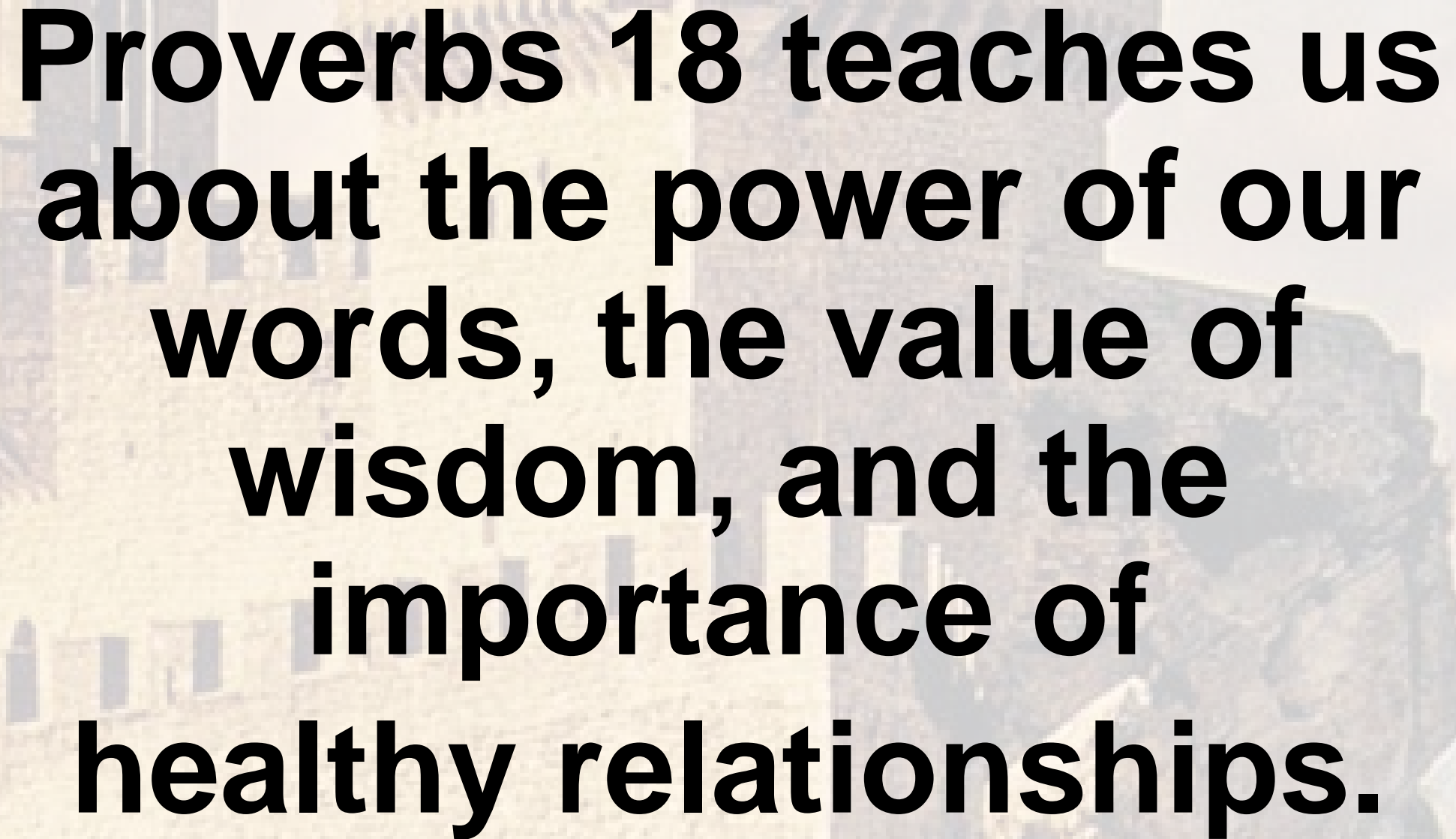
**Each verse will be analyzed
while being displayed in
both the
New King James Version
(NKJ) and the Complete
Jewish Bible Version (CJB).**



**However, each
Fellowship member is
free to use their own
version of the Bible in
making their analysis.**



Proverbs 18



**Proverbs 18 teaches us
about the power of our
words, the value of
wisdom, and the
importance of
healthy relationships.**

**The chapter shows us that
our speech can build others
up or tear them down. It
warns against pride and
isolation, and also
encourages us to be humble
and seek understanding.**

Proverbs 18 is a chapter that reaches deep into the human heart. It exposes how words can heal or destroy, how pride isolates, how humility strengthens, how relationships are shaped, and how God becomes the safest refuge for every believer.


**Proverbs 18 remind us
that life is lived not
only through actions,
but through the
tongue, the heart, and
the choices we
make daily.**

The chapter teaches that isolation, stubbornness, careless speech, and impulsive anger bring destruction. But humility, understanding, patience, and trust in God bring life and stability.




Proverbs 18

**And now, you
become the teacher:**

The background of the image is a faded, light-colored photograph of a city skyline. A prominent feature is a tall, ornate tower with a pointed top, resembling a cathedral or a historical monument. Other buildings and structures are visible in the background, creating a sense of depth and urban environment.

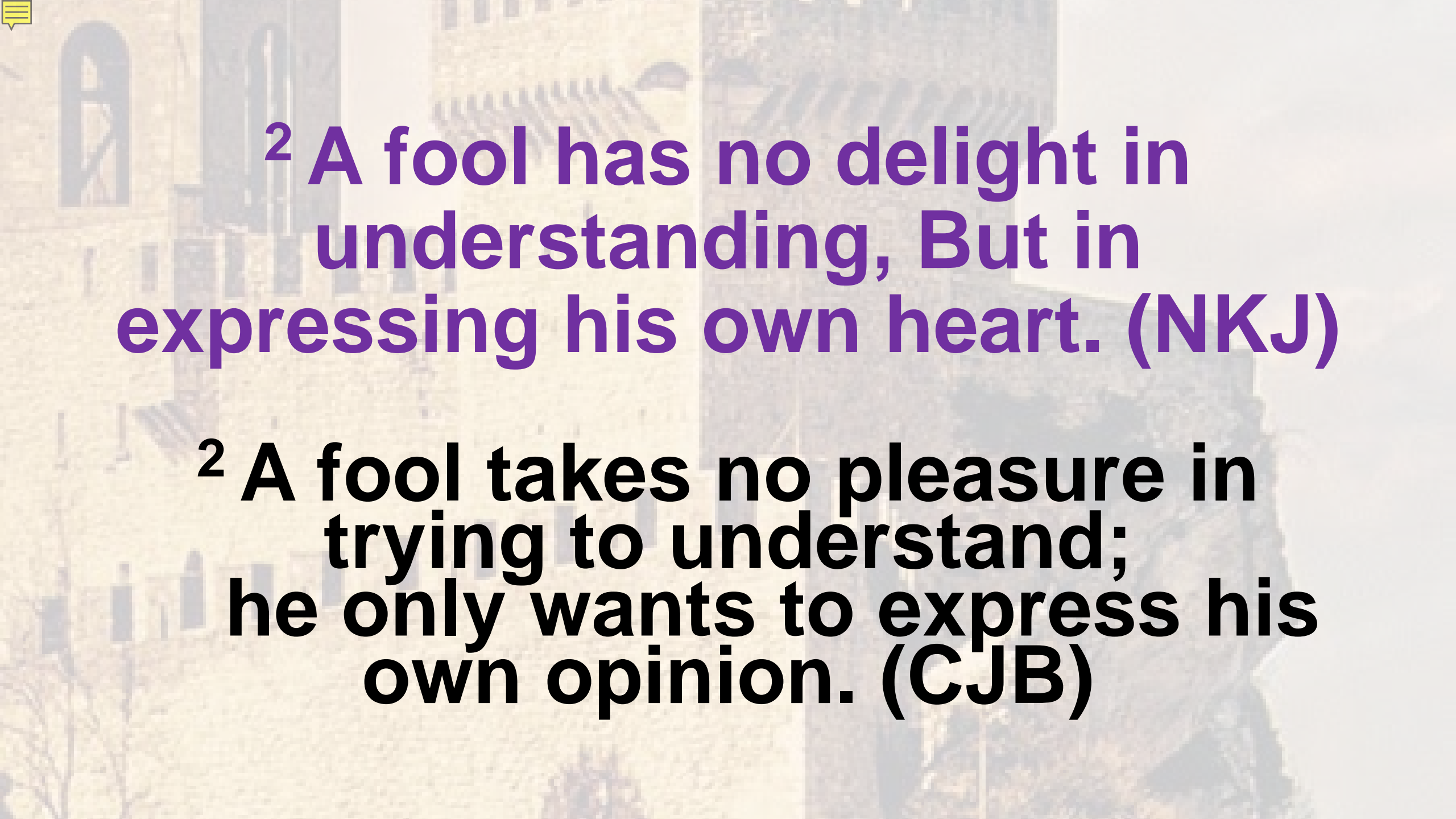
**New King James
Version (NKJ)**

**Complete Jewish
Bible Version (CJB).**



**¹ A man who isolates himself
seeks his own desire;
He rages against all wise
judgment. (NKJ)**

**¹ He who separates himself
indulges his desires
and shows contempt for
sound advice of any kind. (CJB)**



² A fool has no delight in understanding, But in expressing his own heart. (NKJ)

² A fool takes no pleasure in trying to understand; he only wants to express his own opinion. (CJB)

**³ When the wicked comes,
contempt comes also; And with
dishonor *comes* reproach. (NKJ)**

**³ When a wicked person comes,
contempt comes too, and with
disdain, provocation. (CJB)**

⁴ The words of a man's mouth *are* deep waters; The wellspring of wisdom is a flowing brook. (NKJ)

⁴ The words of a man's mouth are deep water, a gushing torrent, a fountain of wisdom. (CJB)

⁵ *It is not good to show partiality to the wicked, Or to overthrow the righteous in judgment. (NKJ)*

⁵ **It is not good to be partial to the guilty and thus deprive the innocent of justice. (CJB)**

**⁶ A fool's lips enter into
contention, And his mouth
calls for blows. (NKJ)**

**⁶ A fool's words get him into
fights; yes, his mouth calls
out for a beating. (CJB)**

**7 A fool's mouth *is* his
destruction, And his lips *are* the
snare of his soul. (NKJ)**

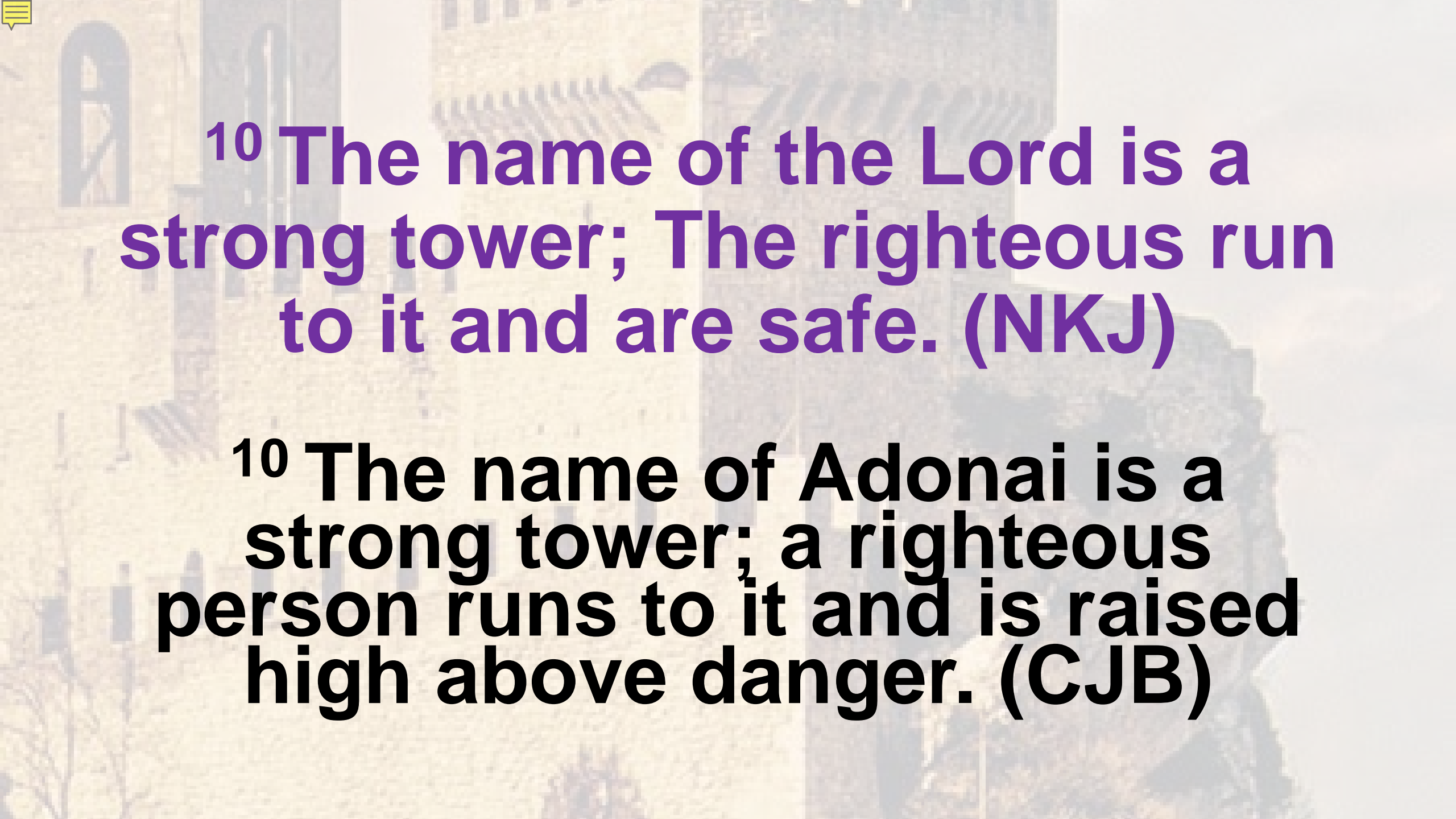
**7 A fool's mouth is his ruin;
his words are a trap for him.
(CJB)**

**⁸ The words of a
talebearer *are* like tasty trifles,
And they go down into
the inmost body. (NKJ)**

**⁸ A slanderer's words are tasty
morsels; they slide right down
into the belly. (CJB)**

⁹ He who is slothful in his work is a brother to him who is a great destroyer. (NKJ)

⁹ Whoever is lazy in doing his work is brother to the destroyer. (CJB)



¹⁰ The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe. (NKJ)

¹⁰ The name of Adonai is a strong tower; a righteous person runs to it and is raised high above danger. (CJB)

**11 The rich man's wealth *is* his
strong city, And like a high wall
in his own esteem. (NKJ)**

**11 The wealth of the rich is his
fortified city, like a high wall, in
his own imagination. (CJB)**

A background image showing a city skyline with a person in the foreground. The person is wearing a dark jacket and a light-colored shirt, and is looking towards the camera. The city skyline is visible in the background, with various buildings and structures. The overall tone is somewhat somber or reflective.

**1² Before destruction the heart of a
man is haughty, And before
honor is humility. (NKJ)**

**1² Before being ruined, a person's
heart is proud; before being
honored, a person must be
humble. (CJB)**

**Hopefully analyzing
Proverbs 18 in this way
has increased your
understanding and
appreciation of this
chapter in the Bible.**

