

A reading from the book of Proverbs

When one finds a worthy wife,
her value is far beyond pearls.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her
has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She opens her mouth in wisdom,
and on her tongue is kindly counsel.
She watches the conduct of her household,
and eats not her food in idleness.
Her children rise up and praise her,
her husband, too, extols her.
Many are the women of proven worth,
but you have excelled them all.
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeing,
the women who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Give her a reward of her labors
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord