

Reading

Proverbs 31: 10–13. 19–20. 30–31

The woman who fears the Lord is the one to praise.

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

- 10 A perfect wife — who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
- 11 Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
- 12 Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
- 13 She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
- 19 She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
- 20 She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
- 30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
- 31 Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.