

# Proverbs Series

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## **Guide for Skillful Living**

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שָׁמַע (shāma<sup>ע</sup>)

*Qal imper*

hear, listen to, obey

נָטַשׁ (nāṭash)

*Qal imperf*

forsake, cast off, cast away,  
reject, leave, permit, spread out,  
spread abroad

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**Instruction (*musar*) =  
disciplined  
education, involving  
correction and  
rebuke**

**law (*torah*) =  
instruction for living;  
an organized,  
structured instruction**

**Ex. 21:15, “And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.”**

**Ex. 21:17, “And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.”**

**Lev. 19:3, “Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.”**

**Deut. 21:18, “If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and who, when they have chastened him, will not heed them,**

**Deut. 21:19, “then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city.**

**Deut. 21:20, “And they shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.’**

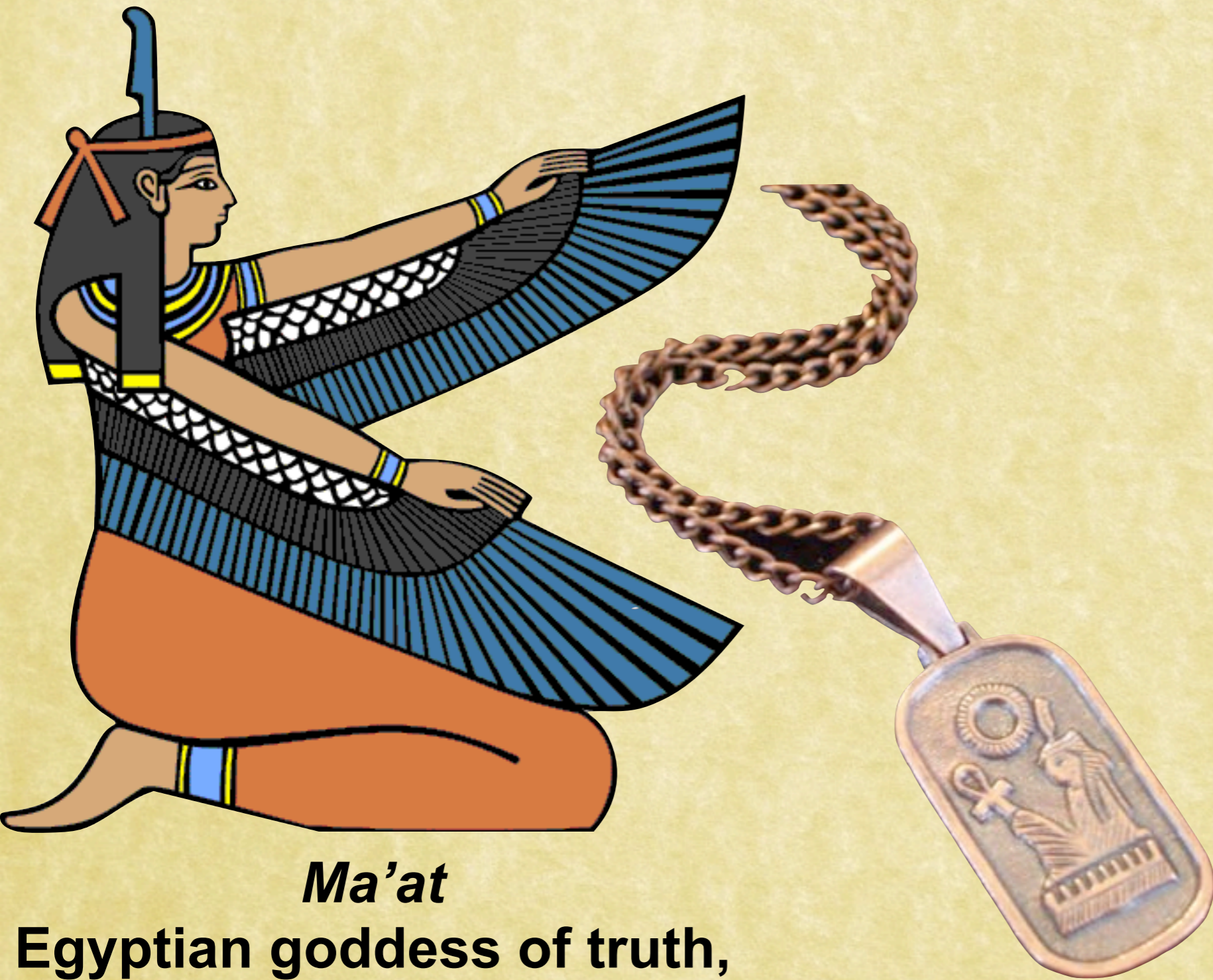
**Deut. 21:21, “Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.”**

**Deut. 31:12, “Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the LORD your God and carefully observe all the words of this law,”**

**1 Cor. 11:3, “But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.”**



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***Ma'at***

**Egyptian goddess of truth,  
justice, balance, law, order  
Parallel to *hokmah***



**Prov. 2:8, “He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints.”**

**Prov. 2:11, “Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you,”**

**Prov. 3:3, “Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart,”**

**Prov. 4:6, “Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you.”**

**Prov. 3:3, “Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart,”**

**Truth**  
***‘emet***

**reliability, security, fidelity, truth**

**Mercy,**  
***chesed***

**faithful, loyal love. Emphasizes the rock-solid character of God and His grace.**

**Psa. 119:43, “And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, For I have hoped in Your ordinances.”**

**Psa. 119:142, “Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your law is truth.”**

**Psa. 119:151, “You are near, O LORD, And all Your commandments are truth.”**

**Psa. 119:160, “The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.”**

**Prov. 23:23, “Buy the truth, and do not sell it, Also wisdom and instruction and understanding.”**

**Prov. 12:17, “He who speaks truth declares righteousness, But a false witness, deceit.”**

**Prov. 14:22, “Do they not go astray who devise evil?  
But mercy and truth belong to those who devise  
good.”**



**Prov. 20:28, “Mercy and truth preserve the king, And by lovingkindness he upholds his throne.”**

**Prov. 29:14, “The king who judges the poor with truth, His throne will be established forever.”**

**Prov. 16:6, “In mercy and truth atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the fear of the LORD one departs from evil.”**