**Story of Icarus**

In Greek mythology., **Icarus** is the son of the master craftsman Daedalus, the creator of the Labyrinth. Often depicted in art, Icarus and his father attempt to escape from Crete by means of wings that his father constructed from feathers and wax. Icarus's father warns him first of complacency and then of hubris, asking that he fly neither too low nor too high, so the sea's dampness would not clog his wings or the sun's heat melt them. Icarus ignored his father's instructions not to fly too close to the sun, whereupon the wax in his wings melted and he fell into the sea. This story presents the tragic theme of failure at the hands of hubris.

**Quotes from the Bible and Jewish literature**

"Every descent is for the sake of a future ascent" (Hasidic wisdom).

"The Tzadik," wrote Solomon the Wise, "falls and stands seven times."

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10. Seven things are in a clod, and seven in a wise man. The wise man speaks not before one who is greater than he in wisdom; and does not interrupt the words of his companion; and is not hasty to reply; he asks according to canon, and answers to the point; and speaks on the first thing first, and on the last last; of what he has not heard he says, I have not heard; and he acknowledges the truth. And their opposites are in the clod.

**Proverbs**

**Wise in One’s Own Eyes**

**3:7** Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the LORD, and depart from evil;

**9:12** If thou art wise, thou art wise for thyself; and if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.'

**14:16** A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil; but the fool behaveth overbearingly, and is confident

**26:12** Seest thou a man wise in his own eyes? there is more hope of a fool than of him

**26:16** The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men that give wise answer.

**28: 11** The rich man is wise in his own eyes; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him through

**Silence**

**10:19** In the multitude of words there wanteth not transgression; but he that refraineth his lips is wise.

**17:28** Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise; and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed as a man of understanding.

**Dealing With Reproof**

**13:1** A wise son is instructed of his father; but a scorner heareth not rebuke

**14:6** A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not; but knowledge is easy unto him that hath discernment.

**15:31** The ear that hearkeneth to the reproof of life abideth among the wise

**15:32** He that refuseth correction despiseth his own soul; but he that hearkeneth to reproof getteth understanding.

**Humility**

**11:2** When pride cometh, then cometh shame; but with the lowly is wisdom.

**13:10** By pride cometh only contention; but with the well-advised is wisdom.

**3:34** If it concerneth the scorners, He scorneth them, but unto the humble He giveth grace.

**15:33** The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour goeth humility.

**21:11** When the scorner is punished, the thoughtless is made wise; and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.