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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to "**The Book of Proverbs - A Study-Aid**".

The Book of Proverbs has a special place in the Bible itself and in the hearts of Bible-believers. Within its verses the Holy Spirit, through the various human authors used, gives us so much plain, good, practical *sense*! Any disciples of the Lord who take the proverbs into account in their daily decisions and conduct will find they get a great deal right, and avoid a great deal that is wrong.

Higgledy-Piggledy!

As we read through the Book of Proverbs, we find that the proverbs themselves are often laid out in a "higgledy-piggledy" order in terms of their *themes*. This is not surprising, because originally the proverbs would have been slowly gathered together from different sources over a period of years. But the fact that the proverbs are not arranged by theme does make it harder for us to gain the full picture that we are given about each particular theme across the whole Book.

We can think for example of all that we are told throughout the Book of Proverbs concerning money, with its related themes of poverty and riches. Because the verses relating to these themes are scattered throughout the Book, it is easy for us to miss the overall lessons that we need to take to heart on these vital issues.

This Study-Aid has been produced to help our understanding of all that the Lord is speaking to us through the proverbs, which, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, He has chosen to be included in this Book.

In the Study-Aid we have therefore placed every verse within the Book of Proverbs into its own broad theme. Readers can now see each individual proverb within its own theme alongside its fellow proverbs that are all based loosely on the same theme, without having to use cross references.

In producing this Study-Aid, we are NOT trying to "improve" God's Word, which would be both impertinent and impossible. Our purpose is simply to assist in our understanding of His Word, so we can apply God's truths more effectively in our daily lives.

The Authorised Version

In this Study-Aid we have used the Authorised Version text (AV), (also known as the King James Version (KJV)), for various reasons.

The AV remains the basic standard text used by many Christians; it is supported by a range of first-class reference books; it is based on the "Textus Receptus", so it avoids the damaging effects of later liberal textual criticism which has tainted

some more recent translations; it shows in italics words not in the original Hebrew text, which have been included by the translators to aid our understanding; it retains the useful distinction between the singular "thou" and the plural "ye"; and it has the great advantage of being naturally memorisable.

So the Authorised Version still has much in its favour despite being out of fashion in some quarters. For those not so familiar with the AV, we hope that encountering it, be it for the first time or perhaps after some years away from it, will be an unexpected blessing.

For the few proverbs whose meaning may be puzzling at first sight in the AV, it is helpful to keep a more modern translation nearby.

Using the Study-Aid

This Study-Aid can be used in two main ways:

a) As a companion alongside the Bible you normally use.

If and when you are reading the proverbs in their original order in your own Bible, you can look up in the Verse Index of the Study-Aid the verse of any proverb to discover in which theme that verse has been placed. You can then study other proverbs within that same theme using the Study-Aid.

b) Read the Study-Aid in its own right. Keep your own Bible to hand so you can go to other, non-Proverbs, passages in the Bible that may come to mind.

Overlap of Themes

In terms of the themes we have chosen, there is inevitably much overlap between them, and many proverbs could be placed in two or more themes.

Within each theme we have left a gap between proverbs when they are not in sequence in the original text. Proverbs shown with no spaces between them are thus in sequence in the original text.

Issues of Gender in the Proverbs

It is worth keeping in mind that the Book of Proverbs is male-orientated in places, because many of the proverbs are given by a father to his son. It is fashionable these days to dismiss such teaching as outdated sexism, but we do well to be rather more patient with such teachings.

All the proverbs are part of God's Word, written for our guidance and blessing. We know that the Lord has made clear throughout Scripture that He has given

different roles and responsibilities to male and female, whether that happens to suit us or not.

These differences have nothing to do with the superiority of either gender over the other. They have everything to do with complementarity, with the proper relationship God seeks us to maintain between male and female, and hence with the proper functioning of wider society itself.

The Best Pace

Whether reading Proverbs in your own Bible or in the Study-Aid, the words are best read slowly, in a context of prayer, taking one verse or short passage at a time for unhurried pondering. For the diet of Proverbs is exceedingly rich, like an exotic chocolate truffle – far better to be nibbled slowly than gulped down in one go!

We have added no commentary. As you ponder each verse and theme, it can be useful to bear in mind passages on similar themes elsewhere in the Bible – other parts of the Old Testament, the Gospels and Acts, and the Epistles.

A Help and a Blessing

Our hope is that the Lord may bless and deepen your understanding of Himself, of His Word and of His ways, through the careful use of this book.

It is humbly offered for the blessing of God's people, and for the greater glory of the living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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1 THE PURPOSE OF THE PROVERBS

1.1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;

1.2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;

1.3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

1.4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

1.5 A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

1.6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

2 THE LORD

2a His Glory

30.4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

30.5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

30.6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

2b His Sovereignty

16.1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, *is* from the LORD.

16.2 All the ways of a man *are* clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.

16.4 The LORD hath made all *things* for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

16.9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

16.11 A just weight and balance *are* the LORD'S: all the weights of the bag *are* his work.

16.33 The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof *is* of the LORD.

17.3 The fining pot *is* for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.

19.21 *There are* many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

20.12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them.

20.24 Man's goings *are* of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?

21.30 *There is* no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.

29.26 Many seek the ruler's favour; but *every* man's judgment *cometh* from the LORD.

2c His Oversight

15.3 The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

15.11 Hell and destruction *are* before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?

20.27 The spirit of man *is* the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

21.2 Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

29.13 The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the LORD lighteneth both their eyes.

2d His Hates and delights

6.16 These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him:

6.17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

6.18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

6.19 A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

11.1 A false balance *is* abomination to the LORD: but a just weight *is* his delight.

11.20 They that are of a froward heart *are* abomination to the LORD: but *such as are* upright in *their way are* his delight.

12.22 Lying lips *are* abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly *are* his delight.

15.25 The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.

15.26 The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the LORD: but *the words* of the pure *are* pleasant words.

16.5 Every one *that is* proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD: *though hand join in hand*, he shall not be unpunished.

20.10 Divers weights, *and* divers measures, both of them *are* alike abomination to the LORD.

20.23 Divers weights *are* an abomination unto the LORD; and a false balance *is* not good.

2e The Blessings of Obedience

16.3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

16.6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil.

16.7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

18.10 The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

19.23 The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life: and *he that hath it* shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

21.31 The horse *is* prepared against the day of battle: but safety *is* of the LORD.

22.12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.

2f Chastening by the Lord

3.11 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

3.12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

3 INSTRUCTION AND DISCIPLINE

3a A Parent's Longings

1.8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

1.9 For they *shall be* an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

19.27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction *that causeth* to err from the words of knowledge.

23.15 My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.

23.16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

23.22 Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

23.26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

27.11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.

3b The Effects of Children on their Parents

10.1 (The proverbs of Solomon). A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son *is* the heaviness of his mother.

15.20 A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

17.6 Children's children *are* the crown of old men; and the glory of children *are* their fathers.

17.25 A foolish son *is* a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

19.26 He that wasteth *his* father, *and* chaseth away *his* mother, *is* a

son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.

20.20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

23.24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise *child* shall have joy of him.

23.25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

3c Parental Disciplining of Children

13.24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

19.18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

22.6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

22.15 Foolishness *is* bound in the heart of a child; *but* the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

23.13 Withhold not correction from the child: for *if* thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.

23.14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

29.15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left *to himself* bringeth his mother to shame.

29.17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

3d Masters and Servants

17.2 A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.

29.19 A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer.

29.21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become *his* son at the length.

30.10 Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.

4 KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM

4a "Wisdom" speaks

1.20 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

1.21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, *saying*,

1.22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

1.23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

1.24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

1.25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

1.26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

1.27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

1.28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

1.29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

1.30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

1.31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

1.32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

1.33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

2.1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

2.2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding;

2.3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* liftest up thy voice for understanding;

2.4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures;

2.5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

2.6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding.

2.7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: *he is* a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

2.8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.

2.9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.

2.10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;

2.11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:

2.12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil *man*, from the man that speaketh froward things;

2.13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;

2.14 Who rejoyce to do evil, *and* delight in the frowardness of the wicked;

2.15 Whose ways *are* crooked, and *they* froward in their paths:

2.16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, *even* from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words;

2.17 Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.

2.18 For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.

2.19 None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.

2.20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good *men*, and keep the paths of the righteous.

2.21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.

2.22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

3.1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

3.2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

3.3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

3.4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

3.5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

3.6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

3.7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

3.8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

3.13 Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding.

3.14 For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

3.15 She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

3.16 Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour.

3.17 Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace.

3.18 She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is* every *one* that retaineth her.

3.19 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

3.20 By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

3.21 My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:

3.22 So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.

3.23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

3.24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

3.25 Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.

4.1 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

4.2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.

4.3 For I was my father's son, tender and only *beloved* in the sight of my mother.

4.4 He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

4.5 Get wisdom, get understanding: forget *it* not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

4.6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.

4.7 Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

4.8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

4.9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

4.10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

4.11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

4.12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

4.13 Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.

4.20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

4.21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

4.22 For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

5.1 My son, attend unto my wisdom, *and* bow thine ear to my understanding:

5.2 That thou mayest regard discretion, and *that* thy lips may keep knowledge.

6.20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

6.21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, *and* tie them about thy neck.

6.22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and *when* thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

6.23 For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life:

8.1 Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?

8.2 She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.

8.3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.

8.4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice *is* to the sons of man.

8.5 O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.

8.6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips *shall be* right things.

8.7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness *is* an abomination to my lips.

8.8 All the words of my mouth *are* in righteousness; *there is* nothing froward or perverse in them.

8.9 They *are* all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

8.10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

8.11 For wisdom *is* better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

8.12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

8.13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

8.14 Counsel *is* mine, and sound wisdom: I *am* understanding; I have strength.

8.15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

8.16 By me princes rule, and nobles, *even* all the judges of the earth.

8.17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

8.18 Riches and honour *are* with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.

8.19 My fruit *is* better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.

8.20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:

8.21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

8.22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before

his works of old.

8.23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

8.24 When *there were* no depths, I was brought forth; when *there were* no fountains abounding with water.

8.25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

8.26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

8.27 When he prepared the heavens, I *was* there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

8.28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

8.29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

8.30 Then I was by him, *as* one brought up *with him*: and I was daily *his* delight, rejoicing always before him;

8.31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights *were* with the sons of men.

8.32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed *are they that* keep my ways.

8.33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

8.34 Blessed *is* the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

8.35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.

8.36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

9.1 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

9.2 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.

9.3 She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,

9.4 Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither: *as for* him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

9.5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine *which* I have mingled.

9.6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of

understanding.

9.10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.

9.11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

9.12 If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but *if* thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear *it*.

4b Fools and the Wise

1.7 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

3.35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

9.7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked *man* getteth himself a blot.

9.8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

9.9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning.

10.8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.

10.13 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod *is* for the back of him that is void of understanding.

10.14 Wise *men* lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish *is* near destruction.

10.17 He *is in* the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth.

10.23 *It is* as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.

14.7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not *in him* the lips of knowledge.

14.8 The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way: but the folly of fools *is* deceit.

14.9 Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous *there is* favour.

14.12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

14.15 The simple believeth every word: but the prudent *man* looketh well to his going.

14.16 A wise *man* feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.

14.18 The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

14.24 The crown of the wise *is* their riches: *but* the foolishness of fools *is* folly.

14.26 In the fear of the LORD *is* strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

14.27 The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

14.33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but *that which is* in the midst of fools is made known.

15.5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

15.12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.

15.14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

15.21 Folly *is* joy to *him that is* destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.

15.22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

15.24 The way of life *is* above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

15.32 He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

15.33 The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honour *is* humility.

16.16 How much better *is it* to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

16.21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

16.22 Understanding *is* a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools *is* folly.

16.23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

17.10 A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool.

17.12 Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.

17.16 Wherefore *is there* a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing *he hath* no heart *to it*?

17.21 He that begetteth a fool *doeth it* to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.

17.24 Wisdom *is* before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool *are* in the ends of the earth.

18.1 Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh *and* intermeddleth with all wisdom.

18.2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.

18.15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the

wise seeketh knowledge.

19.1 Better *is* the poor that walketh in his integrity, than *he that is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

19.2 Also, *that* the soul *be* without knowledge, *it is* not good; and he that hasteth with *his* feet sinneth.

19.3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.

19.8 He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

19.20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

20.5 Counsel in the heart of man *is like* deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

21.11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.

21.16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

21.20 *There is* treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

21.22 A wise *man* scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

22.3 A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

22.17 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

22.18 For *it is* a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.

22.19 That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee.

22.20 Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and

knowledge,

22.21 That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?

23.9 Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

23.12 Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

23.19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

23.23 Buy the truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

24.3 Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:

24.4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

24.5 A wise man *is* strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

24.6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.

24.7 Wisdom *is* too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.

24.13 My son, eat thou honey, because *it is* good; and the honeycomb, *which is* sweet to thy taste:

24.14 So *shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* unto thy soul: when thou hast found *it*, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

25.12 As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, *so is* a wise reprovener upon an obedient ear.

26.1 As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool.

26.3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the

fool's back.

26.4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

26.5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.

26.6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, *and* drinketh damage.

26.7 The legs of the lame are not equal: so *is* a parable in the mouth of fools.

26.8 As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so *is* he that giveth honour to a fool.

26.9 As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so *is* a parable in the mouth of fools.

26.10 The great *God* that formed all *things* both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors.

26.11 As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.

26.12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

27.3 A stone *is* heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath *is* heavier than them both.

27.12 A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, *and* hideth himself; *but* the simple pass on, *and* are punished.

27.22 Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, *yet* will not his foolishness depart from him.

28.2 For the transgression of a land many *are* the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding *and* knowledge the state *thereof* shall be prolonged.

28.7 Whoso keepeth the law *is* a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous *men* shameth his father.

28.9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination.

28.26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

29.3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth *his* substance.

29.8 Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise *men* turn away wrath.

29.9 *If* a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, *there is* no rest.

29.11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise *man* keepeth it in till afterwards.

30.1 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, even the prophecy: the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal,

30.2 Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man.

30.3 I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy.

4c Proverbs of Wisdom

11.2 *When* pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly *is* wisdom.

11.9 An hypocrite with *his* mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

11.12 He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

11.14 Where no counsel *is*, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.

11.29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool *shall be* servant to the wise of heart.

12.1 Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof *is* brutish.

12.8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised

12.15 The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel *is* wise.

12.16 A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent *man* covereth shame.

12.23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

13.1 A wise son *heareth* his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

13.10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised *is* wisdom.

13.13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

13.14 The law of the wise *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

13.15 Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors *is* hard.

13.16 Every prudent *man* dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open *his* folly.

13.18 Poverty and shame *shall be to* him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

13.20 He that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

14.6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not: but knowledge *is* easy unto him that understandeth.

5 THE WICKED AND THE JUST

3.31 Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.

3.32 For the froward *is* abomination to the LORD: but his secret *is* with the righteous.

3.33 The curse of the LORD *is* in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.

3.34 Surely he scorneth the scorers: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

4.14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*.

4.15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

4.16 For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause *some* to fall.

4.17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

4.18 But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

4.19 The way of the wicked *is* as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

5.22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

5.23 He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

6.12 A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.

6.13 He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;

6.14 Frowardness *is* in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord.

6.15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.

10.2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.

10.3 The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.

10.6 Blessings *are* upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

10.7 The memory of the just *is* blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

10.16 The labour of the righteous *tendeth* to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.

10.24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.

10.25 As the whirlwind passeth, so *is* the wicked no *more*: but the righteous *is* an everlasting foundation.

10.27 The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

10.28 The hope of the righteous *shall be* gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

10.29 The way of the LORD *is* strength to the upright: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.

10.30 The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

11.3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

11.5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

11.6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in *their own* naughtiness.

11.7 When a wicked man dieth, *his* expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust *men* perisheth.

11.8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

11.10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, *there is* shouting.

11.11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

11.18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth

righteousness *shall be* a sure reward.

11.19 As righteousness *tendeth* to life: so he that pursueth evil *pursueth it* to his own death

11.21 *Though* hand *join* in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

11.23 The desire of the righteous *is* only good: *but* the expectation of the wicked *is* wrath.

11.30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise.

11.31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.

12.2 A good *man* obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

12.3 A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.

12.5 The thoughts of the righteous *are* right: *but* the counsels of the wicked *are* deceit.

12.6 The words of the wicked *are* to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

12.7 The wicked are overthrown, and *are* not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.

12.10 A righteous *man* regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked *are* cruel.

12.12 The wicked desireth the net of evil *men*: but the root of the righteous yieldeth *fruit*.

12.13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of *his* lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.

12.20 Deceit *is* in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace *is* joy.

12.21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.

12.26 The righteous *is* more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.

12.28 In the way of righteousness *is* life; and *in* the pathway *thereof* *there is* no death.

13.5 A righteous *man* hateth lying: but a wicked *man* is loathsome, and cometh to shame.

13.6 Righteousness keepeth *him that is* upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.

13.9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

13.21 Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.

13.25 The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.

14.2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD: but *he that is* perverse in his ways despiseth him.

14.11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

14.17 *He that is* soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.

14.19 The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

14.22 Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth *shall be* to them that devise good.

14.32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death.

14.34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin *is* a reproach to any people.

15.6 In the house of the righteous *is* much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

15.8 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright *is* his delight.

15.9 The way of the wicked *is* an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

15.10 Correction *is* grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: *and* he that hateth reproof shall die.

15.12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.

15.28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

15.29 The LORD *is* far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

16.8 Better *is* a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.

16.29 A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way *that is* not good.

16.30 He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.

16.31 The hoary head *is* a crown of glory, *if* it be found in the way of righteousness.

17.11 An evil *man* seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

17.13 Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

17.15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both *are* abomination to the LORD

17.19 He loveth transgression that loveth strife: *and* he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.

17.20 He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.

17.23 A wicked *man* taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment.

17.26 Also to punish the just *is* not good, *nor* to strike princes for equity.

18.3 When the wicked cometh, *then* cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.

18.5 *It is* not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

19.9 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall perish.

19.25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, *and* he will understand knowledge.

19.28 An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.

19.29 Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.

20.14 *It is* naught, *it is* naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

20.30 The blueness of a wound cleanseth away evil: so *do* stripes the inward parts of the belly.

21.7 The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment.

21.8 The way of man *is* froward and strange: but *as for* the pure, his work *is* right.

21.10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.

21.12 The righteous *man* wisely considereth the house of the wicked: *but God* overthroweth the wicked for *their* wickedness.

21.15 *It is* joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.

21.18 The wicked *shall be* a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

21.21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

21.24 Proud *and* haughty scorner *is* his name, who dealeth in proud wrath.

21.27 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* abomination: how much more, *when* he bringeth it with a wicked mind?

21.29 A wicked man hardeneth his face: but *as for* the upright, he directeth his way.

22.5 Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

22.8 He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.

22.10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.

24.1 Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.

24.2 For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

24.8 He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person.

24.9 The thought of foolishness *is* sin: and the scorner *is* an abomination to men.

24.15 Lay not wait, O wicked *man*, against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting place:

24.16 For a just *man* falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

24.19 Fret not thyself because of evil *men*, neither be thou envious at the wicked;

24.20 For there shall be no reward to the evil *man*; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.

24.24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou *art* righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:

24.25 But to them that rebuke *him* shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.

24.26 *Every man* shall kiss *his* lips that giveth a right answer.

25.26 A righteous man falling down before the wicked *is as* a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.

28.1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

28.4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.

28.5 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all *things*.

28.10 Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good *things* in possession.

28.12 When righteous *men* do rejoice, *there is* great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden.

28.24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, *It is* no transgression; the same *is* the companion of a destroyer.

28.28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.

29.1 He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth *his* neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

29.2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

29.6 In the transgression of an evil man *there is* a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.

29.7 The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: *but* the wicked regardeth not to know *it*.

29.10 The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.

29.16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall.

29.22 An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

29.24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth *it* not.

29.27 An unjust man *is* an abomination to the just: and *he that is* upright in the way *is* abomination to the wicked.

30.33 Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

6 RIGHT ATTITUDES

6a Pursuing Goodness, Avoiding Wickedness

1.10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

1.11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:

1.12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:

1.13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:

1.14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:

1.15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:

1.16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

1.17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.

1.18 And they lay wait for their *own* blood; they lurk privily for their *own* lives.

1.19 So *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

13.19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but *it is* abomination to fools to depart from evil.

16.17 The highway of the upright *is* to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

16.20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy *is* he.

19.16 He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; *but* he that despiseth his ways shall die.

20.7 The just *man* walketh in his integrity: his children *are* blessed after him.

20.11 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work *be* pure, and whether *it be* right.

21.3 To do justice and judgment *is* more acceptable to the LORD

than sacrifice.

23.1 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what *is* before thee:

23.2 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou *be* a man given to appetite.

23.3 Be not desirous of his dainties: for they *are* deceitful meat.

23.6 Eat thou not the bread of *him that hath* an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:

23.7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart *is* not with thee.

23.8 The morsel *which* thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.

23.20 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:

23.21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags.

23.29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

23.30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

23.31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright.

23.32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

24.21 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: *and* meddle not with them that are given to change:

24.22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

24.23 These *things* also *belong* to the wise. *It is* not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

25.19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble *is like* a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

28.18 Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but *he that is* perverse *in his ways* shall fall at once.

28.21 To have respect of persons *is* not good: for for a piece of bread *that* man will transgress.

28.23 He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.

29.18 Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.

29.25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

6b Anger and Strife

17.14 The beginning of strife *is as* when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

19.19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver *him*, yet thou must do it again.

20.3 *It is* an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.

22.24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

22.25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

28.17 A man that doeth violence to the blood of *any* person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.

6c Love, Peace, Patience, Forgiveness

10.12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

14.29 *He that is* slow to wrath *is* of great understanding: but *he that is* hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

15.18 A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but *he that is* slow to anger appeaseth strife.

16.32 *He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.*

17.9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth *very* friends.

17.17 A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

19.11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and *it is* his glory to pass over a transgression.

20.22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil; *but* wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.

25.28 He that *hath* no rule over his own spirit *is like* a city *that is* broken down, *and* without walls.

28.13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy.

28.14 Happy *is* the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

6d Struggles and Trials

18.14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

23.17 Let not thine heart envy sinners: but *be thou* in the fear of the LORD all the day long.

23.18 For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.

6e Truth and Honesty and Faithfulness

13.17 A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador *is* health.

21.28 A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.

6f Pride, Haughtiness

16.18 Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

16.19 Better *it is to be* of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

16.25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

18.17 *He that is* first in his own cause *seemeth* just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.

20.6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

21.4 An high look, and a proud heart, *and* the plowing of the wicked, *is* sin.

25.14 Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift *is like* clouds and wind without rain.

25.27 *It is* not good to eat much honey: so *for men* to search their own glory *is not* glory.

27.1 Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

27.2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

28.25 He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

29.23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

7 KINGSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

14.28 In the multitude of people *is* the king's honour: but in the want of people *is* the destruction of the prince.

14.35 The king's favour *is* toward a wise servant: but his wrath *is against* him that causeth shame.

16.10 A divine sentence *is* in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.

16.12 *It is* an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness.

16.13 Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.

16.14 The wrath of a king *is as* messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.

16.15 In the light of the king's countenance *is* life; and his favour *is as* a cloud of the latter rain.

18.18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.

19.10 Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes.

19.12 The king's wrath *is as* the roaring of a lion; but his favour *is as* dew upon the grass.

20.2 The fear of a king *is as* the roaring of a lion: *whoso* provoketh him to anger sinneth *against* his own soul.

20.8 A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes.

20.18 *Every* purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.

20.26 A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.

20.28 Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.

21.1 The king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, *as* the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

22.11 He that loveth pureness of heart, *for* the grace of his lips the king *shall be* his friend.

25.1 These *are* also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

25.2 *It is* the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings *is* to search out a matter.

25.3 The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings *is* unsearchable.

25.4 Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.

25.5 Take away the wicked *from* before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.

25.6 Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great *men*:

25.7 For better *it is* that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.

28.15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; *so is* a wicked ruler over the poor people.

28.16 The prince that wanteth understanding *is* also a great oppressor: *but* he that hateth covetousness shall prolong *his* days.

29.4 The king by judgment establisheth the land: but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.

29.12 If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants *are* wicked.

29.14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.

31.4 *It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to drink wine; nor

for princes strong drink:

31.5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

8 MARRIAGE, FAITHFULNESS, ADULTERY

8a Marital Faithfulness

5.15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

5.16 Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, *and* rivers of waters in the streets.

5.17 Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.

5.18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

5.19 *Let her be as* the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

5.20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

5.21 For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.

27.8 As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so *is* a man that wandereth from his place.

8b Virtuous Wives

12.4 A virtuous woman *is* a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed *is* as rottenness in his bones.

14.1 Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

18.22 *Whoso* findeth a wife findeth a good *thing*, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

19.14 House and riches *are* the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife *is* from the LORD.

31.10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price *is* far above rubies.

31.11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

31.12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

31.13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

31.14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

31.15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

31.16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

31.17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

31.18 She perceiveth that her merchandise *is* good: her candle goeth not out by night.

31.19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

31.20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

31.21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household *are* clothed with scarlet.

31.22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing *is* silk and purple.

31.23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

31.24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth *it*; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

31.25 Strength and honour *are* her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

31.26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness.

31.27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

31.28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband *also*, and he praiseth her.

31.29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

31.30 Favour *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain: *but* a woman *that* feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

31.31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

8c Contentious Women

19.13 A foolish son *is* the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dropping.

21.9 *It is* better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

21.19 *It is* better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

25.24 *It is* better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.

27.15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

27.16 Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, *which* bewrayeth *itself*.

8d Adultery

5.3 For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth *is* smoother than oil:

5.4 But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword.

5.5 Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.

5.6 Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, *that* thou canst not know *them*.

5.7 Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.

5.8 Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:

5.9 Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:

5.10 Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours *be* in the house of a stranger;

5.11 And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,

5.12 And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;

5.13 And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined

mine ear to them that instructed me!

5.14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

6.24 (My commandment): To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

6.25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

6.26 For by means of a whorish woman *a man is brought* to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

6.27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

6.28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?

6.29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.

6.30 *Men* do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;

6.31 But *if* he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

6.32 *But* whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he *that* doeth it destroyeth his own soul.

6.33 A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

6.34 For jealousy *is* the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

6.35 He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

7.1 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.

7.2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

7.3 Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

7.4 Say unto wisdom, Thou *art* my sister; and call understanding *thy* kinswoman:

7.5 That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words.

7.6 For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,

7.7 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the

youths, a young man void of understanding,

7.8 Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house,

7.9 In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night:

7.10 And, behold, there met him a woman *with* the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.

7.11 (She *is* loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house:

7.12 Now *is she* without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)

7.13 So she caught him, and kissed him, *and* with an impudent face said unto him,

7.14 *I have* peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows.

7.15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.

7.16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved *works*, with fine linen of Egypt.

7.17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

7.18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves.

7.19 For the goodman *is* not at home, he is gone a long journey:

7.20 He hath taken a bag of money with him, *and* will come home at the day appointed.

7.21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him.

7.22 He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;

7.23 Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it *is* for his life.

7.24 Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth.

7.25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.

7.26 For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong *men* have been slain by her.

7.27 Her house *is* the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

9.13 A foolish woman *is* clamorous: *she is* simple, and knoweth nothing.

9.14 For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high

places of the city,

9.15 To call passengers who go right on their ways:

9.16 Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither: and *as for* him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

9.17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant.

9.18 But he knoweth not that the dead *are* there; *and that* her guests *are* in the depths of hell.

11.16 A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong *men* retain riches.

11.22 As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, *so is* a fair woman which is without discretion.

22.14 The mouth of strange women *is* a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.

23.27 For a whore *is* a deep ditch; and a strange woman *is* a narrow pit.

23.28 She also lieth in wait *as for* a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men.

23.33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

23.34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

23.35 They have stricken me, *shalt thou say, and* I was not sick; they have beaten me, *and* I felt *it* not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

30.20 Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

31.1 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.

31.2 What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?

31.3 Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.

9 THE MOUTH, HEART, EYES, EARS AND FEET

9a Wisdom and Folly, Righteousness and Wickedness

10.11 The mouth of a righteous *man* is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

10.20 The tongue of the just *is* as choice silver: the heart of the wicked *is* little worth.

10.21 The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.

10.31 The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.

10.32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked *speaketh* frowardness.

12.18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise *is* health.

12.25 Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.

13.2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of *his* mouth: but the soul of the transgressors *shall eat* violence.

14.3 In the mouth of the foolish *is* a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

15.2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

15.4 A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life: but perverseness therein *is* a breach in the spirit.

15.7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish *doeth* not so.

18.6 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

18.7 A fool's mouth *is* his destruction, and his lips *are* the snare of his soul.

18.21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

20.15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.

9b Talebearing, Whispering

11.13 A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

16.27 An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips *there is* as a burning fire.

16.28 A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

18.8 The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

20.19 He that goeth about *as* a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

25.23 The north wind driveth away rain: so *doth* an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

26.20 Where no wood is, *there* the fire goeth out: so where *there is* no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

26.21 As coals *are* to burning coals, and wood to fire; so *is* a contentious man to kindle strife.

26.22 The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

9c Restraint and Care

10.19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips *is* wise.

13.3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: *but* he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

17.27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: *and* a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.

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

21.23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

29.20 Seest thou a man *that is* hasty in his words? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

30.32 If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, lay thine hand upon thy mouth.

9d Truth, Lies and Falsehood

4.24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

10.18 He that hideth hatred *with* lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, *is* a fool.

12.17 *He that* speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.

12.19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue *is* but for a moment.

14.5 A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

14.25 A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful *witness* speaketh lies.

17.4 A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; *and* a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.

17.7 Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a

prince.

19.5 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall not escape.

20.17 Bread of deceit *is* sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

21.6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue *is* a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

26.23 Burning lips and a wicked heart *are like* a potsherd covered with silver dross.

26.24 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him;

26.25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for *there are* seven abominations in his heart.

26.26 *Whose* hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the *whole* congregation.

26.27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

26.28 A lying tongue hateth *those that are* afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

9e Gentleness and Timeliness

15.1 A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

15.23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word *spoken* in due season, how good *is it!*

16.24 Pleasant words *are as* an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

18.4 The words of a man's mouth *are as* deep waters, *and* the wellspring of wisdom *as* a flowing brook.

25.11 A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures of silver.

25.15 By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

28.23 He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.

9f The Heart

4.23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

13.12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but *when* the desire cometh, *it is* a tree of life.

14.10 The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

14.13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth *is* heaviness.

14.30 A sound heart *is* the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.

15.13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

15.15 All the days of the afflicted *are* evil: but he that is of a merry heart *hath* a continual feast.

17.22 A merry heart doeth good *like* a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

18.12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour *is* humility.

20.9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

25.20 As he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, *and as* vinegar upon nitre, so *is* he that singeth songs to an heavy heart.

9g The Eyes and Ears

4.25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

10.10 He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.

15.30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: *and* a good report maketh the bones fat.

15.31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.

18.13 He that answereth a matter before he heareth *it*, it *is* folly and shame unto him.

9h The Feet

4.26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

4.27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

10.9 He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

10 NEIGHBOURLINESS

3.28 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.

3.29 Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.

3.30 Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

18.19 A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong city: and *their contentions are* like the bars of a castle.

18.24 A man *that hath* friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend *that* sticketh closer than a brother.

22.28 Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.

23.10 Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:

23.11 For their redeemer *is* mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee.

24.10 *If* thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength *is* small.

24.11 If thou forbear to deliver *them that are* drawn unto death, and *those that are* ready to be slain;

24.12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider *it*? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth *not* he know *it*? and shall *not* he render to *every* man according to his works?

24.17 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:

24.18 Lest the LORD see *it*, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

24.28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive *not* with thy lips.

24.29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.

25.8 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest *thou know not* what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

25.9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour *himself*; and discover not a secret to another:

25.10 Lest he that heareth *it* put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

25.17 Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.

25.18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour *is* a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

25.21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:

25.22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

26.17 He that passeth by, *and* meddleth with strife *belonging* not to him, *is like* one that taketh a dog by the ears.

26.18 As a mad *man* who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death,

26.19 So *is* the man *that* deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?

27.5 Open rebuke *is* better than secret love.

27.6 Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.

27.9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so *doth* the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.

27.10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: *for* better *is* a neighbour *that is* near than a brother far off.

27.14 He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.

27.17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

29.5 A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.

10b Surety

6.1 My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, *if* thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger,

6.2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

6.3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.

6.4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.

6.5 Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand *of the hunter*, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

11.15 He that is surety for a stranger shall smart *for it*: and he that hateth suretiship is sure.

17.18 A man void of understanding striketh hands, *and* becometh surety in the presence of his friend.

20.16 Take his garment that is surety *for* a stranger: and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

22.26 Be not thou *one* of them that strike hands, *or* of them that are sureties for debts.

22.27 If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?

27.13 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

11 WEALTH

11a The Blessings and Trials of Poverty

12.9 *He that is* despised, and hath a servant, *is* better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.

14.20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but the rich *hath* many friends.

15.16 Better *is* little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.

15.17 Better *is* a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

17.1 Better *is* a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices *with* strife.

19.4 Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.

19.7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth *them with* words, *yet they are* wanting *to him*.

19.22 The desire of a man *is* his kindness: and a poor man *is* better than a liar.

22.1 A *good* name *is* rather to be chosen than great riches, *and* loving favour rather than silver and gold.

22.2 The rich and poor meet together: the LORD *is* the maker of them all.

22.4 By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* riches, and honour, and life.

28.6 Better *is* the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than *he that is* perverse *in his* ways, though he *be* rich.

28.11 The rich man *is* wise in his own conceit; but the poor that hath

understanding searcheth him out.

30.7 Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die:

30.8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me:

30.9 Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

11b The Blessings and Dangers of Riches

10.15 The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city: the destruction of the poor *is* their poverty.

10.22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

11.4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.

11.28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

13.7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet *hath* nothing: *there is* that maketh himself poor, yet *hath* great riches.

13.8 The ransom of a man's life *are* his riches: but the poor heareth not rebuke.

13.22 A good *man* leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just.

15.27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.

18.11 The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.

18.23 The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.

22.7 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower *is* servant to the

lender.

23.4 Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.

23.5 Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for *riches* certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

27.20 Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

28.20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

28.22 He that hasteth to be rich *hath* an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

11c Responsibilities to the Poor

14.21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy *is* he.

14.31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

17.5 Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: *and* he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.

19.17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

21.13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

22.9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

22.16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his *riches*, *and* he that giveth to the rich, *shall* surely *come* to want.

22.22 Rob not the poor, because he *is* poor: neither oppress the

afflicted in the gate:

22.23 For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

28.3 A poor man that oppresseth the poor *is like* a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.

28.8 He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

28.27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

11d Giving

3.9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

3.10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

3.26 For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

3.27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do *it*.

11.17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but *he that is* cruel troubleth his own flesh.

11.24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and *there is* that withholdeth more than is meet, but *it tendeth* to poverty.

11.25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

11.26 He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing *shall be* upon the head of him that selleth *it*.

11.27 He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

17.8 A gift *is as* a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

18.16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

19.6 Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man *is* a friend to him that giveth gifts.

21.14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.

31.6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.

31.7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

31.8 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.

31.9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

12 WORK, LAZINESS AND IDLENESS

6.6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:

6.7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

6.8 Provideth her meat in the summer, *and* gathereth her food in the harvest.

6.9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

6.10 *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

6.11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

10.4 He becometh poor that dealeth *with* a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

10.5 He that gathereth in summer *is* a wise son: *but* he that sleepeth in harvest *is* a son that causeth shame.

10.26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so *is* the sluggard to them that send him

12.11 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain *persons* *is* void of understanding.

12.14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

12.24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.

12.27 The slothful *man* roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man *is* precious.

13.4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and *hath* nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

13.11 Wealth *gotten* by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

13.23 Much food *is in* the tillage of the poor: but there is *that is*

destroyed for want of judgment.

14.4 Where no oxen *are*, the crib *is* clean: but much increase *is* by the strength of the ox.

14.14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself.

14.23 In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.

15.19 The way of the slothful *man is* as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous *is* made plain.

16.26 He that laboureth laboureth for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him.

18.9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

18.20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; *and* with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

19.15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

19.24 A slothful *man* hideth his hand in *his* bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

20.4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; *therefore* shall he beg in harvest, and *have* nothing.

20.13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

20.21 An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

21.5 The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; but of every one *that is* hasty only to want.

21.17 He that loveth pleasure *shall be* a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

21.25 The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

21.26 He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

22.13 The slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.

22.29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean *men*.

24.27 Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.

24.30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

24.31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, *and* nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

24.32 Then I saw, *and* considered *it* well: I looked upon *it*, *and* received instruction.

24.33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

24.34 So shall thy poverty come *as* one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.

26.13 The slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion in the way; a lion *is* in the streets.

26.14 As the door turneth upon his hinges, so *doth* the slothful upon his bed.

26.15 The slothful hideth his hand in *his* bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.

26.16 The sluggard *is* wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.

27.18 Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he

that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.

27.23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, *and* look well to thy herds.

27.24 For riches *are* not for ever: and doth the crown *endure* to every generation?

27.25 The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered.

27.26 The lambs *are* for thy clothing, and the goats *are* the price of the field.

27.27 And *thou shalt have* goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and *for* the maintenance for thy maidens.

28.19 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain *persons* shall have poverty enough.

13 MISCELLANEOUS

26.2 As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

27.4 Wrath *is* cruel, and anger *is* outrageous; but who *is* able to stand before envy?

27.19 As in water face *answereth* to face, so the heart of man to man.

27.21 As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so *is* a man to his praise.

30.11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

30.12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.

30.13 There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up.

30.14 There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.

30.15 The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough:

30.16 The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough.

30.18 There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not:

30.19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.

30.21 For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear:

30.22 For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat;

30.23 For an odious woman when she is married; and an handmaid

that is heir to her mistress.

30.24 There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise:

30.25 The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;

30.26 The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;

30.27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;

30.28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.

30.29 There be three things which go well, yea, four are comely in going:

30.30 A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any;

30.31 A greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up.

13b Food and Drink

20.1 Wine *is* a mocker, strong drink *is* raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

20.25 *It is* a snare to the man *who* devoureth *that which is* holy, and after vows to make enquiry.

25.16 Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

27.7 The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

13c Young and Old

20.29 The glory of young men *is* their strength: and the beauty of old men *is* the gray head.

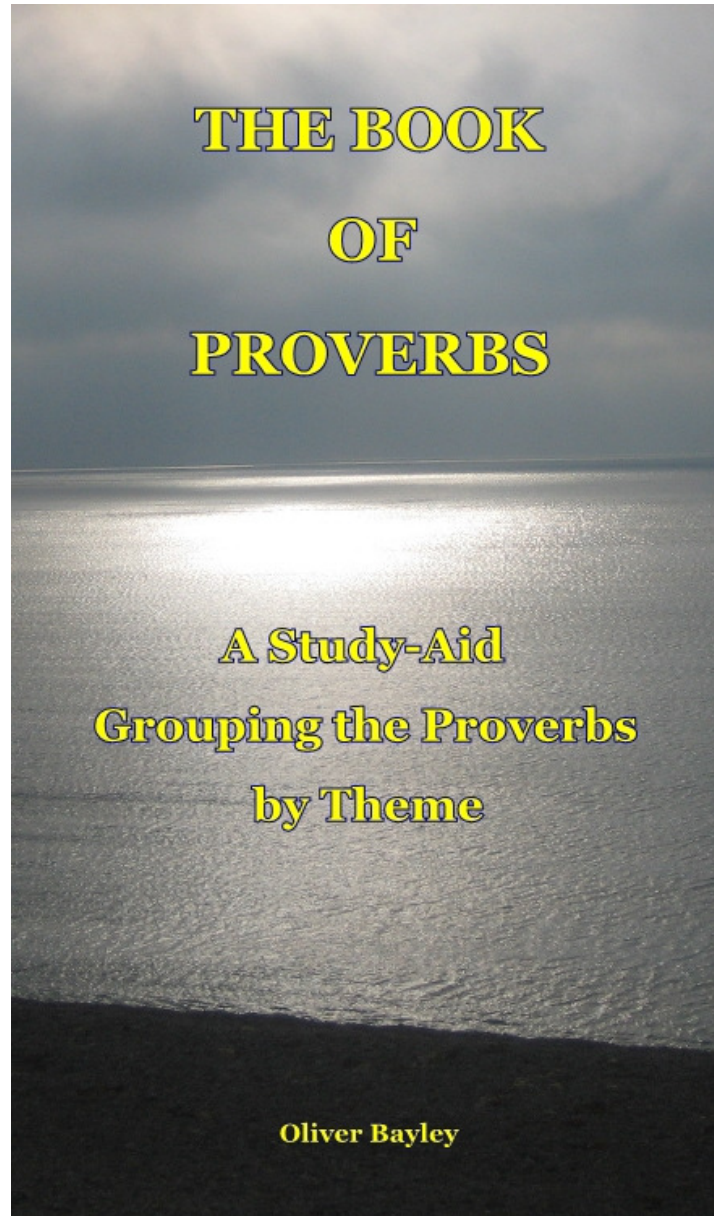
30.17 The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

13d News and Tidings

25.13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, *so is* a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.

25.25 As cold waters to a thirsty soul, *so is* good news from a far country.

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