

THE PROVERBS.

A. V.

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

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

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

4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and ¹¹discretion.

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

6 To understand a proverb, and ¹¹the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

7 ¶ ¹¹The fear of the LORD is ¹¹the beginning of knowledge. *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

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

9 For they *shall be* ¹¹an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

10 ¶ My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 Surely in vain the net is spread [†]in the sight of any bird.

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

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

20 ¶ [†]Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

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

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

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

24 ¶ [†]Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

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

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

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

† Heb. equities.

11 Or, advisement.

11 Or, an eloquent speech.

* Job 28. 28. Ps. 111. 10.

11 Or, the principal part.

† Heb. an adding

* Is. 59. 7. Rom. 8. 15.

† Heb. in the eyes of every thing that hath a wing.

† Heb. Wisdoms, that is, excellent wisdom.

* ch. 8. 1.

* Is. 65. 12. & 66. 4. Jer. 7. 13. Ezek. 8. 18.

B. V.

1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:

2 To know wisdom and instruction;

To discern the words of understanding;

3 To receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness and judgement and equity;

4 To give ¹subtilty to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion:

5 That the wise man may hear, and increase in learning;

And that the man of understanding may attain unto sound counsels:

6 To understand a proverb, and ²a figure; The words of the wise, and their ³dark sayings.

7 The fear of the LORD is the ⁴beginning of knowledge:

But the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.

8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, And forsake not the ⁵law of thy mother:

9 For they shall be a chaplet of grace unto thy head,

And chains about thy neck.

10 My son, if sinners entice thee, Consent thou not.

11 If they say, Come with us,

Let us lay wait for blood,

Let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause;

12 Let us swallow them up alive as ⁶Sheol,

⁷And whole, as those that go down into the pit;

13 We shall find all precious substance,

We shall fill our houses with spoil;

14 ⁸Thou shalt cast thy lot among us;

We will all have one purse:

15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them;

Refrain thy foot from their path:

16 For their feet run to evil,

And they make haste to shed blood.

17 For in vain ⁹is the net spread,

In the eyes of any bird:

18 And these lay wait for their own blood,

They lurk privily for their own lives.

19 So *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain;

It taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

20 Wisdom crieth aloud in the street;

She uttereth her voice in the broad places;

21 She crieth ¹⁰in the chief place of concourse;

At the entering in of the gates,

In the city, she uttereth her words:

22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity?

And scornors delight them in scorning,

And fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn you at my reproof:

Behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you,

I will make known my words unto you.

24 Because I have called, and ye refused;

I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel,

And would none of my reproof:

26 I also will laugh in *the day* of your calamity;

I will mock when your fear cometh;

27 When your fear cometh as ¹¹a storm,

And your calamity cometh on as a whirlwind;

When distress and anguish come upon you.

1 Or, prudence

2 Or, an interpretation

3 Or, riddles

4 Or, chief part

5 Or, teaching

6 Or, the grave

7 Or, Even

the perfect

8 Or, Cast in

thy lot

9 Or, the net is spread

in the sight &c.

10 Heb. at the head of the noisy streets.

11 Or, desolation

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* Job 27.
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Is. 1. 15.
Jer. 11.
11.
& 14. 12.
Mic. 3. 4.

|| Or, ease
of the
simple.

† Heb.
giveth
thy voice.

* Matt.
13. 44.

* James
1. 5.
1 Kin. 3.
9.

* ch. 5. 3.
& 7. 5.

* Ps. 37.
29.

* Job 18.
Pa. 104.
35.

|| Or,
pucked
up.

* Deut.
8. 1.
& 30. 16.

† Heb.
years of
life.

* Ex. 13. 9.
Deut. 6. 8.

* Ps. 111.
10.

|| Or,
good
success.

* 1 Chr.
29. 9.

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

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

30 They would none of my counsel. they despised all my reproof.

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

32 For the ¹turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

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

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

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

3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and [†]liftest up thy voice for understanding;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:

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

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

14 Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 * But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be ¹rooted out of it.

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

2 For length of days, and [†]long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

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

4 * So shalt thou find favour and ¹good understanding in the sight of God and man.

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

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

28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer;

They shall seek me ¹diligently, but they shall not find me:

29 For that they hated knowledge, And did not choose the fear of the LORD:

30 They would none of my counsel; They despised all my reproof:

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

32 For the backsliding of the simple shall slay them, And the ²prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell securely, And shall be quiet without fear of evil.

2 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, And lay up my commandments with thee;

2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, And apply thine heart to understanding;

3 Yea, if thou cry after discernment, And lift up thy voice for understanding;

4 If thou seek her as silver, And search for her as for hid treasures;

5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God.

6 For the LORD giveth wisdom; Out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding:

7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the upright, ³He is a shield to them that walk in integrity;

8 * That he may guard the paths of judgement, ⁴And preserve the way of his saints.

9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness and judgement, And equity, yea, every good path.

10 For wisdom shall enter into thine heart, And knowledge shall be pleasant unto thy soul;

11 Discretion shall watch over thee, Understanding shall keep thee:

12 To deliver thee from the way of ⁵evil, From the men that speak froward things;

13 Who forsake the paths of uprightness, To walk in the ways of darkness;

14 Who rejoice to do evil, And delight in the frowardness of ⁶evil;

15 Who are crooked in their ways, And perverse in their paths:

16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, Even from the stranger which ⁷flattereth with her words;

17 Which forsaketh the ⁸friend of her youth, And forgetteth the covenant of her God:

18 For ⁹her house inclineth unto death, And her paths unto ¹⁰the dead:

19 None that go unto her return again, Neither do they attain unto the paths of life:

20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, And keep the paths of the righteous.

21 For the upright shall dwell in the ¹¹land, And the perfect shall remain in it.

22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the ¹²land, And they that deal treacherously shall be rooted out of it.

3 My son, forget not my ¹²law;

But let thine heart keep my commandments:

2 For length of days, and years of life,

And peace, shall they add to thee.

3 Let not ¹³mercy and truth forsake thee:

Bind them about thy neck;

Write them upon the table of thine heart:

4 So shalt thou find favour and ¹⁴good understanding

In the sight of God and man.

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart,

And lean not upon thine own understanding:

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him,

And he shall ¹⁵direct thy paths.

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¹ Or,
early

² Or,
careless
ease

³ Or,
And
a shield
for dc.

⁴ Or,
That
they may
keep

⁵ Or,
Yea, he
preserveth

⁶ Or, the
evil man

⁷ Heb.
maketh
smooth
her
words.

⁸ Or,
guide

⁹ Or, she
sinketh
down
unto
death,

which
is her
house

¹⁰ Or, the
shades
Hob. Re-
phaim.

¹¹ Or,
earth

¹² Or,
teaching

¹³ Or,
kindness

¹⁴ Or,
good
repute

¹⁵ Or,
make
straight
or plain

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	7 ¶ Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.	7 Be not wise in thine own eyes; Fear the Lord, and depart from evil:	
* Rom. 12. 16.	8 It shall be †health to thy navel, and †marrow to thy bones	8 It shall be health to thy navel, And †marrow to thy bones.	
† Heb. medicine.	9 * Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase.	9 Honour the Lord with thy substance, And with the firstfruits of all thine increase.	1 Or. refreshing Heb. moistening.
+ Heb. watering, or, moistening.	10 * So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.	10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, And thy fats shall overflow with new wine.	
* Ex. 23. 19. & 34. 26. Deut. 26. 2. &c. Mal. 3. 10. &c. Luke 14. 13.	11 ¶ * My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction	11 My son, despise not the ² chastening of the Lord; Neither be weary of his reproof:	2 Or. instruction
	12 For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.	12 For whom the Lord loveth he reproveth; Even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.	
	13 ¶ Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and † the man that getteth understanding.	13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, And the man that ³ getteth understanding.	3 Heb. draweth forth.
	14 * For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.	14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, And the gain thereof than fine gold.	4 See Job xxviii. 18
* Deut. 28. 9	15 She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.	15 She is more precious than ⁴ rubies: And none of the things thou canst desire are to be compared unto her.	
* Job 5. 17.	16 Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.	16 Length of days is in her right hand; In her left hand are riches and honour.	
Heb. 12. 6.	17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.	17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace.	
Rev. 3. 19.	18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.	18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: And happy is every one that retaineth her.	
† Heb. the man that draweth out understanding	19 The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he ⁵ established the heavens.	19 The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding he established the heavens	
	20 By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.	20 By his knowledge the depths were broken up, And the skies drop down the dew.	
* Job 28. 15. &c. Ps. 19. 10. ch. 8. 11, 19. & 16. 16.	21 ¶ My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:	21 My son, let not them depart from thine eyes; Keep sound wisdom and discretion;	
† Or. prepared.	22 So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.	22 So shall they be life unto thy soul, And grace to thy neck.	
* Ps. 87. 24 & 91. 11.	23 * Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.	23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way securely, And ⁵ thy foot shall not stumble.	5 Heb. thou shalt not dash thy foot.
	24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.	24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: Yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.	6 Or. storm
	25 Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.	25 Be not afraid of sudden fear, Neither of the ⁶ desolation of the wicked, when it cometh:	
	26 For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.	26 For the Lord shall be thy confidence, And shall keep thy foot from being taken.	
+ Heb. the owners thereof.	27 ¶ Withhold not good from † them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.	27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, When it is in the power of thine hand to do it.	
† Or. Practise no evil.	28 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to-morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.	28 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, And to-morrow I will give; When thou hast it by thee.	
* Pa. 37. 1.	29 * Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.	29 Devise not evil against thy neighbour, Seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.	
† Heb. a man of violence.	30 ¶ Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.	30 Strive not with a man without cause, If he have done thee no harm.	
* Pa. 25. 14.	31 ¶ * Envy thou not † the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.	31 ¶ * Envy thou not the man of violence, And choose none of his ways.	
* Mal. 2. 2.	32 For the froward is abomination to the Lord: * but his secret is with the righteous.	32 For the perverse is an abomination to the Lord: But his ⁷ secret is with the upright.	7 Or. counsel Or. friendship
* James 4. 6.	33 ¶ * The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.	33 The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked; But he blesseth the habitation of the righteous.	8 Or. Though
1 Pet. 5. 5.	34 * Surely he scorneth the scornors: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.	34 ⁸ Surely he scorneth the scornors, ⁹ But he giveth grace unto the lowly.	9 Or. Yet
† Heb. exalteth the fools.	35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame † shall be the promotion of fools.	35 The wise shall inherit glory; But ¹⁰ shame shall be the promotion of fools.	10 Or. fools carry away shame
	4 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.	4 Hear, my sons, the instruction of a father, And attend to know understanding:	11 Or. teaching
	2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.	2 For I give you good doctrine; Forsake ye not my ¹¹ law.	12 Heb. an only one
* 1 Chr. 29. 1	3 For I was my father's son, * tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.	3 For I was a son unto my father, Tender and ¹² only beloved in the sight of my mother.	
* 1 Chr. 23. 9.	4 * He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.	4 And he taught me, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words; Keep my commandments, and live:	
	5 Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.	5 Get wisdom, get understanding; Forget it not, neither decline from the words of my mouth:	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 ¶ Keep thy heart † with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 Lest thou shouldst ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them.

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!

* ch. 1. 9.

† Or, she shall compass thee with a crown of glory.

* Ps. 91. 11.

* Ps. 1. 1. ch. 1. 10, 15.

† Heb. medicine.

† Heb. above all keeping.

† Heb. forward-ness of mouth, and per-verse-ness of lips.

† Or, all thy ways shall be ordered aright.

* Deut. 5. 32.

* ch. 2. 16.

& 6. 24.

† Heb. palate.

* ch. 7. 27.

† Heb. thy strength.

6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee; Love her, and she shall keep thee.

7 † Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom:

Yea, with all thou hast gotten get understanding.

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

9 She shall give to thine head a chaplet of grace: A crown of † beauty shall she deliver to thee.

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

11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in paths of uprightness.

12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened;

And if thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

13 Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: Keep her; for she is thy life.

14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, And walk not in the way of evil men.

15 Avoid it, pass not by it;

Turn from it, and pass on.

16 For they sleep not, except they have done mischief;

And their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, And drink the wine of violence.

18 But the path of the righteous is as † the shining light,

That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

19 The way of the wicked is as darkness.

They know not at what they stumble.

20 My son, attend to my words;

Incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes;

Keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they are life unto those that find them,

And health to all their flesh.

23 Keep thy heart † with all diligence;

For out of it are the issues of life.

24 Put away from thee a froward mouth,

And perverse lips put far from thee.

25 Let thine eyes look right on,

And let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

26 † Make level the path of thy feet,

And let all thy ways be † established.

27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left:

Remove thy foot from evil.

5 My son, attend unto my wisdom;

Incline thine ear to my understanding:

2 That thou mayest preserve discretion,

And that thy lips may keep knowledge.

3 For the lips of a strange woman drop honey,

And her mouth is smoother than oil:

4 But her latter end is bitter as wormwood,

Sharp as a two-edged sword.

5 Her feet go down to death;

Her steps take hold on † Sheol;

6 † So that she findeth not the level path of life:

Her ways are unstable and † she knoweth it not.

7 Now therefore, my sons, hearken unto me,

And depart not from the words of my mouth.

8 Remove thy way far from her,

And come not nigh the door of her house:

9 Lest thou give thine honour unto others,

And thy years unto the cruel:

10 Lest strangers be filled with thy † strength;

And thy labours be in the house of an alien;

11 And thou † mourn at thy latter end,

When thy flesh and thy body are consumed,

12 And say, How have I hated instruction,

And my heart despised reproof;

13 Neither have I obeyed the voice of my teachers,

Nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!

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1 Or, The beginning of wisdom is, Get wisdom

2 Or, glory

3 Or, the light of dawn

4 Or, above all that thou guard-est

5 Or, Weigh carefully

6 Or, ordered aright

7 Or, the grave

8 Or, Lest thou find the level &c.

Or, Lest thou weigh carefully the path of life

9 Or, thou canst not know them

10 Or, wealth

11 Or, groan

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	14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.	14 I was well nigh in all evil In the midst of the congregation and assembly.	
	15 ¶ Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.	15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern, And running waters out of thine own well.	
	16 Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.	16 ¹ Should thy springs be dispersed abroad, And rivers of water in the streets?	¹ Or, <i>Lct</i>
	17 Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.	17 Let them be for thyself alone, And not for strangers with thee.	
	18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.	18 Let thy fountain be blessed; And rejoice in the wife of thy youth.	
† Heb. water thee.	19 <i>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.</i>	19 <i>As a loving hind and a pleasant doe, Let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; And ² be thou ravished always with her love.</i>	² Heb go astray.
† Heb. err thou always in her love.	20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?	20 For why shouldst thou, my son, ² be ravished with a strange woman, And embrace the bosom of a stranger?	
* Job 31. 4.	21 * For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings.	21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, And he ³ maketh level all his paths.	
& 34. 21. ch. 15. 3. Jer. 16. 17.	22 ¶ His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his † sins.	22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked, And he shall be holden with the cords of his sin.	³ Or, weigheth carefully
& 32. 19. † Heb. sm.	23 He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.	23 He shall die for lack of instruction; And in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.	
	6 My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, if thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger,	6 My son, if thou art become surety for thy neighbour, If thou hast stricken ⁴ thy hands for a stranger,	⁴ Or, thy hand with a stranger
	2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.	2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, Thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.	
	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.	3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, Seeing thou art come into the hand of thy neighbour; Go, ⁵ humble thyself, and importune thy neighbour.	⁵ Or, bestir
¶ Or, so shalt thou prevail with thy friend.	4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.	4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, Nor slumber to thine eyelids.	
	5 Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.	5 Deliver thyself as a ⁶ roe from the hand of the hunter, And as a bird from the hand of the fowler.	⁶ Or, gazelle
	6 ¶ Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:	6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; Consider her ways, and be wise:	
	7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,	7 Which having no ⁷ chief, Overseer, or ruler,	⁷ Or, judge
	8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.	8 Provideth her meat in the summer, And gathereth her food in the harvest.	
	9 * How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?	9 How long wilt thou ⁸ sleep, O sluggard? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?	⁸ Heb. lie down.
* ch. 24. 33.	10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:	10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to ⁸ sleep:	
	11 * So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.	11 So shall thy poverty come as a ⁹ robber, And thy want as ¹⁰ an armed man.	⁹ Or, rover ¹⁰ Heb. a man with a shield.
* ch. 18. 4. & 20. 4.	12 ¶ A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.	12 A worthless person, a man of iniquity; He walketh with a froward mouth;	¹¹ Or, shuffleth ¹² Or, teacheth
	13 He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;	13 He winketh with his eyes, he ¹¹ speaketh with his feet, He ¹² maketh signs with his fingers;	
† Heb. casteth forth.	14 Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he † soweth discord.	14 Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth evil continually; He ¹³ soweth discord.	¹³ Heb. letteth loose.
	15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.	15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; On a sudden shall he be broken, and that without remedy.	
	16 ¶ These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination † unto him:	16 There be six things which the Lord hateth; Yea, seven which are an abomination ¹⁴ unto him:	¹⁴ Heb. of his soul.
† Heb. of his soul.	17 † A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,	17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood;	
† Heb. Haughty eyes.	18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, * feet that be swift in running to mischief,	18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, Feet that be swift in running to mischief;	
* Rom. 3. 15.	19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and † he that soweth discord among brethren.	19 A false witness that ¹⁵ uttereth lies, And he that ¹³ soweth discord among brethren.	¹⁵ Heb. breatheth out.
† [1611 him]	20 ¶ * My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:	20 My son, keep the commandment of thy father, And forsake not the ¹⁶ law of thy mother:	¹⁶ Or, teaching
* ch. 1. 8.	21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.	21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, Tie them about thy neck.	
	22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.	22 When thou walkest, it shall lead thee; When thou ¹⁷ sleepest, it shall watch over thee; And when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.	¹⁷ Heb. lie down.

A. V.			B. V.
* Ps. 19.	23 * For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:	23 For ¹ the commandment is a lamp; and ² the law is light;	1 Or, their commandment
8. & 119. 105.	24 * To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery ^u of the tongue of a strange woman	And reproofs of instruction are the way of life: 24 To keep thee from the evil woman, From the flattery of the stranger's tongue.	2 Or, their teaching
† Or, candle.	25 * Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.	25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; Neither let her take thee with her eyelids.	3 Heb a man's wife.
* ch. 2. 16.	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.	26 For on account of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: And ³ the adulteress hunteth for the precious life.	4 Heb. held innocent.
& 5. 8. & 7. 5.	27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?	27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, And his clothes not be burned?	5 Heb heart.
† Or, of the strange tongue.	28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?	28 Or can one walk upon hot coals, And his feet not be scorched?	6 Or, teaching
* Matt. 5. 28.	29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosever toucheth her shall not be innocent.	29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; Whosoever toucheth her shall not be ⁴ unpunished.	7 Or, familiar friend
† Heb. the woman of a man, or, a man's wife.	30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;	30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal To satisfy his soul when he is hungry:	8 Heb. maketh smooth her words.
† Heb. heart.	31 But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.	31 But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; He shall give all the substance of his house	9 Heb. pupil (of the eye).
† Heb. He will not accept the face of any ransom.	32 But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh † understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.	32 He that committeth adultery with a woman is void of ⁵ understanding: He doeth it that would destroy his own soul.	10 Or, close Heb guarded.
† Heb. heart.	33 A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.	33 Wounds and dishonour shall he get; And his reproach shall not be wiped away.	11 Or, turbulent
† Heb. He will not accept the face of any ransom.	34 For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.	34 For jealousy is the rage of a man; And he will not spare in the day of vengeance.	12 Heb. She hardened her face, and said.
† Heb. heart.	35 † He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.	35 He will not regard any ransom; Neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.	13 Or, were due from me
† Heb. He will not accept the face of any ransom.	7 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.	7 My son, keep my words, And lay up my commandments with thee.	14 Or, cushions
* Deut. 6. 8.	2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.	2 Keep my commandments and live; And my ⁶ law as the apple of thine eye.	15 Or, sprinkled
& 11. 18. ch. 8. 3.	3 * Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.	3 Bind them upon thy fingers; Write them upon the table of thine heart.	
* ch. 5. 3.	4 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman:	4 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; And call understanding thy ⁷ kinswoman:	
† Heb. the sons.	5 * That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.	5 That they may keep thee from the strange woman, From the stranger which ⁸ flattereth with her words.	
† Heb. in the evening of the day.	6 ¶ For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,	6 For at the window of my house I looked forth through my lattice;	
* ch. 9. 13.	7 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among † the youths, a young man void of understanding,	7 And I beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, A young man void of understanding,	
† Heb. the sons.	8 Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house,	8 Passing through the street near her corner, And he went the way to her house;	
† Heb. in the evening of the day.	9 In the twilight, † in the evening, in the black and dark night:	9 In the twilight, in the evening of the day, In the ⁹ blackness of night and the darkness.	
* ch. 9. 13.	10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.	10 And, behold, there met him a woman With the attire of an harlot, and ¹⁰ wily of heart.	
† Heb. she strengthened her face, and said.	11 * (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house:	11 She is ¹¹ clamorous and wilful; Her feet abide not in her house:	
† Heb. Peace offerings are upon me.	12 Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)	12 Now she is in the streets, now in the broad places, And lieth in wait at every corner.	
† Heb. in his hand.	13 So she caught him, and kissed him, and † with an impudent face said unto him,	13 So she caught him, and kissed him, ¹² And with an impudent face she said unto him:	
† Or, the new moon.	14 † I have peace offerings with me; this day have I paid my vows.	14 Sacrifices of peace offerings ¹³ are with me; This day have I paid my vows.	
† [1611 omits her]	15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.	15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, Diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.	
† Heb. in his hand.	16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt.	16 I have spread my couch with ¹⁴ carpets of tapestry, With striped cloths of the yarn of Egypt.	
† Or, the new moon.	17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.	17 I have ¹⁵ perfumed my bed With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.	
† [1611 omits her]	18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves.	18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning; Let us solace ourselves with loves.	
† Heb. in his hand.	19 For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey:	19 For the goodman is not at home, He is gone a long journey:	
† Or, the new moon.	20 He hath taken a bag of money † with him, and will come home at † the day appointed.	20 He hath taken a bag of money with him; He will come home at the full moon.	
† [1611 omits her]	21 With † her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him.	21 With her much fair speech she causeth him to yield, With the flattering of her lips she forceth him away.	

A. V.			R. V.
† Heb. <i>sud-dently.</i>	22 He goeth after her † straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;	22 He goeth after her † straightway, As an ox goeth to the slaughter, Or as † fetters to the correction of the fool;	1 Heb. <i>sud-dently.</i>
	23 Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life.	23 Till an arrow strike through his liver; As a bird hasteth to the snare, And knoweth not that it is for his life.	2 Or, one in fetters The text is probably corrupt.
	24 ¶ Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth.	24 Now therefore, <i>my</i> sons, hearken unto me, And attend to the words of my mouth.	
	25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.	25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways, Go not astray in her paths.	
* ch. 2. 18. & 5. 5.	26 For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her.	26 For she hath cast down many wounded: Yea, all her slain are a mighty host.	
	27 * Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.	27 Her house is the way to † Sheol, Going down to the chambers of death.	3 Or, the grave
* ch. 1. 20.	8 Doth not * wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?	8 Doth not wisdom cry, And understanding put forth her voice?	
	2 She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.	2 In the top of high places by the way, Where the paths meet, she standeth;	
	3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.	3 Beside the gates, at the entry of the city, At the coming in at the doors, she crieth aloud:	
	4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.	4 Unto you, O men, I call; And my voice is to the sons of men.	
	5 O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.	5 O ye simple, understand † subtily; And, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.	4 Or, <i>prudence</i>
	6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.	6 Hear, for I will speak excellent things; And the opening of my lips shall be right things.	
	7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is † an abomination to my lips.	7 For my mouth shall utter truth; And wickedness is an abomination to my lips.	
† Heb. the abomination of my lips.	8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing † froward or perverse in them.	8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; There is nothing crooked or perverse in them.	5 Or, are righteousness
† Heb. wreathed.	9 They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.	9 They are all plain to him that understandeth, And right to them that find knowledge.	
	10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.	10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; And knowledge rather than choice gold.	
* Job 28. 15. Ps 19. 10. ch. 3. 15. & 16. 16.	11 * For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.	11 For wisdom is better than † rubies; And all the things that may be desired are not to be compared unto her.	6 See Job xxviii. 18.
† Or, subtily.	12 I wisdom dwell with † prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.	12 I wisdom have made † subtily my dwelling, And find out † knowledge and discretion.	7 Or, knowledge of wity inventions
	13 The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.	13 The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: Pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, And the froward mouth, do I hate.	
	14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.	14 Counsel is mine, and † sound knowledge: I am understanding; I have might.	8 Or, factual working
	15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.	15 By me kings reign, And princes decree justice.	
	16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.	16 By me † princes rule, And nobles, even all the judges † of the earth.	9 Or, rulers
* ch. 3. 16.	17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.	17 I love them that love me; And those that seek me † diligently shall find me.	10 Many ancient authorities read, of righteousness.
	18 * Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.	18 Riches and honour are with me; Yea, † durable riches and righteousness.	
* ch. 3. 14.	19 * My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.	19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; And my † revenue than choice silver.	11 Or, early
	20 I † lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:	20 I walk in the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of judgement:	12 Or, ancient
† Or, walk.	21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.	21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance, And that I may fill their treasures.	13 Or, increase
	22 The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.	22 The Lord † possessed me † in the beginning of his way, † Before his works of old.	14 Or, formed
	23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.	23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, Or ever the earth was.	15 Or, as
	24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.	24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; When there were no fountains abounding with water.	16 Or, The first of
	25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:	25 Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills was I brought forth:	
† Or, open places.	26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the † fields, nor † the highest part of the dust of the world.	26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, Nor the † beginning of the dust of the world.	17 Or, sum
† Or, the chief part.	27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set † a compass upon the face of the deep:	27 When he † established the heavens, I was there: When he set a circle upon the face of the deep:	18 Or, prepared
† Or, a circle.	28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:	28 When he made firm the skies above: When the fountains of the deep became strong:	
* Gen. 1. 9, 10. Job 88. 10, 11. Ps. 104. 9.	29 * When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment:	29 When he gave to the sea † its bound, That the waters should not transgress his commandment:	19 Or, his decree

A. V.	when he appointed the foundations of the earth :	When he ¹ marked out the foundations of the earth :	B. V.
* Ps. 119. 1, 2. & 128 1. Luke 11. 28.	30 Then I was by him, as one brought up with him and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him ;	30 Then I was by him, as a master workman :	¹ Or, appointed
	31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth ; and my delights were with the sons of men.	And I ² was daily his delight,	² Or, had delight continually
	32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children : for ³ blessed are they that keep my ways.	³ Rejoicing always before him ;	³ Or, Sporting
	33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.	31 ³ Rejoicing in his habitable earth ;	And my delight was with the sons of men.
	34 Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.	32 Now therefore, my sons, hearken unto me :	For blessed are they that keep my ways.
	35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord.	33 Hear instruction, and be wise,	And refuse it not.
† Heb. bring forth.	36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul : all they that hate me love death.	34 Blessed is the man that heareth me,	Watching daily at my gates,
	9 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars :	35 For whoso findeth me findeth life,	And shall ⁴ obtain favour of the Lord.
	2 She hath killed † her beasts ; she hath mingled her wine ; she hath also furnished her table.	36 But he that ⁵ sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul :	All they that hate me love death.
† Heb. her killing.	3 She hath sent forth her maidens : she crieth upon the highest places of the city,	9 Wisdom hath builded her house,	She hath hewn out her seven pillars :
	4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither : as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,	2 She hath killed her beasts ;	she hath mingled her wine ;
	5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.	She hath also furnished her table.	She hath also furnished her table.
	6 Forsake the foolish, and live ; and go in the way of understanding.	3 She hath sent forth her maidens,	she crieth upon the highest places of the city,
	7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame : and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot.	4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither :	As for him that is void of understanding, she saith to him,
	8 * Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee : rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.	5 Come, eat ye of my bread,	And drink of the wine which I have mingled.
	9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser : teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.	6 Leave off, ye simple ones, and live ;	And walk in the way of understanding.
	10 * The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom : and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.	7 He that correcteth a scorner getteth to himself shame :	And he that reproveth a wicked man getteth himself a blot.
* Matt. 7. 6.	11 * For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.	8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee :	Reprove a wise man, and he will love thee.
	12 If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself : but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.	9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser :	Teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
	13 ¶ A foolish woman is clamorous : she is simple, and knoweth nothing.	10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom :	And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
* Job 28. 28. Ps. 111. 10. ch. 1. 7. * ch. 10. 27.	14 For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,	11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied,	And the years of thy life shall be increased.
	15 To call passengers who go right on their ways :	12 If thou art wise, thou art wise for thyself :	And if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.
* ch. 7. 11.	16 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither : and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,	13 ¶ The foolish woman is clamorous ;	She is ⁸ simple, and knoweth nothing.
	17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread † eaten in secret is pleasant.	14 And she sitteth at the door of her house,	On a seat in the high places of the city,
	18 But he knoweth not that the dead are there ; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.	15 To call to them that pass by,	Who go right on their ways,
	10 The proverbs of Solomon. * A wise son maketh a glad father : but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.	16 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither :	And as for him that is void of understanding, she saith to him,
	2 * Treasures of wickedness profit nothing : but righteousness delivereth from death.	17 Stolen waters are sweet,	And bread eaten in secret is pleasant.
	3 * The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish : but he casteth away ¹¹ the substance of the wicked.	18 But he knoweth not that ⁹ the dead are there ;	That her guests are in the depths of Sheol.
	4 * He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand : but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.	10 The proverbs of Solomon.	A wise son maketh a glad father :
	5 He that gathereth in summer is a wise son : but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.	A wise son maketh a glad father :	But a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.
	6 Blessings are upon the head of the just : but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.	2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing :	But righteousness delivereth from death.
* ch. 15. 20.		3 The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish :	But he thrusteth away the desire of the wicked.
* ch. 11. 4.		4 He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand :	But the hand of the diligent maketh rich.
* Ps. 37. 25.		5 He that gathereth in summer is ¹⁰ a wise son :	But he that sleepeth in harvest is a son ¹¹ that causeth shame.
† Or, the wicked for their wickedness.		6 Blessings are upon the head of the righteous :	But ¹² violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.
* ch. 12. 24.			
† ver. 11.			

¹ Or, appointed
² Or, had delight continually
³ Or, Sporting

⁴ Heb. draw forth.
⁵ Or, misseth me

⁶ Or, Forsake the simple

⁷ Or, Folly
⁸ Heb. simplicity

⁹ Or, the shades
 Heb. Rephaim.

¹⁰ Or, a son that doeth wisely
¹¹ Or, that doeth shamefully
¹² Or, the mouth of the wicked covereth violence

A. V.
 * Pa. 112. 6.
 † Heb. a fool of lips.
 † Or, shall be beaten.
 * Pa. 23.4.
 * ch. 6.13.
 † Or, shall be beaten.
 * ch. 13. 14
 * 1 Cor. 13. 4.
 † 1 Pet. 4. 8.
 † Heb. heart
 * ch. 18. 11.
 † Or, causeth to err.
 † Heb. of heart.
 * ch. 14. 9.
 † [1611 a sport]
 * ch. 9. 11.
 † Heb. addeth.
 * Job 8. 15
 & 11. 20.
 Ps. 112. 10.
 * Pa. 87. 22.
 & 125. 1.
 † Heb. frowardnesses.
 * Lev. 19. 36.
 Deut. 25. 15.
 & 20. 10.
 & 20. 10.
 † Heb. Balances of decent.
 † Heb. a perfect stone.
 * ch. 15. 33
 & 16. 18.
 & 18. 12.
 * ch. 13. 6.
 * ch. 10. 2.
 Ezek. 7. 19.
 Zeph. 1. 18
 † Heb. rectify.
 * ch. 5. 22.

7 *The memory of the just is blessed : but the name of the wicked shall rot.
 8 The wise in heart will receive commandments : but † a prating fool ¹¹ shall fall.
 9 *He that walketh uprightly walketh surely : but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.
 10 *He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow : but a prating fool ¹¹ shall fall.
 11 * The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life : but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.
 12 Hatred stirreth up strifes : but * love covereth all sins.
 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.
 14 Wise men lay up knowledge : but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.
 15 * The rich man's wealth is his strong city : the destruction of the poor is their poverty.
 16 The labour of the righteous tendeth to life : the fruit of the wicked to sin.
 17 He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction : but he that refuseth reproof ¹⁸ erreth.
 18 He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.
 19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin : but he that refraineth his lips is wise.
 20 The tongue of the just is as choice silver : the heart of the wicked is little worth.
 21 The lips of the righteous feed many : but fools die for want † of wisdom.
 22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.
 23 * It is as † sport to a fool to do mischief : but a man of understanding hath wisdom.
 24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him : but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.
 25 As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more : but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.
 26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him.
 27 * The fear of the Lord † prolongeth days : but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.
 28 The hope of the righteous shall be gladness : but the * expectation of the wicked shall perish.
 29 The way of the Lord is strength to the upright : but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.
 30 * The righteous shall never be removed : but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.
 31 The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom : but the froward tongue shall be cut out.
 32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable : but the mouth of the wicked speaketh † frowardness.
 11 A † false balance is abomination to the Lord : but † a just weight is his delight.
 2 * When pride cometh, then cometh shame : but with the lowly is wisdom.
 3 * The integrity of the upright shall guide them : but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.
 4 * Riches profit not in the day of wrath : but righteousness delivereth from death.
 5 The righteousness of the perfect shall † direct his way : but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.
 6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them : but * transgressors shall be taken in their own naughtiness.
 7 When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish : and the hope of unjust men perisheth.

7 The memory of the just is blessed : But the name of the wicked shall rot.
 8 The wise in heart will receive commandments : But ¹ a prating fool ² shall fall.
 9 He that walketh uprightly walketh surely : But he that perverteth his ways shall be known.
 10 He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow : ³ But ¹ a prating fool ² shall fall.
 11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life : But ⁴ violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.
 12 Hatred stirreth up strifes : But love covereth all transgressions.
 13 In the lips of him that hath discernment wisdom is found : But a rod is for the back of him that is void of ⁵ understanding.
 14 Wise men lay up knowledge : But the mouth of the foolish is a present destruction.
 15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city : The destruction of the poor is their poverty.
 16 The labour of the righteous tendeth to life ; The increase of the wicked to sin.
 17 He ⁶ is in the way of life that heedeth ⁷ correction : But he that forsaketh reproof ⁸ erreth.
 18 He that hideth hatred is of lying lips ; And he that uttereth a slander is a fool.
 19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not transgression : But he that refraineth his lips ⁹ doeth wisely.
 20 The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver : The heart of the wicked is little worth.
 21 The lips of the righteous feed many : But the foolish die for lack of ⁵ understanding.
 22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, And ¹⁰ he addeth no sorrow therewith.
 23 It is as sport to a fool to do wickedness : ¹¹ And so is wisdom to a man of understanding.
 24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him : And the desire of the righteous shall be granted.
 25 ¹² When the whirlwind passeth, the wicked is no more : But the righteous is an everlasting foundation.
 26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, So is the sluggard to them that send him.
 27 The fear of the LORD ¹³ prolongeth days : But the years of the wicked shall be shortened.
 28 The hope of the righteous shall be gladness : But the expectation of the wicked shall perish.
 29 The way of the LORD is a strong hold to the upright ; But ¹⁴ it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.
 30 The righteous shall never be removed : But the wicked shall not dwell in the ¹⁵ land.
 31 The mouth of the righteous ¹⁶ bringeth forth wisdom : But the froward tongue shall be cut off.
 32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable : But the mouth of the wicked ¹⁷ speaketh frowardness.
 11 ¹⁸ A false balance is an abomination to the LORD : But a just weight is his delight.
 2 When pride cometh, then cometh shame : But with the lowly is wisdom.
 3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them : But the perverseness of the treacherous shall destroy them.
 4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath : But righteousness delivereth from death.
 5 The righteousness of the perfect shall ¹⁹ direct his way : But the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.
 6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them : But they that deal treacherously shall be taken in their own mischief.
 7 When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish : And the hope of ²⁰ iniquity perisheth.

B. V.
 1 Heb. the foolish of lips.
 2 Or, shall be overthrown or laid low
 3 The Sept. and Syr. read, But he that rebuketh openly maketh peace.
 4 Or, the mouth of the wicked covereth violence
 5 Heb. heart.
 6 Or, is a way
 7 Or, instruction
 8 Or, causeth to err
 9 Or, is wise
 10 Or, toil addeth nothing thereto
 11 Or, But a man of understanding hath wisdom
 12 Or, As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more
 13 Heb. addeth.
 14 Or, destruction shall be to d.c.
 15 Or, earth
 16 Or, buddeth with
 17 Or, is
 18 Heb. A balance of decent.
 19 Or, make straight or plain
 20 Or, strong men

A. V.			R. V.
* ch 21. 18. * Job 8. 13.	8 * The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.	8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.	
	9 An * hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour : but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.	9 With his mouth the godless man destroyeth his neighbour : But through knowledge shall the righteous be delivered.	
† Heb. <i>destitute of heart.</i>	10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth : and when the wicked perish, there is shouting.	10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth :	
† Heb. <i>He that walketh, being a tale-bearer.</i>	11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted : but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.	And when the wicked perish, there is shouting. 11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted : But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.	
* 1 Kin. 12 1.	12 He that is † void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour : but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.	12 He that despiseth his neighbour is void of wisdom :	† Heb. <i>heart.</i>
† Heb. <i>shall be sore broken.</i>	13 † A talebearer revealeth secrets : but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.	But a man of understanding holdeth his peace. 13 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets :	† Heb. <i>shall be sore broken.</i>
† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>	14 * Where no counsel is, the people fall : but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.	But he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter. 14 Where no wise guidance is, the people falleth : But in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.	* Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
† Heb. <i>departeth from.</i>	15 He that is surety for a stranger † shall smart for it : and he that hateth † suretiship is sure.	15 He that is surety for a stranger ² shall smart for it :	* Heb. <i>shall be sore broken.</i>
* 2 Cor. 9. 9.	16 A gracious woman retaineth honour : and strong men retain riches.	But he that hateth ³ suretiship is sure. 16 A gracious woman retaineth honour : And violent men retain riches.	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
† Heb. <i>The soul of blessing.</i>	17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul : but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.	17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul : But he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
* Ps. 7. 15, 16. & 9. 15, 16. & 10. 2. & 57. 6.	18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work : but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.	18 The wicked earneth deceitful wages : But he that soweth righteousness hath a sure reward.	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
* Pa. 1. 3. & 92. 12, &c. Jer. 17. 8.	19 As righteousness tendeth to life : so he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death.	19 * He that is stedfast in righteousness shall attain unto life :	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
† Heb. <i>departeth from.</i>	20 They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the LORD : but such as are upright in their way are his delight.	And he that pursueth evil doeth it to his own death. 20 They that are perverse in heart are an abomination to the LORD :	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
* 2 Cor. 9. 9.	21 Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished : but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.	But such as are perfect in their way are his delight. 21 ⁵ Though hand join in hand, the evil man shall not be unpunished :	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
† Heb. <i>The soul of blessing.</i>	22 As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which † is without discretion.	But the seed of the righteous shall be delivered. 22 As a ⁶ jewel of gold in a swine's snout, So is a fair woman which ⁷ is without discretion.	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
* Pa. 1. 3. & 92. 12, &c. Jer. 17. 8.	23 The desire of the righteous is only good : but the expectation of the wicked is wrath.	23 The desire of the righteous is only good : But the expectation of the wicked is ⁸ wrath.	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
† Heb. <i>departeth from.</i>	24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth ; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.	24 There is that scattereth, and increaseth yet more ; And there is that withholdeth ⁹ more than is meet, but it tendeth only to want.	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
* Ps. 7. 15, 16. & 9. 15, 16. & 10. 2. & 57. 6.	25 * † The liberal soul shall be made fat : and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.	25 The liberal soul shall be made fat : And he that watereth shall be watered also himself.	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
† Heb. <i>departeth from.</i>	26 He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him : but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.	26 He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him :	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
* Pa. 1. 3. & 92. 12, &c. Jer. 17. 8.	27 He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour : * but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.	But blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it. 27 He that diligently seeketh good seeketh favour :	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
† Heb. <i>departeth from.</i>	28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall : but * the righteous shall flourish as a branch.	But he that searcheth after mischief, it shall come unto him. 28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall :	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
* 1 Pet. 4. 18.	29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind : and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.	But the righteous shall flourish as the green leaf. 29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind :	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
† Heb. <i>departeth from.</i>	30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life ; and he that † winneth souls is wise.	And the foolish shall be servant to the wise of heart. 30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life ; And he that is wise winneth souls.	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
* 1 Pet. 4. 18.	31 * Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth : much more the wicked and the sinner.	29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind : And the foolish shall be servant to the wise of heart. 30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life ; And he that is wise winneth souls. 31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth :	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
† Heb. <i>departeth from.</i>	12 Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge : but he that hateth reproof is brutish.	31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth : How much more the wicked and the sinner ! 12 Whoso loveth ¹⁰ correction loveth knowledge . But he that hateth reproof is brutish.	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
* ch. 10. 25.	2 A good man obtaineth favour of the LORD : but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.	2 A good man shall obtain favour of the LORD : But a man of wicked devices will he condemn.	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
† Heb. <i>departeth from.</i>	3 A man shall not be established by wickedness : but the * root of the righteous shall not be moved.	3 A man shall not be established by wickedness : But the root of the righteous shall never be moved.	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>
* 1 Cor. 11. 7.	4 * A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband : but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.	4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband : But she that ¹¹ maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.	† Heb. <i>those that strike hands.</i>

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* ch. 1. 11, 18.	5 The thoughts of the righteous <i>are</i> right. <i>but</i> the counsels of the wicked <i>are</i> deceit.	5 The thoughts of the righteous <i>are</i> ¹ just : <i>But</i> the counsels of the wicked <i>are</i> deceit.	¹ Heb. <i>judgement</i>
* Ps 37. 37 ch. 11. 21.	6 * The words of the wicked <i>are</i> to lie in wait for blood : but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.	6 The words of the wicked ² <i>are</i> of lying in wait for blood. But the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.	² Or, <i>are a lying in wait</i>
† Heb. <i>perverse of heart.</i>	7 * The wicked are overthrown, and <i>are</i> not. but the house of the righteous shall stand.	7 ³ The wicked are overthrown, and <i>are</i> not : But the house of the righteous shall stand	³ Or, <i>Overthrow the wicked, and they are not</i>
Or, <i>bowels.</i>	8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom : but he that is † of a perverse heart shall be despised.	8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom : But he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.	
* ch. 28. 19.	9 <i>He that is</i> despised, and hath a servant, is better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.	9 Better is he that is lightly esteemed, and hath a servant, Than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.	
Or, <i>the fortress.</i>	10 A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast. but the † tender mercies of the wicked <i>are</i> cruel.	10 A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast. But the tender mercies of the wicked <i>are</i> cruel.	
† Heb. <i>the snare of the wicked is in the transgression of lips.</i>	11 * He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread : but he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding.	11 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread : But he that followeth after ⁴ vain persons is void of understanding.	⁴ Or, <i>vain things</i>
* ch. 18. 7.	12 The wicked desireth † the net of evil men. but the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit.	12 The wicked desireth ⁵ the net of evil men : But the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit.	⁵ Or, <i>the prey</i>
* ch. 13. 2.	13 † * The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips : but the just shall come out of trouble.	13 In the transgression of the lips is ⁶ a snare to the evil man : But the righteous shall come out of trouble.	⁶ Or, <i>an evil snare</i>
* ch. 3. 7.	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	14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth : And the doings of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.	
† Heb. <i>in that day.</i>	15 * The way of a fool is right in his own eyes : but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.	15 The way of the foolish is right in his own eyes : But he that is wise hearkeneth unto counsel.	
* ch. 14. 5.	16 A fool's wrath is † presently known. but a prudent man covereth shame.	16 A fool's vexation is ⁷ presently known : But a prudent man concealeth shame.	
* Ps. 57. 4 & 59. 7.	17 * He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness : but a false witness deceit.	17 He that ⁸ uttereth truth sheweth forth righteousness, But a false witness deceit.	⁸ Heb. <i>breatheth out</i>
* ch. 13. 16. & 15. 2.	18 * There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword : but the tongue of the wise is health.	18 There is that speaketh rashly like the piercings of a sword : But the tongue of the wise is health.	
* ch. 10. 4.	19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever : but a lying tongue is but for a moment.	19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever : But a lying tongue is but for a moment.	
Or, <i>deceitful.</i>	20 Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil. but to the counsellors of peace is joy.	20 Deceit is in the heart of them that devise evil : But to the counsellors of peace is joy.	
* ch. 15. 13.	21 There shall no evil happen to the just : but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.	21 There shall no mischief happen to the righteous : But the wicked shall be filled with evil	
Or, <i>abundant.</i>	22 Lying lips are abomination to the Lord : but they that deal truly are his delight.	22 Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord : But they that deal truly are his delight.	
* ch. 10. 4.	23 * A prudent man concealeth knowledge : but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.	23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge : But the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.	⁹ Heb. <i>slothfulness.</i>
Or, <i>deceitful.</i>	24 * The hand of the diligent shall bear rule : but the † slothful shall be under tribute.	24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule : But ¹⁰ the slothful shall be put under taskwork.	¹⁰ Or, <i>Care</i>
* ch. 15. 13.	25 * Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop : but a good word maketh it glad.	25 ¹⁰ Heaviness in the heart of a man maketh it stoop ; But a good word maketh it glad.	¹¹ Or, <i>catcheth not his prey</i>
Or, <i>abundant.</i>	26 The righteous is more † excellent than his neighbour : but the way of the wicked seduceth them.	26 The righteous is a guide to his neighbour : But the way of the wicked causeth them to err.	¹² Or, <i>is to be diligent</i>
* ch. 12. 14.	27 The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting : but the substance of a diligent man is precious.	27 ⁹ The slothful man ¹¹ roasteth not that which he took in hunting : But the precious substance of men ¹² is to the diligent.	¹³ Or, <i>correction</i>
* ch. 11. 3, 5, 6.	28 In the way of righteousness is life ; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.	28 In the way of righteousness is life ; And in the pathway thereof there is no death.	¹⁴ Or, <i>from</i>
† Heb. <i>sin.</i>	13 A wise son heareth his father's instruction : but a scorner heareth not rebuke.	13 A wise son heareth his father's ¹³ instruction. But a scorner heareth not rebuke.	¹⁵ Or, <i>the desire of the treacherous is for violence</i>
* ch. 11. 3, 5, 6.	2 * A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth : but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.	2 A man shall eat good ¹⁴ by the fruit of his mouth : But ¹⁶ the soul of the treacherous shall eat violence.	¹⁶ Or, <i>causeth shame and bringeth reproach</i>
† Heb. <i>sin.</i>	3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life : but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.	3 He that guardeth his mouth keepeth his life : But he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.	¹⁷ Heb. <i>uprightness of way.</i>
* ch. 11. 3, 5, 6.	4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing : but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.	4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing : But the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.	¹⁸ Heb. <i>sin.</i>
* ch. 11. 3, 5, 6.	5 A righteous man hateth lying : but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame.	5 A righteous man hateth lying : But a wicked man ¹⁶ is loathsome, and cometh to shame.	
† Heb. <i>sin.</i>	6 * Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way : but wickedness overthroweth † the sinner.	6 Righteousness guardeth ¹⁷ him that is upright in the way : But wickedness overthroweth ¹⁸ the sinner.	

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	7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet <i>hath</i> nothing: <i>there is</i> that maketh himself poor, yet <i>hath</i> great riches.	7 There is that ¹ maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: There is that ¹ maketh himself poor, yet hath great wealth.	¹ Or, <i>seigneth</i>
	8 The ransom of a man's life <i>are</i> his riches: but the poor heareth not rebuke.	8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches: But the poor heareth no ² threatening.	² Or, <i>rebuke</i>
* Job 18. 6.	9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth: * but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.	9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth: But the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.	
& 21. 17.	10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.	10 By pride cometh only contention: But with the well advised is wisdom.	
† Or, <i>candle.</i>	11 * Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth † by labour shall increase.	11 Wealth gotten ³ by vanity shall be diminished: But he that gathereth ⁴ by labour shall have increase.	³ The Sept. and Vulg. have, <i>in haste.</i>
* ch. 10. 2. & 20. 21.	12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.	12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: But when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.	⁴ Heb. <i>with the hand.</i>
† Heb. <i>with the hand.</i>	13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment † shall be rewarded.	13 Whoso despiseth ⁵ the word ⁶ bringeth destruction on himself: But he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.	⁵ See ch. xvi. 20.
† Or, <i>shall be in peace.</i>	14 * The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.	14 The ⁷ law of the wise is a fountain of life, To depart from the snares of death.	⁶ Or, <i>maketh himself a debtor thereto</i>
* ch. 14. 27.	15 Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.	15 Good understanding ⁸ giveth favour: But the way of the treacherous is rugged.	⁷ Or, <i>teaching</i>
* ch. 12. 23 & 15. 2.	16 * Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool † layeth open his folly.	16 Every prudent man worketh with knowledge: But a fool spreadeth out folly.	⁸ Or, <i>getteth</i>
† Heb. <i>spreadeth.</i>	17 A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador is health.	17 A wicked messenger falleth into evil: But a faithful ambassador is health.	⁹ Or, <i>instruction</i>
	18 Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.	18 Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth ⁹ correction: But he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.	
	19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but it is abomination to fools to depart from evil.	19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: But it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil.	
† Heb. <i>shall be broken.</i>	20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools † shall be destroyed.	20 Walk with wise men, and thou shalt be wise: But the companion of fools shall ¹¹ smart for it.	¹⁰ According to another reading, <i>He that walketh with wise men shall be wise.</i>
* Job 27. 17.	21 Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.	21 Evil pursueth sinners: But the righteous shall be recompensed with good.	¹¹ Heb. <i>be broken.</i>
* ch. 12. 11.	22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the * wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.	22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children; And the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the righteous.	¹² Or, <i>tilled land</i>
* ch. 23. 13.	23 * Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment.	23 Much food is in the ¹² tillage of the poor: But there is that is destroyed by reason of injustice.	¹³ Or, <i>diligently</i>
* Ps. 34. 10. & 37. 3.	24 * He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.	24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: But he that loveth him chasteneth him ¹³ betimes.	¹⁴ Heb. <i>jolly.</i>
	25 * The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.	25 The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: But the belly of the wicked shall want.	¹⁵ Or, <i>shoot</i>
	14 Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.	14 Every wise woman buildeth her house: But the belly of the wicked shall want.	¹⁶ Or, <i>for his pride</i>
* Job 12. 4.	2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the Lord: * but he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him.	2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the Lord: But he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him.	¹⁷ Heb. <i>breatheth out.</i>
	3 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.	3 In the mouth of the foolish is a ¹⁵ rod ¹⁶ of pride: But the lips of the wise shall preserve them.	¹⁸ Or, <i>Go from... for thou wilt not &c.</i>
* Ex. 20. 16. & 23. 1. & 6. 19. & 12. 17. & ch. 8. 9.	4 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean: but much increase is by the strength of the ox.	4 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean: But much increase is by the strength of the ox.	¹⁹ Or, <i>Guil mocketh at the foolish</i>
	5 * A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.	5 A faithful witness will not lie: But a false witness ¹⁷ uttereth lies.	²⁰ Or, <i>the guilt offering</i>
	6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but * knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.	6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: But knowledge is easy unto him that hath understanding.	²¹ Or, <i>the favour of God</i>
	7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.	7 ¹⁸ Go into the presence of a foolish man, And thou shalt not perceive in him the lips of knowledge.	²² Or, <i>is straight before</i>
* ch. 10. 23.	8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit.	8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: But the folly of fools is deceit.	
† Heb. <i>the bitterness of his soul.</i>	9 * Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.	9 ¹⁹ The foolish make a mock at ²⁰ guilt: But among the upright there is ²¹ good will.	
	10 The heart knoweth † his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.	10 The heart knoweth its own bitterness; And a stranger doth not intermeddle with its joy.	
* ch. 16. 25.	11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.	11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: But the tent of the upright shall flourish.	
	12 * There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.	12 There is a way which ²² seemeth right unto a man, But the end thereof are the ways of death.	
	13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth is heaviness.	13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; And the end of mirth is heaviness.	

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* ch. 1. 31.
14 The backslider in heart shall be * filled with his own ways : and a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself.
15 The simple believeth every word : but the prudent man looketh well to his going.
16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil : but the fool rageth, and is confident.
17 He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly : and a man of wicked devices is hated.
18 The simple inherit folly : but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
19 The evil bow before the good ; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
20 *The poor is hated even of his own neighbour : but † the rich *hath* many friends.
21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth : * but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he.
22 Do they not err that devise evil ? but mercy and truth *shall be* to them that devise good.
23 In all labour there is profit : but the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.
24 The crown of the wise is their riches : but the foolishness of fools is folly.
25 * A true witness delivereth souls : but a deceitful witness speaketh lies.
26 In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence : and his children shall have a place of refuge.
27 *The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.
28 In the multitude of people is the king's honour . but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince.
29 He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding : but he that is † hasty of spirit exalteth folly.
30 A sound heart is the life of the flesh : but envy the rottenness of the bones.
31 * He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker : but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.
32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness : but the righteous hath hope in his death.
33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding : but *that which is* in the midst of fools is made known.
34 Righteousness exalteth a nation : but sin is a reproach † to any people.
35 The king's favour is toward a wise servant : but his wrath is against him that causeth shame.
15 A *soft answer turneth away wrath : but grievous words stir up anger.
2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright : * but the month of fools † poureth out foolishness.
3 *The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.
4 † A wholesome tongue is a tree of life : but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.
5 * A fool despiseth his father's instruction : but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.
6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure : but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.
7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge : but the heart of the foolish *doeth* not so.
8 * The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD : but the prayer of the upright is his delight.
9 The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the LORD : but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.
10 * Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way : and he that hateth reproof shall die.

* ch. 19. 7.
† Heb. many are the lovers of the rich.

* Ps. 112. 9.

* ver. 5.

* ch. 13. 14.

† Heb. short of spirit.

* ch. 17. 5. Matt. 25. 40.

† Heb. to nations.
* ch. 25. 15.

* ch. 12. 28. & 13. 16. ver. 28.

† Heb. belcheth, or, bubblith.

* Job 34. 21. ch. 5. 21. Jer. 16. 17.

& 32. 19. Heb. 4. 13.

† Heb. The healing of the tongue.

* ch. 10. 1. * ch. 21. 27.

Is. 1. 11. & 66. 3. Jer. 6. 20. & 7. 22. Amos 5. 22.

† Or, Instruction.

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And a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself.
15 The simple believeth every word :
But the prudent man looketh well to his going.
16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil :
But the fool beareth himself insolently, and is confident.
17 He that is soon angry will deal foolishly :
And a man of wicked devices is hated.
18 The simple inherit folly :
But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
19 The evil bow before the good ;
And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbour :
But the rich hath many friends.
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But he that hath pity on the poor, happy is he.
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26 In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence :
And ⁴ his children shall have a place of refuge.
27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,
To depart from the snares of death.
28 In the multitude of people is the king's glory .
But in the want of people is the destruction of the prince.
29 He that is slow to anger is of great understanding :
But he that is hasty of spirit ⁵ exalteth folly.
30 A ⁶ sound heart is the life of the flesh .
But ⁷ envy is the rottenness of the bones.
31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker :
But he that hath mercy on the needy honoureth him.
32 The wicked is thrust down in his ⁸ evil-doing :
But the righteous ⁹ hath hope in his death.
33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding :
¹⁰ But *that which is* in the inward part of fools is made known.
34 Righteousness exalteth a nation :
But sin is a reproach to ¹¹ any people.
35 The king's favour is toward a servant that dealeth wisely :
But his wrath shall be against him that ¹² cansteth shame.
15 A soft answer turneth away wrath :
But a grievous word stirreth up anger.
2 The tongue of the wise uttereth knowledge aright :
But the mouth of fools poureth out folly.
3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place,
Keeping watch upon the evil and the good.
4 ¹³ A wholesome tongue is a tree of life :
But perverseness therein is a breaking of the spirit.
5 A fool despiseth his father's ¹⁴ correction :
But he that regardeth reproof ¹⁵ getteth prudence.
6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure :
But in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.
7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge :
But the heart of the foolish ¹⁶ doeth not so.
8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD :
But the prayer of the upright is his delight.
9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD :
But he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.
10 There is grievous correction for him that forsaketh the way :
And he that hateth reproof shall die.

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¹ Or, Shall they not go astray

² Or, Their riches is a crown unto the wise

³ Heb. breatheth out.

⁴ Or, the children of him that hath it

⁵ Or, carrieth away

⁶ Or, tranquil

⁷ Or, jealousy

⁸ Or, calamity

⁹ Or, hath a refuge

¹⁰ Or, And in the midst of fools it maketh itself known

¹¹ Heb. peoples.

¹² Or, doeth shamefully

¹³ Heb. The healing of the tongue.

¹⁴ Or, instruction

¹⁵ Or, dealeth prudently

¹⁶ Or, is not steadfast or right

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* Job 20. 6	11 *Hell and destruction <i>are</i> before the LORD: how much more than the hearts of the children of men?	11 ¹ Sheol and ² Abaddon are before the LORD: How much more than the hearts of the children of men!	1 Or, <i>The grave</i> 2 Or, <i>Destruction</i>
* ch. 17 22	12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.	12 A scorner loveth not to be reproved: He will not go unto the wise.	3 Or, <i>portion</i>
* Ps. 37. 16. ch. 16 & 17 1 Tim. 5 & 6 * ch. 17 1 * ch. 26. 21. & 29. 22.	13 *A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.	13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: But by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken.	4 Heb. <i>heart.</i>
† Heb. <i>is raised up as a causey</i> * ch. 10. 1. * ch. 10. 23.	14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.	14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: But the mouth of fools feedeth on folly.	5 Or, <i>the pure speak pleasant words</i>
† Heb. <i>void of heart.</i> * ch. 11. 14.	15 All the days of the afflicted <i>are</i> evil: but he that is of a merry heart <i>hath</i> a continual feast.	15 All the days of the afflicted are evil: But he that is of a cheerful heart <i>hath</i> a continual feast.	6 Or, <i>instruction</i>
† Heb. <i>in his season.</i> * Phil. 3. 20. Col. 3. 1, 2 * ch. 12. 7. & 14. 11.	16 *Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.	16 Better is little with the fear of the LORD, Than great treasure and trouble therewith.	7 Or, <i>plans</i>
* Ps. 34. 16. & 145. 18.	17 *Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.	17 Better is a ³ dinner of herbs where love is, Than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.	8 Heb. <i>Roll.</i> 9 Or, <i>purposes</i> 10 Or, <i>his own purpose</i>
† Heb. <i>possesseth an heart.</i> * ch. 18. 12.	18 *A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.	18 A wrathful man stirreth up contention: But he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.	11 See ch. x. 21.
* ver. 9. ch. 19. 21. & 20. 24. Jcr. 10. 23.	19 The way of the slothful <i>man is</i> as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous <i>is</i> made plain.	19 The way of the sluggard is as an hedge of thorns: But the path of the upright is made an high way.	12 Or, <i>atoned for</i>
† Heb. <i>held innocent.</i> * Ps. 37. 16. ch. 15. 16.	20 *A wise son maketh a glad father. but a foolish man despiseth his mother.	20 A wise son maketh a glad father: But a foolish man despiseth his mother.	13 See ch. xi. 21.
* ver. 1. * ver. 1.	21 *Folly is joy to him that is <i>†</i> destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.	21 Folly is joy to him that is void of ⁴ wisdom: But a man of understanding maketh straight his going.	14 See ch. xii. 1.
† Heb. <i>in his season.</i> * Phil. 3. 20. Col. 3. 1, 2 * ch. 12. 7. & 14. 11.	22 *Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.	22 Where there is no counsel, purposes are disappointed: But in the multitude of counsellors they are established.	15 See ch. xiii. 1.
† Heb. <i>in his season.</i> * Phil. 3. 20. Col. 3. 1, 2 * ch. 12. 7. & 14. 11.	23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word <i>spoken</i> <i>†</i> in due season, how good is it!	23 A man hath joy in the answer of his mouth. And a word in due season, how good is it!	16 See ch. xiv. 1.
* ch. 6. 18 † Heb. <i>words of pleasantness.</i> * Ps. 34. 16. & 145. 18.	24 *The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.	24 To the wise the way of life <i>goeth</i> upward, That he may depart from ¹ Sheol beneath.	17 See ch. xv. 1.
† Heb. <i>possesseth an heart.</i> * ch. 18. 12.	25 *The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.	25 The LORD will root up the house of the proud. But he will establish the border of the widow.	18 See ch. xvi. 1.
* ver. 9. ch. 19. 21. & 20. 24. Jcr. 10. 23.	26 *The thoughts of the wicked <i>are</i> an abomination to the LORD: but the words of the pure <i>are</i> <i>†</i> pleasant words.	26 Evil devices are an abomination to the LORD: But ⁵ pleasant words <i>are</i> pure.	19 See ch. xvii. 1.
† Heb. <i>possesseth an heart.</i> * ch. 18. 12.	27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.	27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house: But he that hateth gifts shall live.	20 See ch. xviii. 1.
* ver. 9. ch. 19. 21. & 20. 24. Jcr. 10. 23.	28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.	28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: But the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.	21 See ch. xix. 1.
† Heb. <i>possesseth an heart.</i> * ch. 18. 12.	29 *The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.	29 The LORD is far from the wicked: But he heareth the prayer of the righteous.	22 See ch. xx. 1.
* ver. 9. ch. 19. 21. & 20. 24. Jcr. 10. 23.	30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: and a good report maketh the bones fat.	30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: And good tidings make the bones fat.	23 See ch. xxi. 1.
† Heb. <i>possesseth an heart.</i> * ch. 18. 12.	31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.	31 The ear that hearkeneth to the reproof of life Shall abide among the wise.	24 See ch. xxii. 1.
* ver. 9. ch. 19. 21. & 20. 24. Jcr. 10. 23.	32 He that refuseth [†] instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that [†] heareth reproof <i>†</i> getteth understanding.	32 He that refuseth ⁶ correction despiseth his own soul: But he that hearkeneth to reproof getteth ⁴ understanding.	25 See ch. xxiii. 1.
† Heb. <i>possesseth an heart.</i> * ch. 18. 12.	33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and <i>†</i> before honour is humility.	33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; And before honour <i>goeth</i> humility.	26 See ch. xxiv. 1.
* ver. 9. ch. 19. 21. & 20. 24. Jcr. 10. 23.	16 The [†] preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, <i>is</i> from the LORD.	16 The ⁷ preparations of the heart belong to man: But the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.	27 See ch. xxv. 1.
* ch. 31. 2. * Ps. 37. 5. & 55. 22. Matt. 6. 25.	2 *All the ways of a man <i>are</i> clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.	2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes: But the LORD weigheth the spirits.	28 See ch. xxvi. 1.
* ch. 31. 2. * Ps. 37. 5. & 55. 22. Matt. 6. 25.	3 * <i>†</i> Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.	3 ⁸ Commit thy works unto the LORD, And thy ⁹ thoughts shall be established.	29 See ch. xxvii. 1.
* ch. 31. 2. * Ps. 37. 5. & 55. 22. Matt. 6. 25.	4 The LORD hath made all things for himself: <i>†</i> yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.	4 The LORD hath made every thing for ¹⁰ its own end: Yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.	30 See ch. xxviii. 1.
* ch. 31. 2. * Ps. 37. 5. & 55. 22. Matt. 6. 25.	5 *Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: <i>though</i> hand join in hand, he shall not be <i>†</i> unpunished.	5 Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: ¹¹ Though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.	31 See ch. xxix. 1.
* ch. 31. 2. * Ps. 37. 5. & 55. 22. Matt. 6. 25.	6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.	6 By mercy and truth iniquity is ¹² purged: And by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.	32 See ch. xxx. 1.
* ch. 31. 2. * Ps. 37. 5. & 55. 22. Matt. 6. 25.	7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.	7 When a man's ways please the LORD, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.	33 See ch. xxxi. 1.
* ch. 31. 2. * Ps. 37. 5. & 55. 22. Matt. 6. 25.	8 *Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.	8 Better is a little with righteousness Than great revenues with injustice.	34 See ch. xxxii. 1.
* ch. 31. 2. * Ps. 37. 5. & 55. 22. Matt. 6. 25.	9 *A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.	9 A man's heart deviseth his way: But the LORD directeth his steps.	35 See ch. xxxiii. 1.

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† Heb. *Divination*

* Lev. 19. 36. ch 11. 1.

† Heb. *all the stones.*

* ch. 19. 12.

* ch. 8. 11.

* ch 11 2. & 18. 12.

† Heb. *He that understandeth a matter.*

* Ps. 2 12. & 34 9. & 135 1. Is 30 18 Jer. 17. 7. * ch 13. 14.

† Heb. *maketh wise*

* ch. 14. 12.

† Heb. *The soul of him that laboureth.*

† Heb. *boueth unto him.*

† Heb. *A man of Belial*

* ch 6. 14, 19. & 15. 18. & 26 21. & 29. 22.

† Heb. *sendeth forth.*

* ch. 15. 17.

† Or, *good cheer*

* Ps 26. 2 ch 27 21 J. r. 17. 10.

† Heb. *held innocent.*

* Ps. 127. 3.

& 128. 3.

† Heb. *A lip of excellency.*

† Heb. *a lip of lying.*

* ch. 18. 16.

† Heb. *stone of grace.*

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

11 † A just weight and balance *are* the Lord's: tall the weights of the bag *are* his work.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 Pleasant words *are as* a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

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

26 † He that laboureth laboureth for himself; for his mouth † craveth it of him.

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof *is* of the Lord.

17 Better *is* † a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of † sacrifices *with* strife.

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

3 † The fining pot *is* for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the Lord trieth the hearts.

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

5 † Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be † unpunished.

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

7 † Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do † lying lips a prince.

8 † A gift *is as* a † precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

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

16 How much better *is it* to get wisdom than gold! Yea, to get understanding *is* rather to be chosen than silver.

17 The high way of the upright *is* to depart from evil: He that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

18 Pride *goeth* before destruction, And an haughty spirit before a fall.

19 Better *it is* to be of a lowly spirit with the † poor, Than to divide the spoil with the proud

20 He that † giveth heed unto † the word shall find good: And whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy *is* he.

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

22 Understanding *is* a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: But the correction of fools *is their* folly.

23 The heart of the wise instructeth his mouth, And addeth learning to his lips.

24 Pleasant words *are as* a honeycomb, Sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

25 † There is a way which † seemeth right unto a man, But the end thereof *are* the ways of death

26 The appetite of the labouring man laboureth for him; For his mouth † craveth it of him.

27 A worthless man † deviseth mischief: And in his lips *there is* as a scorching fire.

28 A froward man scattereth abroad strife: And a whisperer † separateth chief friends.

29 A man of violence enticeth his neighbour, And leadeth him in a way *that is* not good.

30 † He that shutteth his eyes, *it is* to devise froward things: He that compresseth his lips bringeth evil to pass.

31 The hoary head *is* a crown of † glory, † It shall be found in the way of righteousness.

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

33 The lot is cast into the lap; But the whole disposing thereof *is* of the Lord.

17 Better *is* a dry morsel and quietness therewith, Than an house full of † feasting with strife.

2 A servant that dealeth wisely shall have rule over a son that † causeth shame, And shall have part in the inheritance among the brethren.

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8 A gift *is as* a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: Whithersoever † it turneth, † it † prospereth.

E. V.

† Heb. *Divination*

† Heb. *meek*

† Heb. *handleth a matter wisely*

† See ch. xiii. 13.

† See ch. xiv. 12.

† Or, *is straight before*

† Or, *urgeth him thereto*

† Heb. *diggeth.*

† Or, *alienateth his friend*

† Or, *He that shutteth his eyes to devise froward things, that compresseth his lips, bringeth &c.*

† Or, *beauty*

† Or, *If it be found*

† Heb. *the sacrifices of strife.*

† Or, *doeth shamefully*

† Heb. *sales-hood.*

† Or, *Arrogant*

† Or, *he*

† Or, *dealeth wisely*

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* ch. 10.
12.
|| Or, procureth.
|| Or, A reproof aveth more a wise man, than to strike a fool an hundred times
* Rom. 12 17.
1 Thess. 5 15.
1 Pet. 3. 9.
* Ex. 23. 7.
ch. 24. 24.
Is 5. 23.
* ch. 18. 24.
* ch. 6. 1. & 11. 15.
† Heb. heart.
† Heb. The forehead of heart.
* ch. 10. 1.
* ch. 12. 25.
& 15. 13.
|| Or, to a medicine.
* Eccles. 2. 14. & 8. 1.
* ch. 10. 1. & 15. 20 & 19. 13.
* James 1. 19.
|| Or, a cool spirit.
* Job 13. 5.

|| Or, He that separateth himself seeketh according to his desire, and intermeddeth in every business.
* ch. 20. 6.
* Lev. 19. 13.
Deut. 1. 17.
& 16. 19. ch. 24. 23.
* ch. 10. 14.
& 12. 13. & 13. 8.
* ch. 12. 18.
& 26. 22.
|| Or, whisperer.
* Pa. 18. 2. & 27. 1. & 144. 2. † Heb. chambers. * ch. 10. 15.

9 * He that covereth a transgression ¹ seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth *very* friends.

10 ² A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool.

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

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

13 Whoso ⁴ rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 * A merry heart doeth good ^{||} like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

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

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

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

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

27 * He that hath knowledge spareth his words: *and* a man of understanding *is* of ^{||} an excellent spirit.

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

18 ¹ Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh *and* intermeddeth with all wisdom.

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 * The words of a ^{||} talebearer *are* ^{||} as wounds, and they go down into the † innermost parts of the belly.

9 He also that *is* slothful in his work *is* brother to him that *is* a great waster.

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

11 * The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city, and *as* an high wall in his own conceit.

|| Or, like as when men are wounded. † Heb. chambers. * Pa. 18. 2. & 27. 1. & 144. 2. † Heb. *is set aloft*. * ch. 10. 15.

9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love: But he that harpeth on a matter ¹ separateth chief friends.

10 A rebuke entereth deeper into one that hath understanding Than an hundred stripes into a fool.

11 ² An evil man seeketh only rebellion; Therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

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

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

14 The beginning of strife *is as* when one letteth out water: Therefore leave off contention, before there be quarrelling.

15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the righteous, Both of them alike *are* an abomination to the LORD.

16 Wherefore *is there* a price in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom, Seeing he hath no ³ understanding?

17 A friend loveth at all times, And ⁴ a brother *is* born for adversity.

18 A man void of ³ understanding striketh hands, And becometh surety in the presence of his neighbour.

19 ⁵ He loveth transgression that loveth strife: He that raiseth high his gate seeketh destruction.

20 He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: And he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into ⁶ mischief.

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

22 A merry heart ⁷ *is* a good medicine: But a broken spirit drieth up the bones.

23 A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom, To pervert the ways of judgement.

24 Wisdom *is* before the face of him that hath understanding: But the eyes of a fool *are* in the ends of the earth.

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

26 Also to ⁸ punish the righteous *is* not good, *Nor* to smite the noble for *their* uprightness.

27 ⁹ He that spareth his words hath knowledge: And he that *is* of a cool spirit *is* a man of understanding.

28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, *is* counted wise: When he shutteth his lips, he *is* esteemed *as* prudent.

18 He that separateth himself seeketh *his own* desire, And ¹¹ rageth against all sound wisdom.

2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, But only that his heart may reveal itself.

3 When the wicked cometh, there cometh also contempt, And with ignominy *cometh* reproach.

4 The words of a man's mouth *are as* deep waters; ¹² The wellspring of wisdom *is as* a flowing brook.

5 To accept the person of the wicked *is* not good, ¹³ Nor to turn aside the righteous in judgement.

6 A fool's lips ¹⁴ enter into contention, And his mouth calleth for stripes.

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

8 The words of a whisperer *are as* dainty morsels, And they go down into the ¹⁶ innermost parts of the belly.

9 He also that *is* slack in his work *Is* brother to him that *is* a destroyer.

10 The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower: The righteous runneth into it, and ¹⁶ *is* safe.

11 The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city, And *as* an high wall in his own imagination.

E. V.

¹ See ch. xvi. 28.

² Or, A rebellious man (Heb. Rebellion) seeketh only evil

³ Heb. heart.
⁴ Or, *is* born as a brother

⁵ Or, He that loveth transgression loveth strife
⁶ Or, calamity
⁷ Heb. causeth good healing.

⁸ Or, strive
⁹ Or, He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding *is* of a cool spirit

¹⁰ Or, He that shutteth his lips *is* etc.

¹¹ Or, quarrelleth with
¹² Or, A flowing brook, a well-spring of wisdom

¹³ Or, So as to turn aside

¹⁴ Or, bring contention
¹⁵ Heb. chambers.

¹⁶ Heb. *is set on high*.

A. V.

* ch. 11. 2.
& 15 33
& 16 18.

† Heb
return-
eth a
word.

* ch. 17. 8.

* ch 12.
14.
& 13. 2.

* ch. 19.
14.

* James
2. 3.

* ch. 17.
17.

* ch. 28. 6
* ch 14.
20.

* Ex. 23. 1
Deut. 19.
16.
ch 6 19.
& 21. 23.

† Heb.
held in-
nocent.

† Heb.
a man
of gifts

* ch. 14.
20

† Heb.
an
heart.

* ver. 5.
* ch. 30.
22
Eccles.
10 6.

* ch. 14.
29.

† Or,
pru-
dence.

* ch. 16.
15
& 20 2
& 28. 15.

* ch 10 1
& 15. 20
& 17. 21,
25.

* ch 21 9
& 27 15.

* ch. 18.
22.

* ch 10. 4.
& 20. 13

* Luke
11 28.

* Matt.
10. 42.
& 25. 40.
2 Cor. 9.
6. 7.

† Or,
his deed.

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

13 He that [†] answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.

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

15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

16 * A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

23 The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth ^{*}roughly.

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

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

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

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

4 * Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.

5 * A false witness shall not be [†] unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.

6 Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man *is* a friend to [†]him that giveth gifts.

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.

8 He that getteth [†]wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

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

10 Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less ^{*} for a servant to have rule over princes.

11 * The [†]discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it *is* his glory to pass over a transgression.

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

13 * A foolish son *is* the calamity of his father: ^{*} and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.

14 House and riches are an inheritance of fathers: and ^{*} a prudent wife *is* from the LORD.

15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul ^{*} shall suffer hunger.

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

17 * He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and [†] that which he hath given will he pay him again.

12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, And before honour *goeth* humility.

13 He that giveth answer before he heareth, It is folly and shame unto him

14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; But a broken spirit who can ¹ bear?

15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; And the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

16 A man's gift maketh room for him, And bringeth him before great men.

17 He that pleadeth his cause first seemeth just; But his neighbour cometh and searcheth him out

18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, And parteth between the mighty.

19 A brother ² offended *is* harder to be won than a strong city: And such contentions are like the bars of a castle.

20 A man's belly shall be filled with the fruit of his mouth; With the increase of his lips shall he be satisfied.

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue; And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

22 Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, And obtaineth favour of the LORD.

23 The poor useth intreaties: But the rich answereth roughly.

24 ³ He that maketh many friends doeth it to his own destruction But there is a ⁴ friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

19 Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity Than he that *is* perverse in his lips and *is* a fool.

2 Also, ⁵ that the soul be without knowledge is not good; And he that hasteth with his feet ⁶ sinneth.

3 The foolishness of man subverteth his way; And his heart fretteth against the LORD.

4 Wealth addeth many friends: But ⁷ the poor *is* separated from his friend.

5 A false witness shall not be unpunished; And he that ⁸ uttereth lies shall not escape.

6 Many will intreat the favour of ⁹ the liberal man: And every man *is* a friend to him that giveth gifts.

7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: How much more do his friends go far from him!

¹⁰ He pursueth them with words, but they are gone.

8 He that getteth ¹¹ wisdom loveth his own soul. He that keepeth understanding shall find good.

9 A false witness shall not be unpunished; And he that ^{*} uttereth lies shall perish.

10 Delicate living is not seemly for a fool; Much less for a servant to have rule over princes.

11 The discretion of a man maketh him slow to anger; And it *is* his glory to pass over a transgression.

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

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

14 House and riches are an inheritance from fathers: But a prudent wife *is* from the LORD.

15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; And the idle soul shall suffer hunger.

16 He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his soul: But he that ¹² *is* careless of his ways shall die.

17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD, And his good deed will he pay him again.

B. V.

¹ Or,
raise up

² Or,
injured

³ Heb A
man of
friends
⁴ Heb.
lovc.

⁵ Or,
desire
without
know-
ledge is
not good

⁶ Or,
miseth
his way

⁷ Or, the
friend
of the
poor
separa-
teth
himself
from
him

⁸ Heb.
breath-
eth out.

⁹ Or, a
prince

¹⁰ Or, He
pursueth
after
words,
which
are
nought

¹¹ Heb.
heart.

¹² Heb,
despre-
eth.

A. V.

* ch 13.
24
& 23. 13.
Or,
to his
destruction or,
to cause
him to
die.
† Heb.
add.
* Job 23.
13
Pa. 33.
10, 11,
ch. 16. 1,
9.
Is. 46. 10.
* ch. 15.
19
& 26. 13,
15.
* ch. 21.
11.
† Heb.
will be
con-
ting.

† Heb.
A witness
of
Betul.

* ch. 16.
14.
& 19. 12.
* ch 10. 4.
Or,
wider.
* ch 13. 4.
Or,
bounty.
* Pa. 112.
2.
* 1 Kin.
8. 46.
2 Chr. 6.
36.
Job 14. 4.
Ps. 51. 5.
Eccles.
7. 20.
1 John
1. 8.
* Deut.
23, 13, &c.
ch 11. 1.
& 16. 11.
† Heb.
A stone
and a
stone.
† Heb.
an
ephah
and an
ephah.
* Ex. 4.
11.
Pa. 94. 9.
* ch. 12.
11.
& 19. 15.
* ch. 27.
13.
* ch 9. 17.
† Heb.
Bread of
lying, or,
false-
hood.
* ch. 15.
22.
* ch. 11.
13.
Or,
en'ceith.

18 * Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare ¹¹ for his crying.
19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver *him*, yet thou must [†] do it again.
20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.
21 * There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand.
22 The desire of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar.
23 The fear of the Lord *tendeth* to life: and *he* that *hath* it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.
24 * A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.
25 * Smite a scorner, and the simple [†] will beware, and reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge.
26 He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.
27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.
28 An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.
29 Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.
20 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.
2 * The fear of a king is as the roaring of a lion: whose provoketh him to anger sinneth against his own soul.
3 It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.
4 * The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.
5 * Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.
6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?
7 The just man walketh in his integrity: * his children are blessed after him.
8 A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes.
9 * Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?
10 * † Divers weights, and † divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the Lord.
11 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.
12 * The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them.
13 * Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.
14 It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.
15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.
16 * Take his garment that is surety for a stranger: and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.
17 * † Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.
18 * Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.
19 * He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

18 Chasten thy son, seeing there is hope; And set not thy heart on ¹ his destruction.
19 A man of great wrath shall bear the penalty: For if thou deliver *him*, thou must do it yet again.
20 Hear counsel, and receive ² instruction, That thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.
21 There are many devices in a man's heart; But the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand.
22 ³ The desire of a man is the measure of his kindness: And a poor man is better than a liar.
23 The fear of the Lord *tendeth* to life: And he that *hath* it shall abide satisfied; He shall not be visited with evil.
24 The sluggard burieth his hand in the dish, And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.
25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will learn prudence: And reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge.
26 He that ⁴ spoileth his father, and chaseth away his mother, Is a son that causeth shame and bringeth reproach.
27 Cease, my son, to hear instruction Only to err from the words of knowledge.
28 A worthless witness mocketh at judgement: And the mouth of the wicked swalloweth iniquity.
29 Judgments are prepared for scorners, And stripes for the back of fools.
20 Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler; And whosoever ⁵ erreth thereby is not wise.
2 The terror of a king is as the roaring of a lion: He that ⁶ provoketh him to anger sinneth against his own ⁷ life.
3 It is an honour for a man to ⁸ keep aloof from strife: But every fool will be quarrelling.
4 The slothful will not plow by reason of the winter; ⁹ Therefore he shall beg in harvest, and have nothing.
5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; But a man of understanding will draw it out.
6 ¹⁰ Most men will proclaim every one his own kindness: But a faithful man who can find?
7 A just man that walketh in his integrity, Blessed are his children after him.
8 A king that sitteth on the throne of judgement ¹¹ Scattereth away all evil with his eyes.
9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?
10 ¹² Divers weights, and divers measures, Both of them alike are an abomination to the Lord.
11 Even a child maketh himself known by his doings, Whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.
12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, The Lord hath made even both of them.
13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; Open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.
14 It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer: But when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.
15 There is gold, and abundance of ¹³ rubies: But the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.
16 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger; And ¹⁴ hold him in pledge that is surety for ¹⁵ strangers.
17 Bread of falsehood is sweet to a man; But afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.
18 Every purpose is established by counsel: And by wise guidance make thou war.
19 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: Therefore meddle not with him that openeth wide his lips.

B. V.

1 Heb.
causing
him to
die.
2 Or, cor-
rection
3 Or,
That
which
maketh
a man
to be
desired
is his
kindness
4 Or, vio-
lently
treat-
eth
5 Or,
reeth
6 Or,
angereth
himself
against
him
7 Heb.
soul.
8 Or,
cease
9 Or,
There-
fore
when
he seek-
eth in
harvest,
there
shall be
nothing
10 Or,
Many
a man
will
meet one
that is
kind to
him
11 Or,
Win-
noweth
12 Heb
A stone
and a
stone, an
ephah
and an
ephah.
13 See
Job
xxviii.
18.
14 Or,
take a
pledge
of him
15 An-
other
reading
is, a
strange
woman.

A. V.

20 * Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.
 21 An inheritance *may be gotten* hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.
 22 * Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.
 23 * Divers weights are an abomination unto the LORD; and † a false balance is not good.
 24 * Man's goings are of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?
 25 *It is a snare to the man who devoureth that which is holy, and after vows to make enquiry.*
 26 * A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.
 27 The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.
 28 * Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.
 29 The glory of young men is their strength: and * the beauty of old men is the gray head.
 30 The blueness of a wound † cleanseth away evil: so do stripes the inward parts of the belly.
 21 The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.
 2 * Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.
 3 * To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.
 4 * † An high look, and a proud heart, and † the plowing of the wicked, is sin.
 5 The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.
 6 * The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.
 7 The robbery of the wicked shall † destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment.
 8 The way of man is froward and strange: but as for the pure, his work is right.
 9 * *It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with † a brawling woman in a wide house.*
 10 * The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour † findeth no favour in his eyes.
 11 * When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.
 12 The righteous man wisely considereth the house of the wicked: but God overthroweth the wicked for their wickedness.
 13 * Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.
 14 * A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.
 15 *It is joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.*
 16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.
 17 He that loveth † pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.
 18 * The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.
 19 * *It is better to dwell † in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.*
 20 *There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.*
 21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.
 22 * A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

* ch. 17. 8 & 18. 16. † Or, sport. * ch. 11. 8. * ver. 9. † Heb. in the land of the desert. * Eccles. 9. 14.

20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, His lamp shall be put out in the blackest darkness.
 21 An inheritance *may be gotten* hastily at the beginning; But the end thereof shall not be blessed.
 22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil: Wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.
 23 Divers weights are an abomination to the LORD; And † a false balance is not good.
 24 A man's goings are of the LORD; How then can man understand his way?
 25 It is a snare to a man † rashly to say, *It is holy,* And after vows to make enquiry.
 26 A wise king winnoweth the wicked, And bringeth the threshing wheel over them.
 27 The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, Searching all the innermost parts of the belly.
 28 Mercy and truth preserve the king: And † his throne is upholden by mercy.
 29 The glory of young men is their strength: And the beauty of old men is the hoary head.
 30 Stripes that wound cleanse away evil: And strokes reach the innermost parts of the belly.
 21 The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD as the watercourses: He turneth it whithersoever he will.
 2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: But the LORD weigheth the hearts.
 3 To do justice and judgement Is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.
 4 An high look, and a proud heart, † Even the lamp of the wicked, is sin.
 5 The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness: But every one that is hasty hasteth only to want.
 6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue Is a vapour driven to and fro; † they that seek them seek death.
 7 The violence of the wicked shall sweep them away; Because they refuse to do judgement.
 8 The way of him that is laden with guilt is exceeding crooked: But as for the pure, his work is † right.
 9 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, Than with a contentious woman in † a wide house.
 10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil: His neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.
 11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: And † when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.
 12 † The righteous man considereth the house of the wicked; How the wicked are overthrown to their ruin.
 13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, He also shall cry, but shall not be heard.
 14 A gift in secret † pacifieth anger, And a present in the bosom strong wrath.
 15 It is joy to the righteous to do judgement; † But it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.
 16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding Shall rest in the congregation of † the dead.
 17 He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: He that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.
 18 The wicked is a ransom for the righteous; And the treacherous cometh in the stead of the upright.
 19 It is better to dwell in a desert land, Than with † a contentious and fretful woman.
 20 There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise; But a foolish man swalloweth it up.
 21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy Findeth life, righteousness, and honour.
 22 A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty, And bringeth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

R. V.

1 Heb. a balance of deceit
 2 Or, rashly to utter holy words
 Or, to do your that which is holy
 3 Or, he upholdeth his throne
 4 Or, And the tillage
 5 Or, according to some ancient authorities, they are snares of death or, into the snares of death
 6 Or, straight
 7 Or, a house in common
 Heb a house of society.
 8 Or, when one considereth the vice
 9 Or, One that is righteous... he overthroweth the wicked &c.
 10 Heb bendeth
 11 Or, But destruction shall be to &c.
 12 Or, the shades
 Heb. Shephaim.
 13 Or, a contentious woman and vexation

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* ch. 12.	23 * Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue	23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue	
13	keepeth his soul from troubles.	Keepeth his soul from troubles.	
* 18 21.	24 Proud and haughty scorner is his name, who	24 The proud and haughty man, scorner is his	
† Heb.	dealeth † in proud wrath.	name,	
in the	25 * The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his	He worketh in the arrogance of pride.	
wrath of	hands refuse to labour.	25 The desire of the slothful killeth him;	
pride.	26 He coveteth greedily all the day long but the	For his hands refuse to labour.	
* ch. 13. 4	* righteous giveth and spareth not.	26 There is that coveteth greedily all the day long	
* Ps. 112.	27 * The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination.	But the righteous giveth and withholdeth not.	
9.	how much more, when he bringeth it † with a	27 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination:	
* Ps. 50 9.	wicked mind?	How much more, when he bringeth it ¹ with a	1 Or, to
ch. 15 8.	28 * † A false witness shall perish: but the man	wicked mind!	alone for
Is. 66 3.	that heareth speaketh constantly	28 A false witness shall perish:	wicked-
Jer. 6 20.	29 A wicked man hardeneth his face: but as for	But the man that heareth shall speak ² un-	ness
Amos 5.	the upright, he † directeth his way.	challenged.	² Or, so
22.	30 * There is no wisdom nor understanding nor	29 A wicked man hardeneth his face:	as to
† Heb.	counsel against the Lord.	But as for the upright, ³ he ordereth his ways.	endure
in	31 * The horse is prepared against the day of	30 There is no wisdom nor understanding	³ An-
wicked-	battle: but * † safety is of the Lord.	Nor counsel against the Lord.	other
ness.	22 * A good name is rather to be chosen than	31 The horse is prepared against the day of battle.	reading
* ch. 19.	great riches, and † loving favour rather than silver	But ⁴ victory is of the Lord.	is, he
5, 9.	and gold.	22 A good name is rather to be chosen than great	consider-
† Heb.	2 * The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is	riches,	eth his
A witness	of them all	And ⁵ loving favour rather than silver and gold.	way.
of lies.	3 * A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and	2 The rich and the poor meet together.	⁴ Or,
Or,	hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and	The Lord is the maker of them all	deliver-
consider-	are punished.	3 A prudent man seeth the evil, and hideth himself.	ance
eth.	4 * By humility and the fear of the Lord are	But the simple pass on, and ⁶ suffer for it.	⁵ Or,
* Jer. 9.	riches, and honour, and life.	4 The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord	favour
23.	5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the fro-	is riches, and honour, and life.	is better
* Pa. 33.	ward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far	5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward	than a.c.
17.	from them.	He that keepeth his soul shall be far from them.	⁶ Heb.
* Ps. 3 8	6 † Train up a child † in the way he should go	6 Train up a child ⁷ in the way he should go,	are
† Or,	and when he is old, he will not depart from it.	And even when he is old he will not depart	invalued
* Eccles.	7 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower	from it.	⁷ Heb.
7, 1.	is servant † to the lender.	7 The rich ruleth over the poor,	accord-
† Or,	8 * He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity:	And the borrower is servant to the lender.	ing
favour	is better	8 He that soweth iniquity shall reap ⁸ calamity:	⁸ Or,
than, &c.	9 * † He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed;	And the rod of his wrath shall fall.	vanity
* ch. 29.	for he giveth of his bread to the poor.	9 He that hath a ⁹ bountiful eye shall be blessed;	⁹ Heb.
13.	10 * Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go	For he giveth of his bread to the poor.	good.
* ch. 27.	out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease	10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out;	
12.	11 He that loveth pureness of heart, † for the	Yea, strife and ignominy shall cease.	
* Ps. 112	grace of his lips the king shall be his friend	11 He that loveth ¹⁰ pureness of heart,	An-
3.	12 The eyes of the Lord preserve knowledge,	¹¹ For the grace of his lips the king shall be his	other
† Or,	and he overthroweth † the words of the trans-	friend.	reading
The re-	gressor.	12 The eyes of the Lord preserve him that hath	is, the
ward of	13 * The slothful man saith, There is a lion with-	knowledge,	pure of
hami-	out, I shall be slain in the streets.	But he overthroweth the words of the treacher-	heart,
ty, &c.	14 * The mouth of strange women is a deep	ous man.	¹¹ Or,
† Or,	pit: he that is abhorred of the Lord shall fall	13 The sluggard saith, There is a lion without:	Hath
Cate-	therein.	I shall be ¹² murdered in the streets.	grace in
chise.	15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child;	14 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit:	his lips
† Heb. in	but * the rod of correction shall drive it far from	He ¹³ that is abhorred of the Lord shall fall	Or, That
his way.	him	therein.	hath
† Heb.	16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his	15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;	grace in
to the	riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely	But the rod of correction shall drive it far from	his lips
man	come to want.	him.	¹² Or,
that	17 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of	16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his gain,	slain
lendeth.	the wise, and apply thine heart unto my know-	And he that giveth to the rich, cometh only to	¹³ Or,
* Job 4. 8.	ledge.	want.	against
Hos. 10.	18 For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them	17 Incline thine ear, and hear the words of the wise,	whom
13.	† within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy	And apply thine heart unto my knowledge.	the Lord
† Or,	lips.	18 For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them	hath
and with	19 That thy trust may be in the Lord, I have	within thee,	indig-
the rod	made known to thee this day, † even to thee.	If they be established together upon thy lips.	nation
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anger he	counsels and knowledge,	I have made them known to thee this day, even	word is
shall be	21 That I might make thee know the certainty	to thee.	doubt-
con-	of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer	20 Have not I written unto thee ¹⁴ excellent things	ful
sum-	the words of truth † to them that send unto	¹⁵ Of counsels and knowledge;	Another
ed.	thee?	21 To make thee know ¹⁶ the certainty of the words	reading
* 2 Cor. 9.	22 Rob not the poor, because he is poor: † neither	of truth,	is, here-
6.	oppress the afflicted in the gate:	That thou mayest carry back words of truth to	tofore.
† Heb.	23 * For the Lord will plead their cause, and	them that send thee?	¹⁶ Or, In
Good	spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.	22 Rob not the poor, ¹⁷ because he is poor,	¹⁵ Or, of
eye.	* ch. 26. 13. * ch. 2 16 & 5 3. & 7 5 & 23 27.	Neither ¹⁸ oppress the afflicted in the gate:	a cer-
* Pa. 101.	† Heb. in thy belly † Or,	And despoil of life those that despoil them.	tainly
5.	trust thou also. † Or, to those that send thee. † Zech. 7 10		the
† Or, and	* Job 31. 14 ch. 23. 11.		words
hath			d.c.
grace in			¹⁷ Or, for
his lips.			18 Or,
† Or, the matters.			crisis

A. V.	21 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: 25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.	24 Make no friendship with a man that is given to anger; And with a wrathful man thou shalt not go.	R. V.
* ch. 6. 1. & 11. 15 * Deut. 19. 14. & 27. 17. ch. 23. 10. Or, bound. † Heb. obscure men.	26 * Be not thou <i>one</i> of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for debts. 27 If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee? 28 * Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set. 29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before [†] mean men.	25 Lest thou learn his ways, And get a snare to thy soul. 26 Be thou not one of them that strike hands, Or of them that are sureties for debts. 27 If thou hast not wherewith to pay, Why should he take away thy bed from under thee? 28 Remove not the ancient landmark, Which thy fathers have set 29 Seest thou a man ¹ diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; He shall not stand before ² mean men.	1 Or, <i>scrifful</i> 2 Heb. <i>obscure</i> 3 Or, <i>what</i> 4 Or, <i>Forthou wilt put</i>
* 1 Tim. 6. 9, 10. † Heb. <i>Wilt thou cause thine eyes to fly upon.</i>	23 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what <i>is</i> before thee: 2 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou <i>be</i> a man given to appetite. 3 Be not desirous of his dainties: for they are deceitful meat. 4 * Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. 5 + Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for <i>riches</i> certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven. 6 Eat thou not the bread of <i>him that hath</i> an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: 7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so <i>is</i> he. 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Or, even I will rejoice. * Ps. 37. 1. & 73. 3. ch. 3. 31. & 24. 1. * ch. 24. 14. Or, reward. * Rom. 13. 13. Eph. 5. 18. † Heb. of their flesh. * ch. 1. 8. * ch. 10. 1. & 15. 20. * ch. 22. 14. * ch. 7. 12. Or, as a robber.	23 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what <i>is</i> before thee: 2 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou <i>be</i> a man given to appetite. 3 Be not desirous of his dainties: for they are deceitful meat. 4 * Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. 5 + Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for <i>riches</i> certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven. 6 Eat thou not the bread of <i>him that hath</i> an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: 7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so <i>is</i> he. 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* Is. 5. 11.	29 * Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?	29 Who hath ¹ woe? who hath ² sorrow? who hath contentions?	¹ Heb. Oh!
	30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.	Who hath complaining? who hath wounds without cause?	² Heb. Alas!
	31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.	Who hath ³ redness of eyes?	³ Or, darkness
	32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like ⁴ an adder.	30 They that tarry long at the wine; They that go to ⁴ seek out mixed wine.	⁴ Or, try
Or, a cockatrice.	33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.	31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, When it ⁵ giveth its colour in the cup, When it ⁶ goeth down smoothly:	⁵ Or, moveth itself aright
† Heb. in the heart of the sea.	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.	32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, And stingeth like ⁶ an adder.	⁶ Or, a basilisk
† Heb. I knew it not.	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.	33 Thine eyes shall behold ⁷ strange things, And thine heart shall utter froward things.	⁷ Or, strange women
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* Ps. 10. 7.	2 * For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.	35 They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not hurt; They have beaten me, and I felt it not: When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.	
	3 Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:	24 Be not thou envious against evil men, Neither desire to be with them:	
	4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.	2 For their heart studieth oppression, And their lips talk of mischief.	
† Heb. is in strength.	5 A wise man † is strong; yea, a man of knowledge † increaseth strength.	3 Through wisdom is an house builded; And by understanding it is established:	⁸ Heb. is in strength.
† Heb. strength-eneth might.	6 * For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.	4 And by knowledge are the chambers filled With all precious and pleasant riches.	⁹ Heb. strength-eneth might.
* ch. 11. 14.	7 Wisdom is too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.	5 A wise man ⁸ is strong; Yea, a man of knowledge ⁹ increaseth might.	¹⁰ Or, victory
* 15. 22. & 20. 18.	8 He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person.	6 For by wise guidance thou shalt make thy war: And in the multitude of counsellors there is ¹⁰ safety.	
	9 The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men.	7 Wisdom is too high for a fool: He openeth not his mouth in the gate.	
† Heb. narrow.	10 If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is † small.	8 He that deviseth to do evil, Men shall call him a mischievous person.	
* Ps. 82. 4.	11 * If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain;	9 The thought of ¹¹ the foolish is sin: And the scorner is an abomination to men.	¹¹ Heb. foolishness.
* Job 34. 11.	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?	10 If thou faint in the day of adversity, Thy strength is small.	
Pa. 62. 12.	13 My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet † to thy taste:	11 Deliver them that are carried away unto death, And those that are ¹² ready to be slain ¹³ see that thou hold back.	¹² Heb. tottering to the slaughter.
Jer. 32. 19.	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.	12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew not ¹⁴ this: Doth not he that weigheth the hearts consider it?	¹³ Or, forbear thou not to deliver
Rom. 2. 6. Rev. 22. 12.	15 Lay not wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting place:	And he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? And shall not he render to every man according to his work?	¹⁴ Or, thus man
† Heb. upon thy palate.	16 * For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.	13 My son, eat thou honey, for it is good; And the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste:	
* Ps. 19. 10.	17 * Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:	14 So shall thou know wisdom to be unto thy soul: If thou hast found it, then shall there be a ¹⁵ reward, And thy hope shall not be cut off.	¹⁵ See ch. xiii. 18
Δ 119. 103. * ch. 23. 18.	18 Lest the Lord see it, and † it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.	15 Lay not wait, ¹⁶ O wicked man, against the ¹⁷ habitation of the righteous; Spoil not his ¹⁸ resting place:	¹⁶ Or, as a wicked man
* Job 31. 29.	19 * Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked;	16 For a righteous man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: But the wicked are overthrown by calamity.	¹⁷ Or, pasture
Pa. 35. 15. ch. 17. 5.	20 For there shall be no reward to the evil man; * the ¹⁹ candle of the wicked shall be put out.	17 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, And let not thine heart be glad when he is overthrown:	¹⁸ Or, fold
† Heb. it be evil in his eyes.	21 My son, fear thou the Lord and the king: and meddle not with † them that are given to change:	18 Lest the Lord see it, and it displease him, And he turn away his wrath from him.	
* Ps. 37. 1. ch. 23. 17.	22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?	19 Fret not thyself because of evil-doers; Neither be thou envious at the wicked:	
Or, Keep not company with the wicked.		20 For there will be no ¹⁵ reward to the evil man; The lamp of the wicked shall be put out.	
* Job 21. 17. ch. 18. 9.		21 My son, fear thou the Lord and the king: And meddle not with them that are given to change:	
Or, lamp.		22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly; And who knoweth the destruction ¹⁹ of them both?	¹⁹ Or, of their years
† Heb. chang-ers.			

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* Lev. 19.
15.
Deut. 1.
17.
& 16 19.
ch. 18. 5.
& 28. 21.
John 7.
24.
* ch. 17.
15.
Is. 5. 23.
† Heb. a
blessing
of good.
† Heb.
that an-
swereth
right
words.
* ch. 20.
22.

† Heb.
set thy
heart.
* ch. 6. 9,
&c.
† Heb. a
man of
shield.

† Heb.
there
is no
search-
ing.
* ch. 20. 8.

† Heb.
Set not
out thy
glory
* Luke
14. 10.
* Matt.
5 25.
& 18. 15.

† Or,
discover
not the
secret of
another.
† Heb.
spoken
upon his
wheels.
* ch. 13.
17.

† Heb.
in a gift
of false-
hood.
* Gen. 32.
4, &c.
1 Sam.
25 24, &c.
ch. 15. 1.
& 16. 14.

† Or,
Let thy
foot be
seldom
in thy
neigh-
bour's
house.
† Heb.
full of
thee.

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

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

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

26 Every man shall kiss his lips † that giveth a right answer.

27 Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.

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

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.

30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

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.

32 Then I saw, and † considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.

33 * Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

34 So shall thy poverty come as one that travel- leth; and thy want as † an armed man.

25 These are also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out

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

3 The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings † is unsearchable.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

11 A word † fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

12 As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprove upon an obedient ear.

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.

14 Whoso boasteth himself † of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain.

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

16 Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

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

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Than that thou shouldst be put lower in the presence of the prince,

Whom thine eyes have seen.

8 Go not forth hastily to strive,

6 Lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof,

When thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself,

7 And disclose not the secret of another:

10 Lest he that heareth it revile thee,

And thine infamy turn not away.

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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.

14 As clouds and wind without rain,

So is he that boasteth himself † of his gifts falsely.

15 By long forbearing is a † ruler persuaded,

And a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

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Lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

17 Let thy foot be seldom in thy neighbour's house;

Lest he be † weary of thee, and hate thee.

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1 Or,
kisseth
with thy
lips

2 Heb.
And would-
est thou
deceive
with thy
lips?

3 Or,
and
vetches

4 See ch
vi. 10, 11.

5 Heb.
Glorify
not thy-
self.

6 Or, Lest
it be said
in the
end
thereof,
What
will
thou do?
when
&c.

7 Or, But
8 Or,
in due
season

9 Or,
fitgree
work
10 Or,
a nos-
ing

11 Heb.
in a gift
of false-
hood.

12 Or,
judge
13 Heb.
full of
thee.

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*Ps. 120.4 ch. 12. 18.	18 *A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.	18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour Is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.	
	19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.	19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble Is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint	
	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.	20 As one that taketh off a garment in cold weather, and as vinegar upon nitre, So is he that singeth songs to an heavy heart.	1 Or, soda
*Ex. 23.4. Rom. 12. 20.	21 * If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:	21 If ² thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:	2 Heb. he that hateth thee.
Or, The north wind bringeth forth rain so doth a backbiting tongue an angry countenance. * ch. 19. 13 & 21. 9.	22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee.	22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee.	3 See ch. xli. 9.
	23 * The north wind driveth away rain: so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.	23 The north wind bringeth forth rain: So doth a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.	4 Or, weary
	24 * It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.	24 ³ It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, Than with a contentious woman in a wide house.	5 Heb. trampled.
	25 As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.	25 As cold waters to a ⁴ thirsty soul, So is good news from a far country.	6 Or, is moved
	26 A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain, and a corrupted spring.	26 As a ⁵ troubled fountain, and a corrupted spring, So is a righteous man that ⁶ giveth way before the wicked.	7 Or, But for men to search out their own glory is glory
* ch. 16. 32.	27 It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory.	27 It is not good to eat much honey: ⁷ So for men to search out their own glory is not glory.	The Hebrew text is obscure.
* Ps. 32.9. ch. 10. 13.	28 * He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.	28 ⁸ He whose spirit is without restraint Is like a city that is broken down and hath no wall.	8 Or, He that hath no rule over his spirit
† Heb. his own eyes.	26 As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool.	26 As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, So honour is not seemly for a fool.	9 Heb. cometh not.
Or, violence.	2 As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.	2 As the sparrow in her wandering, as the swallow in her flying, So the curse that is causeless ⁹ lighteth not.	10 Heb. his own eyes.
† Heb. are lifted up.	3 A * whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.	3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, And a rod for the back of fools.	11 Or, As one that bindeth fast a stone in a sling
Or, As he that putteth a precious stone in an heap of stones.	4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.	4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, Lest thou also be like unto him.	12 Or, A master worker formeth all things; but he that hireth the fool is as one that hireth them that pass by
† Heb. are lifted up.	5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in † his own conceit.	5 Answer a fool according to his folly, Lest he be wise in ¹⁰ his own conceit.	The Hebrew text is obscure.
Or, A great man grieveth all, and hireth the fool, he hireth also transgressors. * 2 Pet. 2. 22.	6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, and drinketh damage.	6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool Cutteth off his own feet, and drinketh in damage.	13 See ch. xiii. 13.
† Heb. grieveth all, and hireth the fool, he hireth also transgressors.	7 The legs of the lame † are not equal: so is a parable in the mouth of fools.	7 The legs of the lame hang loose: So is a parable in the mouth of fools.	14 See ch. xix. 24.
Or, A great man grieveth all, and hireth the fool, he hireth also transgressors.	8 * As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so is he that giveth honour to a fool.	8 ¹¹ As a bag of gems in a heap of stones, So is he that giveth honour to a fool.	15 Or, answer discreetly
† Heb. grieveth all, and hireth the fool, he hireth also transgressors.	9 As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools.	9 As a thorn that goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, So is a parable in the mouth of fools.	16 Or, He that vexeth himself ... is like one that taketh a passing dog &c.
Or, A great man grieveth all, and hireth the fool, he hireth also transgressors.	10 * The great God that formed all things both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors.	10 ¹² As an archer that woundeth all, So is he that hireth the fool and he that hireth them that pass by.	
* 2 Pet. 2. 22.	11 * As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool † returneth to his folly.	11 As a dog that returneth to his vomit, So is a fool that repeateth his folly.	
† Heb. iterateth his folly.	12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.	12 Seest thou a man wise in ¹⁰ his own conceit? There is more hope of a fool than of him.	
* ch. 22. 13.	13 * The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets.	13 ¹³ The sluggard saith, There is a lion in the way; A lion is in the streets.	
* ch. 19. 24	14 As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed.	14 As the door turneth upon its hinges, So doth the sluggard upon his bed.	
Or, he is weary.	15 * The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; † it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.	15 ¹⁴ The sluggard burieth his hand in the dish; It wearieth him to bring it again to his mouth.	
Or, is enraged.	16 The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.	16 The sluggard is wiser in ¹⁰ his own conceit Than seven men that can ¹⁵ render a reason.	
† Heb. flames, or, sparks.	17 He that passeth by, and † meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.	17 ¹⁶ He that passeth by, and vexeth himself with strife belonging not to him, Is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.	
† Heb. Without wood.	18 As a mad man who casteth † firebrands, arrows, and death,	18 As a madman who casteth firebrands, Arrows, and death;	
* ch. 22. 10.	19 So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?	19 So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, And saith, Am not I in sport?	
Or, who peror.	20 † Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so * where there is no † talebearer, the strife † ceaseth.	20 For lack of wood the fire goeth out: And where there is no whisperer, contention ceaseth.	
† Heb. is silent.			

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* ch 15.
18
& 29 22.
* ch. 18. 8.
† Heb.
chambers.

|| Or, is
known.

† Heb.
maketh
his voice
gracious.

|| Or,
hatred
is covered
in
secret.

* Ps. 7.
15, 16
& 9. 15.
Eccles.
10. 8.

* James
4. 13, &c.
† Heb.
to mor-
row day.

† Heb.
heaviness.

† Heb.
Wrath
is cruelty,
and
anger
an over-
flowing.

|| Or,
jealousy?
* Ps. 141.
5.

|| Or,
earnest,
or, fre-
quent.

† Heb.
treadeth
under
foot.

* Job 6. 7.

† Heb.
from the
counsel
of the
soul.

* ch. 17.
17.

& 18. 24.

* ch. 10. 1
& 23. 24.

* ch. 22. 3.

* ch. 20.
16.

* ch. 19.
13.

† Heb.
not.

* Eccles.
1. 8.

* ch 17. 8.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 † Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before † envy?

5 Open rebuke is better than secret love.

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

7 The full soul † loatheth an honeycomb; but † to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.

19 As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man.

20 Hell and destruction are † never full; so * the eyes of man are never satisfied.

21 *As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise.

21 As coals are to hot embers, and wood to fire; So is a contentious man to inflame strife.

22 ¹The words of a whisperer are as dainty morsels, And they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

23 Fervent lips and a wicked heart Are like an earthen vessel overlaid with silver dross.

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5 Better is open rebuke Than love that is hidden.

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7 The full soul ⁴loatheth an honeycomb: But to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

8 As a bird that wandereth from her nest, So is a man that wandereth from his place.

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16 He that would ⁷restrain her ⁸restraineth the wind, And ⁹his right hand encountereth oil.

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19 ¹⁰As in water face answereth to face, So the heart of man to man.

20 ¹¹Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied; And the eyes of man are never satisfied.

21 The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold, And a man is ¹²tried by his praise.

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¹ See ch. xviii. 8.

² Heb. crushed.

³ Heb. a flood.

⁴ Heb. trampleth upon.

⁵ See ch. xiii. 8.

⁶ See ch. xx. 16.

⁷ Heb. hide.

⁸ Heb. hideth.

⁹ Or, the ointment of his right hand bewrayeth itself

¹⁰ Or, As water sheweth face to face, so the heart sheweth man to man

¹¹ See ch. xv. 11.

¹² Or, that which he praiseth Or, that whereof he boasteth

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† Heb. *set thy heart*

† Heb. *strength.*

† Heb. *to generation and generation †*

† [1611 thy]

† Heb. *life.*

* Lev. 25. 36.

|| Or, *by men of understanding and wisdom shall they likewise be prolonged.*

† Heb. *without food.*

* ch. 19. 1.

* ch. 29. 3.

|| Or, *feadeth gluttons.*

* ch. 13. 22.

Eccles. 2. 26.

† Heb. *by increase.*

* ch. 26. 27.

† Heb. *in his eyes.*

* ch. 11. 10.

ver. 28. Eccles. 10. 6.

|| Or, *sought for.*

* Ps. 32. 5.

1 John 1. 9, 10.

* Rom. 11. 20.

* Gen. 9. 6.

Ex. 21. 14.

† [1611 fly]

* ch. 10. 25.

* ch. 12. 11.

* ch. 13. 11.

& 33. 4. 1 Tim. 6. 9.

|| Or, *unpunished.*

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

23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and † look well to thy herds.

24 For † riches are not for ever: and doth the crown endure † to every generation?

25 The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered.

26 The lambs are for thy clothing, and the goats are the price of; the field.

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

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.

3 A poor man that oppresseth the poor is like a sweeping rain † which leaveth no food.

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

5 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the Lord understand all things

6 * Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

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

8 * He that by usury and † unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

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

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.

11 The rich man is wise † in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 * He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough.

20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: * but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be † innocent.

22 Though thou shouldst bray a fool in a mortar with a pestle among bruised corn, Yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, And look well to thy herds:

24 For riches are not for ever;

And doth the crown endure unto all generations?

25 The † hay is carried, and the tender grass sheweth itself, And the herbs of the mountains are gathered in.

26 The lambs are for thy clothing, And the goats are the price of the field:

27 And there will be goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household; And maintenance for thy maidens.

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

2 For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof: But by † men of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged.

3 A needy man that oppresseth the poor Is like a sweeping rain † which leaveth no food.

4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked: But such as keep the law contend with them.

5 Evil men understand not judgment: But they that seek the Lord understand all things.

6 * Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, Than he that is † perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

7 Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son: But he that is a companion of gluttonous men shameth his father.

8 He that augmenteth his substance by usury and increase, Gathereth it for him that hath pity on the poor.

9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.

10 Whoso causeth the upright to go astray in an evil way, He shall fall himself into his own pit: But the perfect shall inherit good.

11 The rich man is wise in † his own conceit; But the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.

12 When the righteous triumph, there is great glory: But when the wicked rise, men † hide themselves.

13 He that covereth his transgressions shall not prosper: But whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall obtain mercy.

14 Happy is the man that feareth alway: But he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into † mischief.

15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; So is a wicked ruler over a poor people.

16 † The prince that lacketh understanding is also a great oppressor: But he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.

17 A man that is laden with the blood of any person Shall flee unto the pit; let no man stay him.

18 Whoso walketh uprightly shall be delivered: But † he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.

19 † He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: But he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough.

20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: But he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be unpunished.

B. V.

1 Heb. *grass.*

2 Or, *a man*

3 Heb. *without food.*

4 See ch. xix. 1.

5 Heb. *perverse of two ways.*

6 Heb. *his own eyes.*

7 Heb. *must be searched for.*

8 Or, *calamity*

9 Or, *O prince that lacketh understanding and art a great oppressor, he &c.*

10 Or, *he that walketh perversely in two ways*

11 See ch. xii. 11.

A. V.

* ch 18. 5. & 24. 23.
† Or, *He that hath an evil eye hasteth to be rich.*
ver. 20.
* ch 27. 6.
† Heb. *a man destroy- ing.*
* ch. 13. 10.

* Deut. 15 7, &c. ch. 22. 5.

* ver. 12. ch. 29. 2.

† Heb. *A man of reproofs.*

* ch 11. 10. & 23. 28. Eccles. 10. 5.

† Or, *increased.*

* ch. 10. 1. & 15. 20. & 27. 11.
* ch. 5. 9. & 23. 7. Luke 15. 13.

† Heb. *a man of oblation.*

* Job 29. 16.

† Or, *set a city on fire.*

† Heb. *Men of blood.*

* ch. 22. 2.

† Or, *the usurer.*

* ch. 20. 23

* ver. 17.

* ch 10. 1. & 17. 21. 25.

* Ps 37. 36. & 58. 10. & 91. 8.

* ch. 13. 24. & 29. 15. & 23. 13. 14.

† Or, *is made naked.*

† Or, *is his matters!*

21 * To have respect of persons is not good : for for a piece of bread *that* man will transgress.
22 † He that hasteth to be rich *hath* an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.
23 * He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.
24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, *It is no transgression ; the same is the companion of a destroyer.*
25 * He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife : but he that putteth his trust in the Lord shall be made fat.
26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool : but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.
27 * He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack : but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.
28 * When the wicked rise, men hide themselves : but when they perish, the righteous increase.
29 † He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.
2 * When the righteous are † in authority, the people rejoice : but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.
3 * Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father : * but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance.
4 The king by judgment establisheth the land : but † he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.
5 A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.
6 In the transgression of an evil man *there is* a snare : but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.
7 * The righteous considereth the cause of the poor : but the wicked regardeth not to know it.
8 Scornful men † bring a city into a snare : but wise men turn away wrath.
9 If a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, *there is* no rest.
10 † The bloodthirsty hate the upright : but the just seek his soul.
11 A fool uttereth all his mind : but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.
12 If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked.
13 * The poor and † the deceitful man meet together : the Lord lighteneth both their eyes.
14 * The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.
15 * The rod and reproof give wisdom : but * a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.
16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth : * but the righteous shall see their fall.
17 * Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest ; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.
18 Where *there is* no vision, the people † perish : but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.
19 A servant will not be corrected by words : for though he understand he will not answer.
20 Seest thou a man *that is* hasty † in his words ? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.
21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become *his* son at the length.

21 To have respect of persons is not good :
† Neither that a man should transgress for a piece of bread.
22 He that hath an evil eye hasteth after riches, And knoweth not that want shall come upon him.
23 He that rebuketh a man shall afterward find more favour Than he that flattereth with the tongue.
24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression ; The same is the companion of a destroyer.
25 He that is of a greedy spirit stirreth up strife : But he that putteth his trust in the Lord shall be made fat.
26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool : But whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.
27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack : But he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.
28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves : But when they perish, the righteous increase.
29 He that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck Shall suddenly be broken, and that without remedy.
2 When the righteous † are increased, the people rejoice : But when a wicked man beareth rule, the people sigh.
3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father : But he that keepeth company with harlots wasteth his substance.
4 The king by judgement establisheth the land : But † he that exacteth gifts overthroweth it.
5 A man that flattereth his neighbour Spreadeth a net for his steps.
6 In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare : But the righteous doth sing and rejoice.
7 The righteous taketh knowledge of the cause of the poor : The wicked † hath not understanding to know it.
8 Scornful men set a city in a flame : But wise men turn away wrath.
9 If a wise man hath a controversy with a foolish man,
‡ Whether he be angry or laugh, there will be no rest.
10 The bloodthirsty hate him that is perfect : † And as for the upright, they seek his life.
11 A fool uttereth all his † anger : But a wise man keepeth it back and stilleth it.
12 If a ruler hearkeneth to falsehood, All his servants are wicked.
13 The poor man and the oppressor meet together : The Lord lighteneth the eyes of them both.
14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, His throne shall be established for ever.
15 The rod and reproof give wisdom : But a child left to himself causeth shame to his mother.
16 When the wicked † are increased, transgression increaseth : But the righteous shall look upon their fall.
17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest ; Yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.
18 Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint : But he that keepeth the law, happy is he.
19 A servant will not be corrected by words : For though he understand he will not † give heed.
20 Seest thou a man that is hasty in his † words ? There is more hope of a fool than of him.
21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child Shall have him become † a son at the last.

R. V.

† Or, *For for a piece of bread a man will transgress*

‡ Or, *are in authority*

‡ Or, *he that im- poseth tribute Heb. a man of offerings.*

‡ Or, *under- stand- eth not know- ledge*

‡ Or, *He rageth and laugh- eth, and there is no rest*

‡ Or, *But the upright care for his soul*
‡ Heb. *spirit.*

‡ Heb. *answer.*

‡ Or, *business*
‡ The meaning of the word is doubtful. The Vulgate renders it, *re- fractory*

A. V.			R. V.
* ch. 15 18 & 26. 21. * Job 22. 29 ch 15 33. & 18 12. Matt 23. 12 Luke 14. 11.	22 * An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression. 23 * A man's pride shall bring him low : but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit 24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul : he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth it not. 25 The fear of man bringeth a snare : but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD † shall be safe.	22 An angry man stirreth up strife, And a wrathful man aboundeth in transgression. 23 A man's pride shall bring him low : But he that is of a lowly spirit shall obtain honour. 24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul : † He heareth the adjuration and uttereth nothing. 25 The fear of man bringeth a snare . But whoso putteth his trust in the LORD ² shall be safe.	1 See Lev. v. 1. ² Heb. shall be set on high.
† Heb. shall be set on high * ch. 19 6. † Heb. the face of a ruler.	26 * Many seek † the ruler's favour ; but every man's judgment cometh from the LORD. 27 An unjust man is an abomination to the just . and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.	26 Many seek the ruler's favour : But a man's judgement cometh from the LORD. 27 An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous : And he that is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked.	
	30 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, even the prophecy : the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal, 2 Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man. 3 I neither learned wisdom, nor † have the knowledge of the holy.	30 The words of Agur the son of ³ Jakeh ; the ⁴ oracle. The man saith ⁵ unto Ithiel, unto Ithiel and Ucal : 2 Surely I am more brutish than any man, And have not the understanding of a man : 3 And I have not learned wisdom, ⁶ Neither have I the knowledge of the Holy One.	³ Or, Jakeh, of Massa See Gen. xxv 14. ⁴ Or, burden ⁵ Or, as otherwise read, I have wearied myself, O God, I have wearied myself, O God, and am consumed for I am &c.
† Heb. know. * John 3. 13. * Job 38. 4. Ps. 104. 2. Is. 40. 12.	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 ? 5 * Every word of God is † pure : he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. 6 * Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.	4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, and descended ? Who hath gathered the wind in his fists ? Who hath bound the waters in his garment ? Who hath established all the ends of the earth ? What is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou knowest ? 5 ⁷ Every word of God is ⁸ tried : He is a shield unto them that trust in him.	⁶ Or, That I should have wearied myself, O God, I have wearied myself, O God, and am consumed for I am &c. ⁷ See Ps. xli. 6, xviii. 30. ⁸ Heb. purified.
* Ps 12 6. & 18 30. & 19 8. & 119 140. † Heb. purified. * Deut. 4. 2. & 12 32. Rev. 22. 18, 19.	7 Two things have I required of thee ; † deny me them not before I die : 8 Remove far from me vanity and lies : give me neither poverty nor riches ; * feed me with food † convenient for me : 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.	6 Add thou not unto his words, Lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. 7 Two things have I asked of thee ; Deny me them not before I die : 8 Remove far from me vanity and lies : Give me neither poverty nor riches ; Feed me with ⁹ the food that is needful for me : 9 Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD ? Or lest I be poor, and steal, And ¹⁰ use profanely the name of my God.	⁹ Heb. the bread of my portion. ¹⁰ Heb. handle the name.
† Heb. with- hold not from me * Matt. 6. 11. † Heb. of myal- lowance. * Deut. 32 15 † Heb. belie thee. † Heb. Hurt not with thy tongue. * ch. 6. 17. * Job 29. 17. Ps 82. 2. & 57. 4. † Heb. Wealth.	10 † Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty. 11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. 12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. 13 There is a generation, O how * lofty are their eyes ! and their eyelids are lifted up. 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.	10 Slander not a servant unto his master, Lest he curse thee, and thou be held guilty. 11 There is a generation that curseth their father, And doth not bless their mother. 12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, And yet are not washed from their filthiness. 13 There is a generation, Oh how lofty are their eyes ! And their eyelids are lifted up. 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.	¹¹ Or, vampire ¹² Or, called ¹³ Heb. Sheol.
† Heb. Wealth. † Heb. Wealth.	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 : 16 The grave ; and the barren womb ; the earth that is not filled with water ; and the fire that saith not, It is enough. 17 The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of ¹¹ the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it. 18 There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not : 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.	15 The ¹¹ horseleach hath two daughters, ¹² crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, Yea, four that say not, Enough : 16 ¹³ The grave ; and the barren womb ; The earth that is not satisfied with water ; And the fire that saith not, Enough. 17 The eye that mocketh at his father, And despiseth to obey his mother, The ravens of ¹⁴ the valley shall pick it out, And the ¹⁵ young eagles shall eat it. 18 There be three things which are too wonderful for me, Yea, four which I know not : 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.	¹⁴ Or, the brook ¹⁵ Or, vultures
† Heb. heart.			

A. V.			B. V.
	20 Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.	20 So is the way of an adulterous woman; She eateth, and wipeth her mouth, And saith, I have done no wickedness.	
	21 For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear:	21 ¹ For three things the earth doth tremble, And for four, which it cannot bear:	¹ Heb. Under.
* ch. 19. 10.	22 *For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat;	22 For a servant when he is king; And a fool when he is filled with meat;	
	23 For an odious woman when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.	23 For an odious woman when she is married; And an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.	
† Heb. wise, made wise.	24 There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are † exceeding wise:	24 There be four things which are little upon the earth, But they are exceeding wise:	
* ch. 6. 6.	25 *The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;	25 The ants are a people not strong, Yet they provide their meat in the summer;	
	26 The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;	26 The conies are but a feeble folk, Yet make they their houses in the rocks;	
† Heb. gathered together.	27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them † by bands;	27 The locusts have no king, Yet go they forth all of them by bands;	
	28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.	28 The lizard taketh hold with her hands, Yet is she in kings' palaces.	
	29 There be three things which go well, yea, four are comely in going:	29 There be three things which are stately in their march, Yea, four which are stately in going:	
Or, horse.	30 A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any;	30 The lion, which is mightiest among beasts, And turneth not away for any;	² See Lev. xi. 5.
† Heb. girt in the loins.	31 A † greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up.	31 The † greyhound; the he-goat also; And the king, † against whom there is no rising up.	³ Or, thou canst seize with thy hands
* Job 21. 5 & 40. 4.	32 If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, *lay thine hand upon thy mouth.	32 If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, Or if thou hast thought evil, Lay thine hand upon thy mouth.	⁴ Or, war-horse
	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.	33 For the † churning of milk bringeth forth butter, And the † wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood. So the † forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.	Heb. well girt (or, well knit) in the loins.
	31 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.	31 ⁷ The words of king Lemuel; the † oracle which his mother taught him.	⁵ Or, when his army is with him
	2 What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?	2 What, my son? and what, O son of my womb? And what, O son of my vows?	⁶ Heb. pressing
	3 Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.	3 Give not thy strength unto women, Nor thy ways to † that which destroyeth kings.	⁷ Or, The words of Lemuel king of Massa, which d.c. See ch xxx. 1, margin.
	4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:	4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; Nor for princes † to say, Where is strong drink?	⁸ Or, burden
	5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and † pervert the judgment † of any of the afflicted.	5 Lest they drink, and forget † the law, And pervert the judgement † of any that is afflicted.	⁹ Or, as other-who read, them that destroy
† Heb. alter.	6 *Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be † of heavy hearts.	6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, And wine unto the bitter in soul:	¹⁰ Another reading is, to desire strong drink.
† Heb. of all the sons of affliction.	7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.	7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, And remember his misery no more.	¹¹ Heb. that which is decreed.
* Pa. 104. 15.	8 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all † such as are appointed to destruction.	8 Open thy mouth for the dumb, In the cause of all such as are † left desolate.	¹² Heb. of all the sons of affliction.
† Heb. bitter of soul.	9 Open thy mouth, *judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.	9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, And minister judgement to the poor and needy.	¹³ Or, ready to pass away
† Heb. the sons of destruction.	10 ¶ *Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.	10 A virtuous woman who can find? For her price is far above † rubies.	Heb. the sons of passing away.
* Lev. 19. 15. Deut. 1. 16. *ch. 12. 4.	11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.	11 The heart of her husband trusteth in her, And he shall have no lack of † gain.	¹⁴ See Job xxviii. 18.
	12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.	12 She doeth him good and not evil All the days of her life.	¹⁵ Heb. spoil.
	13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.	13 She seeketh wool and flax, And worketh † willingly with her hands.	¹⁶ Or, at the business of
	14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.	14 She is like the merchant-ships; She bringeth her food from afar.	¹⁷ Or, portion
	15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.	15 She riseth also while it is yet night, And giveth meat to her household, And their † task to her maidens.	
† Heb. taketh.	16 She considereth a field, and † buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.	16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: With the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.	
	17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.	17 She girdeth her loins with strength, And maketh strong her arms.	

A. V.

† Heb. She tasteth.
† Heb. She spreadeth.

|| Or, double garments.

|| Or, have gotten riches.

18 † She perceiveth that her merchandise is good : her candle goeth not out by night.
19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.
20 † She stretcheth out her hand to the poor ; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household : for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry ; her clothing is silk and purple.
23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it ; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
25 Strength and honour are her clothing ; and she shall rejoice in time to come.
26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom ; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed ; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.
30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain : but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.
31 Give her of the fruit of her hands ; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is profitable : Her lamp goeth not out by night.
19 She layeth her hands to the distaff, And her ¹ hands hold the spindle.
20 She spreadeth out her ² hand to the poor ; Yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household ; For all her household are clothed with scarlet.
22 She maketh for herself ³ carpets of tapestry ; Her clothing is fine linen and purple.
23 Her husband is known in the gates, When he sitteth among the elders of the land.
24 She maketh linen garments and selleth them ; And delivereth girdles unto the ⁴ merchant.
25 Strength and dignity are her clothing ; And she laugheth at the time to come.
26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom ; And the ⁵ law of kindness is on her tongue.
27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, And eateth not the bread of idleness.
28 Her children rise up, and call her blessed ; Her husband also, and he praiseth her, saying :
29 Many daughters have done virtuously, But thou excellest them all.
30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain : But a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.
31 Give her of the fruit of her hands ; And let her works praise her in the gates.

B. V.

¹ Heb. palms.
² Heb. pain.

³ Or, cushions

⁴ Heb. Canaanite.

⁵ Or, teaching

ECCLESIASTES ; OR, THE PREACHER.

* Ps. 39. 5, 6.
& 62. 9. & 144. 4. ch. 12. 8
* ch. 2. 22. & 3. 9.
* Ps. 104. 5.
& 119. 90.
† Heb. panteth.
† [1611 the]
* Job 38. 10.
Ps. 104. 8, 9.
† Heb. return to go.
* ch. 3. 15.

|| Or, to afflict them.

1 THE words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
2 * Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities ; all is vanity.
3 * What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun ?
4 One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh : * but the earth abideth for ever.
5 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and † hasteth to † his place where he arose.
6 The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north ; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.
7 * All the rivers run into the sea ; yet the sea is not full ; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they † return again.
8 All things are full of labour ; man cannot utter it : the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.
9 * The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be ; and that which is done is that which shall be done : and there is no new thing under the sun.
10 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new ? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.
11 There is no remembrance of former things ; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after.
12 ¶ I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem.
13 And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven : this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith.

1 THE words of ¹ the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
2 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher ; vanity of vanities, all is vanity. What profit hath man of all his labour wherein he laboureth under the sun ? One generation goeth, and another generation cometh ; and the earth abideth for ever. The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he ariseth. The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north ; it turneth about continually in its course, and the wind returneth again to its circuits. All the ² rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full ; unto the place whither the rivers go, thither they go again.
3 All things are full of weariness ; man cannot utter it : the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. That which hath been is that which shall be ; and that which hath been done is that which shall be done : and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there a thing whereof men say, See, this is new ? it hath been already, in the ages ¹¹ which were before us. There is no remembrance of the former generations ; neither shall there be any remembrance of the latter generations that are to come, among those that shall come after.
12 I ⁴ the Preacher was king over Israel
13 in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven : it is a sore travail that God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised therewith.

¹ Or, the great orator
Heb. Koheleth.

² Or, torrents

³ Or, All words are feeble

⁴ See ver. 1.