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 discretion.
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 the interpretation of the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.
7. ¶ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, and the wisdom of fools is in the reception of chaff.
8. My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
9. For they shall be an 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 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 opening of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying,
22. How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners 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.

**B.V.**

1. The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;
2. To know wisdom and instruction;
3. To receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness and judgment and equity;
4. To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.
5. That the wise man may hear, and increase in learning;
6. And that the man of understanding may attain unto sound counsels:
7. To understand a proverb, and a figure;
8. The words of the wise, and their dark sayings.
9. ¶ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
10. ¶ My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
11. For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.
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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 the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.
32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.
33 But whose heart is wise shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

2 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and lade my commandments with thee;
3 Keep my commandments, and my judgments: for this is wisdom and understanding;
4 And they shall be a delight unto thy soul: when thou hast wrought with thine hands.
5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and 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 rooted out of it.

28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer;
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7 ¶ Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.
8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.
9 Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase.
10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.
11 ¶ My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction.
12 For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.
13 ¶ Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.
14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.
15 She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.
16 Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.
17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.
18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.
19 The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.
20 By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.
21 ¶ My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion.
22 For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.
23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.
24 And whom thou hast put down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt be down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.
25 Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.
26 For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.
27 ¶ Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.
28 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it again.
29 ¶ Deceive not against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.
30 ¶ Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.
31 ¶ Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.
32 For the froward is abomination to the Lord: but his secret is with the righteous.
33 ¶ The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.
34 ¶ Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.
35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the portion of fools.

4 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.
2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.
3 ¶ For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.
4 ¶ He taught me also, 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.

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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 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.
9 She shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

* ch. 1. 9. 10

* Heb. she shall compass thee with a crown of glory.

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 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 unto 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 the 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:
6 That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.
7 ¶ For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is sweeter than oil:
8 But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.
9 Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.
10 Lest thou shouldst ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them.
11 Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.
12 Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:
13 Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger:
14 And thou shalt mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,
15 And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;
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VI. 23  

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**A. V.**  

1 A I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.  
2 Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.  
3 Let thy fountain be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.  
4 Let them be only thine own, and not strangers’ with thee.  
5 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.  
6 Let her be as the loving kind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.  
7 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?  
8 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his going.  
9 ¶ His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.  
10 He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.  
11 ¶ My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, if thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger;  
12 Then seest thou the profit of a good man, that thou dost salvation to his children;  
13 In the轉載: thee, and in the field, and in every way.  
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.  
16 ¶ Should thy springs be dispersed abroad, and rivers of water in the streets?  
17 Let them be for thee all of them. And not for strangers with thee.  
18 Let thy fountain be blessed; And rejoice in the wife of thy youth.  
19 As a loving kind and a pleasant due, Let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; And be thou ravished always with her love.  
20 For why shouldst thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?  
21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord,  
22 And he maketh level all his paths.  
23 His own iniquities shall take the wicked, And he shall be holden with the cords of his sin.  
24 He shall die for lack of instruction; And in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.  
25 ¶ My son, if thou art become surety for thy neighbour,  
26 If thou hast stricken ́ thy hands for a stranger,  
27 Thou hast entered into the hand of thy neighbour, go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.  
28 Give not sloth to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.  
29 Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.  
30 ¶ Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:  
31 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,  
32 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth food in the harvest.  
33 ¶ How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?  
34 Yet a little, a little slumberer, a little folding of the hands to sleep:  
35 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.  
36 ¶ A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.  
37 He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;  
38 Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord.  
39 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.  
40 ¶ These six things doth the Lord hate: yes, seven are an abomination unto him:  
41 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,  
42 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,  
43 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.  
44 ¶ My son, keep thy father’s commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:  
45 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.  
46 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awaketh, it shall talk with thee.  
47 I Or, Let  

**R. V.**  

1 Or, Let  
2 Heb go astray.  
3 Or, esteemed carefully.  
4 Or, thy hand with a stranger  
5 Heb, judged.  
6 Or, judged.  
7 Or, thy hand with a stranger.  
8 Heb, roared.  
9 Heb, a man with a shield.  
10 Or, thou waketh.  
11 Or, letteth loose.  
12 Or, letteth loose.

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23 *For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:
24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.
25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.
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.
27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?
28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?
29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.
30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; 31 But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.
32 But whose committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.
33 A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.
34 For jealousy is the rage of a man; and the cruel anger is baying of the bone: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.
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7 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.
8 Keep my commandments and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.
9 Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.
10 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman:
11 That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.
12 ¶ For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,
13 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding.
14 Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house,
15 In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night:
16 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtle of heart.
17 She is a light of silver and of gold, and the chief of the precious of the children.
18 So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an insipid face said unto him,
19 14 ¶ have peace offerings with me; this day have I paid my vows.
20 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.
21 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt.
22 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
23 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves.
24 For the good man is not at home, he is gone a long journey.
25 He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed.
26 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him away.

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1 Or, their commitment.
2 Or, their teaching.
3 Heb a man's wife.

4 Heb. hold in secret.
5 Heb. heart.
6 Heb. He will not accept the face of any ransom.
7 Heb. in the evening of the day.
8 * Deut. 6. 7.
9 & 11. Is. ch. 6. 3.
10 * ch. 6. 3.
11 Heb. she strengthened her face and said.
12 Heb. Peace offerings are upon me.
13 Heb. in his hand.
14 Or, the new moon.
15 [1611 omit her].

9 Heb. pupil (of the eye).
10 Or, close Heb. guarded.
11 Or, turbulent.
12 Heb. She strengthened her face and said.
13 Or, wisdom from me.
14 Or, she caught him, and kissed him.
15 And with an insipid face she said unto him.
16 Sacrifices of peace offerings are with me.
17 This day have I paid my vows.
18 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.
19 I have spread my couch with carpets of tapestry, with striped cloths of the yarn of Egypt.
20 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
21 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning; let us solace ourselves with loves.
22 For the good man is not at home, he is gone a long journey.
23 He hath taken a bag of money with him.
24 He will come home the full moon.
25 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him away.
22 He goeth after her [straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the FOOL];
23 Toil a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life.
24 So he hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth.
25 Let not thine heart decline to their ways, go not astray in her paths.
26 For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her.
27 Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

29 The proverbs.

22 He goeth after her [straightway, As an ox goeth to the slaughter, Or as a fool to the correction of the fool];
23 Till an arrow strike through his liver; As a bird hasteth to the snare, And knoweth not that it is for his life.
24 So he hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth.
25 Let not thine heart decline to their ways, go not astray in her paths.
26 For she hath cast down many wounded: Yea, all her seats are a mighty host.
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8 Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? She standeth at the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.
3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.
4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.
5 O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.
6 Hearken to the words of my mouth; 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.
8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.
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.
11 For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.
12 Wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty 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.
14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.
15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.
16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.
17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.
18 Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.
19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.
20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:
21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance, and that I may fill their treasures.
22 The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.
23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.
24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth: when there were no fountains abounding with water.
25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:
26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the earth.
27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depths:
28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:
29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment:

2 Or, prudence
3 See Job xxvii. 18.
2 Or, rulers
10 Many ancient authorities read, of righteousness.
11 Or, early
12 Or, ancient
13 Or, increaseth
14 Or, formed
15 Or, pre pared
16 Or, The first
30 Then I was by him, as one brought up with him; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him.
31 Be joying in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.
32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for * blessed are they that keep my ways.
33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.
34 Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.
35 For whom findeth me findeth life, and shall * obtain favour of the Lord.
36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

\* Ps. 119. 128 18 Luke 11. 28
† Heb. bring forth.
‡† Heb. her killing.
†Matt. 7. 6
†Job 25. 26. Ps. 111. 18. ch. 1. 7. †† ch. 10. 27.
†ch.7.11.
†† Heb of secretarest.
‡† Heb of secretarest.
†ch. 15. 20.
* ch.11.1.
*Ps. 37. 25.
* Or, the wicked for their wickedness.
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† ch. 12. 24.
†† ver. 11.

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

When he * marked out the foundations of the earth:
30 Then I was by him, as a master workman:
And I * was daily his delight,
Rejoicing always before him;
31 * Rejoicing in his habitable earth:
And my delight was with the sons of men.
32 Now therefore, my sons, hearken unto me:
For blessed are they that keep my ways.
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Wisdom hath built her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:
2 She hath killed * her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.
3 She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,
4 Whose lips are simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she sith to him,
5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.
6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.
7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot.
8 * Sorrow not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.
9 Give * instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.
10 * The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.
11 * For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.
12 If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but if thou scorner, thou alone shalt be shamed.
13 ¶ * A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing.
14 For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,
15 To call passengers who go right on their ways:
16 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth understanding, she sith to him,
17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.
18 But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.

10 The proverbs of Solomon. * A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.
2 * Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.
3 * The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.
4 * He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand; but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.
5 He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.
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7 The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.
8 But the heart of the righteous shall receive commandments:
9 That he walketh uprightly shall fall.
10 *That he winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.
11 That a mouth of a righteous man is a well of life:
12 Hatred stirreth up strife: but *love covereth all sins.
13 In the lips of him that hath understanding is wisdom:
14 Wise men lay up knowledge:
15 But the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.
16 That pride of heart is his strong city:
17 He is as the way of life that keepeth instruction:
18 But he that refuseth reproof errheth.
19 He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.
20 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin:
21 But he that refraineth his lips is wise.
22 The tongue of the just is a choice silver:
23 The heart of the wicked is little worth.
24 The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.
25 The blessing of the Lorn, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.
26 It is as I sport to a fool to do mischief:
27 The fear of the Lord prolongeth days:
28 The heart of the wicked shall be grief:
29 But the expectation of the wicked shall perish.
30 The way of the Lorn is strength to the upright:
31 The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom:
32 But the froward tongue shall be cut off.
33 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable:
34 But the mouth of the wicked speaketh frowardness.

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1 Heb. the foolish.
2 Or, cause to err.
3 Heb. o'heart.
4 ch. 14. 9. 5 [1011 a' sport]
6 ch. 2. 11. 7 Heb. addeth.
8 Job. 8. 20. 9 & 11. 29. 10. Ps. 112. 10. 11 Ps. 37. 22. 12 & 35. 1. 13 Heb. frowardness.
14 Lev. 19. 16. 15. 25. 16. 1 John. 16. 25. 17. 18. 19.
17 Heb. a project above.
18 Heb. receive.
19 ch. 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:
9 That he walketh uprightly walketh surely:
10 But that perverseness of the treacherous shall destroy them.
11 Riches profit not in the day of wrath:
12 But righteousness delivereth from death.
13 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way:
14 But the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.
15 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them:
16 And the hope of unjust men perisheth.
17 18 A false balance is an abomination to the Lord:
19 When pride cometh, then cometh shame:
20 But the lowly is wisdom.
21 The integrity of the upright shall guide them:
22 But the perverseness of the treacherous shall destroy them.
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33 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them:
34 And the hope of unjust men perisheth.
35 Or, make straight or plain.
36 Or, strong.
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.
10 When he goeth well with the righteous, the city
rejoiceth; and when the wicked perish, there is
shouting.
11 By the blessing of the upright the city is ex-
alted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the
wicked.
12 He that is *void of wisdom despiseth his
neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth
his peace.
13 A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that
is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.
14 Where no counsel is, the people fall: but
in the multitude of counsellors there is
safety.
15 He that is surety for a stranger shall smart
for it: and he that hateth *sureties is sure.
16 A gracious woman retaineth honour: and
strong men retain riches.
17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul:
but he that is cruel troublith his own flesh.
18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to
him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure
reward.
19 As righteousness tendeth to life: so he that
pursueth evil *purseth it to his own death.
20 They that are of a froward heart are abomina-
tion to the Lord: but such are upright in their
way are his delight.
21 Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall
not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous
shall be delivered.
22 As a jewel in a swine’s snout, so is a
fair woman which is without discretion.
23 The desire of the righteous is only good: but
the expectation of the wicked is wrath.
24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth;
and there is that withholdeth more than is meet,
but it tendeth to poverty.
25 *† The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he
that watereth shall be watered also himself.
26 He that withholdeth corn, the people shall
curse him: but blessing shall be upon the head
of him that sel eth it.
27 He that diligently seeketh good procureth
favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall
come unto him.
28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but
* the righteous shall flourish as a branch.
29 He that troublith his own house shall inherit
the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the
wise of heart.
30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life;
and he that *winneth souls is wise.
31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed
in the earth: much more the wicked and the
sinner.
32 Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge;
but he that hateth reproof is brutish.
33 A good man obtaineth favour of the Lord:
but a man of wicked devices will be condemned.
34 A man shall not be established by wicked-
ness: but the *root of the righteous shall not be
moved.

8 Or, *the wicked cometh out of his stead.
9 Or, *his neighbour is destroyed.
10 Or, *the city is exalted.
11 Or, *it is overthrown.
12 Or, *he despiseth his neighbour.
13 Or, *he concealeth the matter.
14 Or, *in counsel.
15 Or, *for it.
16 Or, *his own soul.
17 Or, *his flesh.
18 Or, *worketh.
19 Or, *tendeth to life.
20 Or, *joined.
21 Or, *his delight.
22 Or, *is without discretion.
23 Or, *is wrath.
24 Or, *increase.
25 Or, *is.
26 Or, *curseth him.
27 Or, *giveth it.
28 Or, *loveth knowledge.
29 Or, *sorroweth.
30 Or, *souls.
31 Or, *be recompensed in the earth.
32 Or, *loveth instruction.
33 Or, *of the Lord.
34 Or, *established by wickedness.

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1 Heb. *void of wisdom.
2 Heb. shall be smart.
3 Or, My hand.
4 Or, *wrong.
5 Or, *admonition.
6 Or, *just.
7 Or, *root.
8 Or, *instructions.
The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsel of the wicked are deceitful.
5 The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.
6 The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.
7 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.
8 He that is despised, and hath a servant, is better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.
9 A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.
10 But the way of the wicked is as lost bread: but what followeth vain persons is void of understanding.
11 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding.
12 The wicked desireth the net of evil men: but the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit.
13 The wicked is feared as the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.
14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth, and the remembrance of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.
15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.
16 A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame.
17 He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceiveth.
18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.
19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment.
20 Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace is joy.
21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.
22 Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight.
23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.
24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.
25 Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.
26 The righteous is more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.
27 The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious.
28 In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.
29 A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.
30 A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.
31 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.
32 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.
33 A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame.
34 Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.
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40 Better is he that is lightly esteemed, and hath a servant, than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.
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7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.

8 The ransom of a man's life are his riches: but the poor heareth not rebuke.

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

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

11 Wickedness gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

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

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

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

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

16 Every prudent man Discountleth with knowledge: but a fool seeketh his folly.

17 A wicked messenger falld into mischief: but a faithful ambassador is health.

18 Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: 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.

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

21 Evil persuadeth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.

22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the widow is a good inheritance.

23 Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that destroyed for want of judgment.

24 He that spareth his rod hardeneth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

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

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

2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the Lord: but he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him.

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

4 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean: but much increase is by the strength of the ox.

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle 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.

13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and at the end of that mirth is heaviness.
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 oppresseth the poor commendeth himself: but he that hateth 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.

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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 exaltest folly.

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

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

32 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach unto any people.

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

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

2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth 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 perverse ness therein is a breach in the spirit.

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

6 In the houses of the righteous is much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

7 The lips of the wise dispense 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 grieveth unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproving shall die.

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

10 Correction grieveth unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproving shall die.
and destruction are before the Lord: 11 how much more then the hearts of the children of men!

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

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

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

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

16 Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith.

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

18 A wrathful man stirs up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.

19 The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous ts made plain.

20 A wise son maketh a glad father, but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

21 folly is joy to him that is destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.

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

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

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

25 The Lord will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the wise.

26 The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord: but the words of the pure are pleasant words.

27 He that is greedy of gain troublmeth his own house: but he that hateth gifts shall live.

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

29 The Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

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

31 The ear that heareth the reprofe of life abideth among the wise.

32 He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth it getteth understanding.

33 The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom: and before honour is humility.

1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord.

2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the Lord weigheth the spirits.

3 Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

4 The Lord hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

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

6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.

7 When a man’s ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

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

9 A man’s heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps.

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19 Folly is joy to him that is void of wisdom: But a man of understanding maketh straight his goings.

20 Where there is no counsel, purposes are disappointed: But in the multitude of counsellors are they established.

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

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24 The Lord will root up the house of the proud.

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9 A man’s heart deviseth his way: But the Lord directeth his steps.
1 A divine sentence is in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.  
2 A just weight and balance are the Lord's; all the weights of the bag are his work.  
3 It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness.  
4 Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.  
5 The wrath of a king is as messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.  
6 In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his favor as a cloud of the latter rain.  
7 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!  
8 The highway of the upright is as the king's highway; he that keepeth his way preserves his soul.  
9 But he that walketh in vanity shall be found guilty: and he that trusteth in the, the proud will be punished.  

10 A wise heart shall command his lips: and a man of understanding will keep his ways.  
11 ATv the tongue is a breach in the bones: and all the words of the mouth are as a precious stone.  
12 A wise doer shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.  
13 The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the Lord trieth the hearts.  
14 A wicked doer giveth a false hope; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.  
15 Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.  
16 Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.  
17 Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.  
18 A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.
A.V.

9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friend.
10 A reprover 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 rob 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 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 lands, and become 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 understandeth; 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 do just is not good, nor to strike princes for equity.
27 *He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is as an excellent spirit.
28 *Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is cometh wise: and he that shuffeth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

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Or, a cool spirit. 

Job 13, 5.

15 He that separateth himself seeketh death; the wise in heart understandeth death in every business.

19, 6. 

Lev. 19, 16. 

Deut. 17, 17. 

16, 18. 

ch. 10, 14. 

ch. 12, 13. 

& 26, 22. 

Or, white.

Ps. 18, 2. & 27, 1. & 144, 2. 

Heb. is set aloft. 

ch. 10, 13.

Or, A rebellion.

Taketh.

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

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

When the wicked cometh, then cometh also contempt, and with ignorance reproach.

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

It is not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthow the righteous in judgment.

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

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

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

He also that is smitten in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

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

The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as high a wall as in his own contents.

The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as high a wall in his own imagination.
XIX. 17  

THE PROVERBS.

A. V.

18 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, 
19 and before honour goeth humility.

18 15 16 17 18

16 Heb that is answered a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.
17 He that hath an ear to hear let him hear; and he that hath eyes to see let him see:
18 For there is no wisdom, no understanding, no counsel of the wise, no plot of the prudent, no disputation of the mighty, before the Lord: for he maketh of the lowly hills an highway.

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 *What 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.

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

3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart frettent against the Lord.

4 5 6 7 8 9

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 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 departeth 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.

18 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour goeth humility.

19 He that giveth answer before he heareth, it is folly and shame unto him.

11 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.

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

17 He that pleased hath cause first seeketh just; but his neighbour cometh and seeketh him out.

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 such contentions are like the bars of a castle.

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B. V.

1 Or, raise up

2 Or, injured

3 Heb A man of friends

4 Heb. let.

5 Or, desire without knowledge is not good

6 Or, witeth his way

7 Or, the friend of the poor

8 Heb, breatheth out.

9 Or, a joy in

10 Or, He pursueth after words, which are taught him.

11 Heb, heart.
19 Chasten thy son, seeing there is hope;
And set not thy heart on his destruction.
20 A man’s great wrath shall suffer punishment:
For if thou deliver him, yet thou must do to him again.
21 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.
22 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 A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as a peck of bread to bring 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 scattereth 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 He that persevereth in 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.
30 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 anger provoketh him to anger sineth against his own soul.
3 It is a honour for a man to cease from strife:
But every fool will be meddling.
4 The sluggard will not work by reason of the cold; therefore shall he be 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 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 nought, 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 wise guidance make war.
19 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets:
Therefore meddle not with him that openeth his lips.
20 Who so curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscurity 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 understand his own way?
25 It is a snare to the man that 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 upheld by mercy.
29 The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the gray head.
30 The bluntness of a wound cleaneth 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 The way of a righteous man is an inheritance to his children's children.
4 It is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.
5 An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.
6 The diligent tendeth the land, and the slothful hath it her way.
7 The mercy of the diligent shall be their heritage: but of every one that is hasty only to quest:
8 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vaunt, and the stripping of the just is Sinclair.
9 The robbery of the wicked shall they destroy: because they refuse to do judgment.
10 The way of man is froward and strange: but as for the pure, his work is right.
11 It is better to dwell in a corner of the house, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.
12 The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.
13 When the sinner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.
14 But a prudent man wisely considereth the house of the wicked: but God overthroweth the wickedness.
15 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.
16 A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.
17 It is joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.
18 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.
19 He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.
20 The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.
21 It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious woman and an angry woman.
22 A wise man schemeoth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.
23 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.
24 A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty, and bringeth down the strength of the confidence thereof.
23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepest his soul from troubles.

24 Proud and haughty man scorneth is name, who dealeth in proud wrath.

25 The desire of the slothful killetteth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

26 He coveth greedily all the day long but the *righteous giveth and spareth not.

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

28 *A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly

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

30 There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the Lord.

31 The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but *safety is of the Lord.

22 *A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and 1 loving favour rather than silver and gold.

2 *The rich and poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all.

3 An prudent man neateth the evil, and *his tongue is his wisdom.

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

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

6 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

7 He that soweth meekness shall reap vanity; and the rod of his anger shall fail

8 *He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

9 Cast out the scorner, and contentment shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease

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

11 The eyes of the Lord preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.

12 The slothful man saith, There is a lion without; I shall be slain in the streets.

13 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the Lord shall fall therein.

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

15 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall *safely come to want.

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

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

18 That thy trust may be in the Lord, I have made known to thee this day, *even to thee.

19 Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsel and knowledge,

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

21 Rob not the poor, because he is poor: *neither oppress the afflicted in the gate:

22 *For the Lord will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that despiloth them.

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

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32 The horse is prepared against the day of battle: But *victory is of the Lord.

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23 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee:
2 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be 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 riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.
6 Eat thou not of the bread of him that hateth an evil thing, neither desire thou his dainties;
7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he. Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.
8 The morsel which thou hast eateth shall thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.
9 Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.
10 *Remove not the old *landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:
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3 Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: 
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5 The wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength. 
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12 As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear.

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

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

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

27 As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

28 A 'whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a reed for the fool's back.

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25 The hay appeareth, and the tender grass cheweth 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 maidsens.

28 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.
29 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.
30 A poor man that oppresseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.
31 They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.
32 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the Lorp understand all things.
33 A poor man is accounted precious; but the rich man is despised.
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7 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.
8 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots wasteth his substance.
4 The king by judgment establisheth the land: but t'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.
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10 The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.
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12 If a ruler hearkeneth to lies, all his servants are wicked.
13 The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the Lord lighteth both their eyes.
14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.
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40 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.
41 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.
42 A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer.
43 Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? he is more hope of a fool than of him.
44 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become his son at the last.
22 An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.
23 A man’s pride shall bring him low: but hoynour shall uphold the humble in spirit.
24 Whoso is with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth not.
25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso puttheth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.
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.

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 I known the knowledge of the holy.
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 reprovethe, and thou be found a liar.
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.
10 Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.
11 There is a generation that carseth 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.
15 The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. 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, Enough.
17 The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.
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.

30 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh; the oracle.

1 Or, of the brook.
2 Or, the brook.
20 Such 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:
22 For a servant when he reigneth; 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.
24 There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are 1 exceeding wise:
25 The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;
26 The locusts are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;
27 The lizards 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.
29 There be three things which go well, yea, four are comely in going:
30 A lion which is strongest among beasts, and heareth not a croaking
31 A 2 greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up.
32 If thou hast done foolishly in thy youth, and hast wandered out of the paths of the Righteousness of the Almighty:
33 In the cause of all the sons of affiction, take heed to the end of the aged.
34 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.
35 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.
36 Who can find a virginal woman? for her price is far above rubies.
37 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.
38 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
39 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
40 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth forth her food from afar.
41 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and to her maidens.
42 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
43 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.
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; yes, 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 praise 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.

ECCLESIASTES; OR, THE PREACHER.

1 The words of to 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 returneth 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 men that to be exercised therewith.