

¹My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;²So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;³Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;⁴If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;⁵Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.⁶For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.⁷He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.⁸He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.⁹Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.¹⁰When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;¹¹Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:¹²To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things;¹³Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;¹⁴Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked;¹⁵Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:¹⁶To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words;¹⁷Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.¹⁸For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.¹⁹None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.²⁰That thou mayest

¹يَا ابْنِي، إِنْ قَبِلْتَ كَلَامِي وَخَفَيْتَ وَصَايَايَ عِنْدَكَ،²حَتَّى تُمِيلَ أذُنَكَ إِلَى الْحِكْمَةِ، وَتُعْطِفَ قَلْبَكَ عَلَى الْفَهْمِ،³إِنْ دَعَوْتَ الْمَعْرِفَةَ وَرَفَعْتَ صَوْتَكَ إِلَى الْفَهْمِ،⁴إِنْ طَلَبْتَهَا كَالْفِصَّةِ وَخَنَنْتَ عَنْهَا كَالْكُنُوزِ،⁵فَجَبْتَنِيذِ فَهْمِهِمْ مَخَافَةَ الرَّبِّ وَتَجِدَ مَعْرِفَةَ اللَّهِ. ⁶لَآنَ الرَّبِّ يُعْطِي حِكْمَةً. مِنْ قِوَمِ الْمَعْرِفَةِ وَالْفَهْمِ. ⁷يَذْخُرُ مَعُونَةً لِلْمُسْتَقِيمِينَ. هُوَ مَجَرُّوهُ لِلسَّالِكِينَ بِالْكَمَالِ، ⁸لِيَنْصُرَ مَسَالِكَ الْحَقِّ وَيَحْفَظَ طَرِيقَ أَفْقَائِهِ. ⁹جَبْتَنِيذِ فَهْمِهِ الْعَدْلَ وَالْحَقَّ وَالِاسْتِقَامَةَ، كُلَّ سَبِيلٍ صَالِحٍ. ¹⁰إِذَا دَخَلْتَ الْحِكْمَةَ قَلْبَكَ، وَلَدَّتِ الْمَعْرِفَةُ لِنَفْسِكَ، ¹¹فَالْعَقْلُ يَحْفَظُكَ، وَالْفَهْمُ يَنْصُرُكَ، ¹²لِإِنْقَاذِكَ مِنْ طَرِيقِ الشَّرِّيرِ، وَمِنْ الْإِنْسَانِ الْمُتَكَلِّمِ بِالْكَاذِبِ، ¹³لِلتَّارِكِينَ سُبُلَ الْإِسْتِقَامَةِ لِلسُّلُوكِ فِي مَسَالِكِ الطَّلَمَةِ، ¹⁴الْفَرَجِينَ بِفَعْلِ الشَّوْءِ، الْمُتَبَهِّجِينَ بِكَاذِبِ الشَّرِّ، ¹⁵الَّذِينَ طَرَفُهُمْ مُعْوَجَّةٌ، وَهُمْ مُلْتَوُونَ فِي سُبُلِهِمْ. ¹⁶لِإِنْقَاذِكَ مِنَ الْمَرْأَةِ الْأَجْنِبِيَّةِ، مِنَ الْعَرَبِيَّةِ الْمُتَمَلِّقَةِ بِكَلَامِهَا، ¹⁷التَّارِكَةِ أَيْفَ صِبَاهَا، وَالتَّاسِيَةِ عَهْدَ إِلَهِهَا. ¹⁸لَآنَ بَيْتَهَا يَسُوحُ إِلَى الْمَوْتِ، وَسُبُلُهَا إِلَى الْأُخْيَلَةِ. ¹⁹كُلُّ مَنْ دَخَلَ إِلَيْهَا لَا يَرْجِعُ، وَلَا يَبْلُغُونَ سُبُلَ الْحَيَاةِ. ²⁰حَتَّى تَسْلُكَ فِي طَرِيقِ الصَّالِحِينَ وَتَحْفَظَ سُبُلَ الصَّادِقِينَ. ²¹لَآنَ الْمُسْتَقِيمِينَ يَسْكُنُونَ الْأَرْضَ، وَالْكَامِلِينَ يَبْنَعُونَ فِيهَا،²²أَمَّا الْأَشْرَارُ فَيَنْقَرِضُونَ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ، وَالْعَادِرُونَ يُسْتَأْصَلُونَ مِنْهَا.

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.