

¹The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; ²To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; ³To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; ⁴To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. ⁵A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: ⁶To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. ⁷The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. ⁸My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: ⁹For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck. ¹⁰My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. ¹¹If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: ¹²Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: ¹³We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: ¹⁴Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: ¹⁵My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: ¹⁶For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. ¹⁷Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. ¹⁸And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives. ¹⁹So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof. ²⁰Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the

¹أَمْثَالُ سُلَيْمَانَ بْنِ دَاوُدَ مَلِكِ إِسْرَائِيلَ، ²لِمَعْرِفَةِ حِكْمَةٍ وَأَدَبٍ، لِإِدْرَاكِ أَقْوَالِ الْفَهْمِ، ³لِقَبُولِ تَأْدِيبِ الْمَعْرِفَةِ وَالْعَدْلِ وَالْحَقِّ وَالْإِسْتِقَامَةِ، ⁴لِنُغْطِي الْجَهَالَ ذَكَاءً، وَالشَّابَّ مَعْرِفَةً وَتَذَبُّراً، ⁵يَسْمَعُهَا الْحَكِيمُ فَيَزِدُّ عِلْماً، وَالْفَهِيمُ يَكْتَسِبُ تَذَبُّراً، ⁶يَقْهَمُ الْمَتْلِي وَالْعَزَّزُ أَقْوَالَ الْحُكَمَاءِ وَعَوَامِصِهِمْ، ⁷مَخَافَةُ الرَّبِّ رَأْسُ الْمَعْرِفَةِ، أَمَّا الْجَاهِلُونَ فَيَحْتَفِرُونَ الْحِكْمَةَ وَالْأَدَبَ، ⁸إِسْمَعْ يَا ابْنِي تَأْدِيبَ أَبِيكَ، وَلَا تَرْفُضْ سَرِيعَةَ أَمْرِكَ، ⁹لأنَّهُمَا يَكْبِلُ نِعْمَةً لِرَأْسِكَ، وَقَلَانِدٌ لِعُنُقِكَ، ¹⁰يَا ابْنِي، إِنْ تَمَلَّقَكَ الْخَطَاةُ فَلَا تَرْضَ، ¹¹إِنْ قَالُوا، هَلُمَّ مَعَنَا لِنَكْمُنَ لِلدَّمِّ، لِنَحْتَفِ لِلْبَرِيءِ بَاطِلًا، ¹²لِنَسْلِعَهُمْ أَحِبَاءَ كَالْهَابِئَةِ، وَصِخْرًا كَالْهَابِطِينَ فِي الْجُبِّ، ¹³فَتَجِدَ كُلُّ فِتْنَةٍ فَاجِرَةً، تَمَلَأُ بُيُوتَنَا غَنِيمَةً، ¹⁴نَلْقِي فُرْعَتَكَ وَسَطَنًا، يَكُونُ لَنَا جَمِيعاً كَيْسٌ وَاحِدٌ، ¹⁵يَا ابْنِي، لَا تَسْأَلُكَ فِي الطَّرِيقِ مَعَهُمْ، إِمْتَغِ رَجْلَكَ عَنْ مَسَالِكِهِمْ، ¹⁶لأنَّ أَرْجُلَهُمْ تَجْرِي إِلَى السَّرِّ وَتُسْرِعُ إِلَى سَفْكِ الدَّمِّ، ¹⁷لأنَّهُ بَاطِلًا تُنْصَبُ السَّبْكَةُ فِي عَيْنِي كُلِّ ذِي حَيَاجٍ، ¹⁸أَمَّا هُمْ فَيَكْمُنُونَ لِدَمِ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، يَحْتَفُونَ لِأَنْفُسِهِمْ، ¹⁹هَكَذَا طَرُقُ كُلِّ مُوَلِّعٍ يَكْسِبُ، يَأْخُذُ نَفْسَ مُفْتِنِيهِ، ²⁰الْحِكْمَةُ تُنَادِي فِي الْخَارِجِ، فِي السَّوَارِعِ تُعْطِي صَوْتَهَا، ²¹تَدْعُو فِي رُؤُوسِ الْأَسْوَاقِ، فِي مَدَاحِلِ الْأَبْوَابِ، فِي الْمَدِينَةِ تُبْدِي كَلَامَهَا، ²²قَائِلَةً، إِلَى مَتَى أَيُّهَا الْجَهَالُ تُجْشِنُونَ الْجَهْلَ، وَالْمُسْتَهْزِئُونَ يُسَرُّونَ بِالْإِسْتِهْزَاءِ، وَالْحَقْمَى يُبْغِضُونَ الْعِلْمَ، ²³إِزْجُوا عِنْدَ تَوْبِيخِي، هَتَّادًا أَفْبِضْ لَكُمْ رُوحِي، أَعْلَمُكُمْ كَلِمَاتِي، ²⁴لأنِّي دَعَوْتُ فَأَبَيْتُمْ، وَمَدَدْتُ يَدِي وَلَيْسَ مَنْ يُبَالِي، ²⁵بَلْ رَفَضْتُمْ كُلَّ مَسْئُورَتِي، وَلَمْ تَرْضَوْا تَوْبِيخِي، ²⁶فَأَنَا أَيْضاً أَصْحَكُ عِنْدَ بَلِيَّتِكُمْ، أَسْمَتُ عِنْدَ مَجِيءِ خَوْفِكُمْ، ²⁷إِذَا جَاءَ خَوْفُكُمْ كَعَاصِفَةٍ، وَأَنْتَ بَلِيَّتُكُمْ كَالرُّوْبَعَةِ، ²⁸إِذَا جَاءَتْ عَلَيْكُمْ شِدَّةٌ وَصِيقٌ، حِينَئِذٍ يَدْعُونِي فَلَا أَسْتَجِيبُ، يُبْكِرُونَ إِلَيَّ فَلَا يَجِدُونِي، ²⁹لأنَّهُمْ أَبْغَضُوا الْعِلْمَ وَلَمْ يَخْتَارُوا مَخَافَةَ الرَّبِّ، ³⁰لَمْ يَرْضَوْا مَسْئُورَتِي، رَدَّلُوا كُلَّ تَوْبِيخِي، ³¹فَلِذَلِكَ يَأْكُلُونَ مِنْ ثَمَرِ طَرِيقِهِمْ، وَيَسْبِعُونَ مِنْ مُؤَامَرَاتِهِمْ، ³²لأنَّ إزْدَادَ الْحَقْمَى يَقْتُلُهُمْ، وَرَاحَةُ الْجَهَالِ تُبِيدُهُمْ، ³³أَمَّا الْمُسْتَمِيعُ لِي فَيَسْكُنُ أَمناً، وَيَسْتَرِيحُ مِنْ خَوْفِ السَّرِّ.

Proverbs 1

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 scorers 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.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 turning 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.