

¹الْحَمْرُ مُسْتَهْزِئَةٌ. الْمُسْكِرُ عَجَاجٌ، وَمَنْ يَتَرَبَّحْ بِهِمَا فَلَيْسَ بِحَكِيمٍ. ²رُغْبُ الْمَلِكِ كَزَمْجَرَةِ الْأَسَدِ. الَّذِي يُعِيطُهُ يُخْطِئُ إِلَى نَفْسِهِ. ³مَجْدُ الرَّجُلِ أَنْ يَتَبَعِدَ عَنِ الْخِصَامِ، وَكُلُّ أَحْقَمٍ يُتَارَعُ. ⁴الْكَسْلَانُ لَا يَخْرُثُ بِسَبَبِ الشَّيْءِ، فَيَسْتَعْطِي فِي الْحَصَادِ وَلَا يُعْطَى. ⁵الْمَشُورَةُ فِي قَلْبِ الرَّجُلِ مِثْلُ مِيَاهٍ عَمِيقَةٍ، وَذُو الْفِطْنَةِ يَسْتَفِيهَا. ⁶أَكْثَرُ النَّاسِ يُتَادُونَ كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ بِصَلَاحِهِ، أَمَّا الرَّجُلُ الْأَمِينُ فَمَنْ يَجِدُهُ. ⁷الْصَّدِيقُ بِشَلْكِكَ بِكَمَالِهِ. طُوبَى لِنَبِيِّ بَعْدَهُ. ⁸الْمَلِكُ الْخَالِسُ عَلَى كُرْسِيِّ الْقَضَاءِ يَذَرِي بَعْيِيهِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ. ⁹مَنْ يَقُولُ، إِنِّي رَكَيْتُ قَلْبِي، تَطَهَّرْتُ مِنْ خَطِيئَتِي. ¹⁰مِغْيَارٌ فَمِغْيَارٌ، مِكْيَالٌ فَمِكْيَالٌ، كِلَاهُمَا مَكْرَهُهُ عِنْدَ الرَّبِّ. ¹¹الْوَلَدُ أَيْضًا يُعْرِفُ بِأَفْعَالِهِ، هَلْ عَمَلُهُ تَقِيٌّ وَمُسْتَقِيمٌ. ¹²الْأَذُنُ السَّامِعَةُ وَالْعَيْنُ الْبَاصِرَةُ، الرَّبُّ صَنَعَهُمَا كِلَيْتَهُمَا. ¹³لَا تُحِبَّ الْيَوْمَ لِلَّهِ تَفْقَرُ. افْتَحْ عَيْنَيْكَ تَسْمَعْ خُبْرًا. ¹⁴رَدِيءٌ رَدِيءٌ يَقُولُ الْمُشْتَرِي، وَإِذَا ذَهَبَ فَجِيئًا يَفْتَحِرُ. ¹⁵يُوجَدُ ذَهَبٌ وَكَثْرُهُ لَائِكٌ، أَمَّا شِفَاهُ الْمَعْرِفَةِ فَمَتَاعٌ تَمِيمٌ. ¹⁶خُذْ تَوْبَةً لِأَنَّ صَمْنَ غَرِيبًا، وَلَا جُلِ الْأَجَابِ ارْتَهَنَ مِنْهُ. ¹⁷خُبْرُ الْكَذِبِ لَذِيذٌ لِلْإِنْسَانِ، وَمِنْ بَعْدٍ يَمْتَلِئُ قَمُوهُ حَصَى. ¹⁸الْمَقَاصِدُ تُثَبِّتُ بِالْمَشُورَةِ، وَبِالذَّائِرِ اعْمَلْ خُبْرًا. ¹⁹السَّاعِي بِالْوَشَايَةِ يُفْشِي السِّرَّ، فَلَا تُخَالِطِ الْمُفْتَحَّ سَفِينِهِ. ²⁰مَنْ سَبَّ أَبَاهُ أَوْ أُمَّهُ يَنْطَفِئُ سِرَاجُهُ فِي حَقَقَةِ الظَّلَامِ. ²¹رَبُّ مُلْكٍ مُعَجَّلٌ فِي أَوَّلِهِ، أَمَّا آخِرُهُ فَلَا تُبَارَكُ. ²²لَا تَقُلْ، إِنِّي أَجَازِي شَرًّا. انْتَظِرِ الرَّبَّ فَيُخَلِّصَكَ. ²³مِغْيَارٌ فَمِغْيَارٌ مَكْرَهُهُ الرَّبُّ، وَمَوَازِينُ الْعِشِّ غَيْرُ صَالِحَةٍ. ²⁴مِنَ الرَّبِّ خَطَوَاتُ الرَّجُلِ. أَمَّا الْإِنْسَانُ فَكَيْفَ يَفْهَمُ طَرِيقَهُ. ²⁵هُوَ بَشَرٌ لِلْإِنْسَانِ أَنْ يَلْغُو قَائِلًا، مُقَدَّسٌ. وَبَعْدَ التَّذَرُّرِ أَنْ يَسْأَلَ. ²⁶الْمَلِكُ الْحَكِيمُ يُسَسِّتُ الْأَسْرَارَ، وَيَرْذُ عَلَيْهِمُ النَّوْجَ. ²⁷نَفْسُ الْإِنْسَانِ سِرَاجُ الرَّبِّ، يُقَسِّتُ كُلَّ مَخَادِعِ الْبَطْنِ. ²⁸الرَّحْمَةُ وَالْحَقُّ يَحْفَظَانِ الْمَلِكَ، وَكَرْسِيُّهُ يُسَدُّ بِالرَّحْمَةِ. ²⁹فَخَرَّ الشُّبَّانُ قُوَّتُهُمْ، وَبَهَاءُ الشُّيُوخِ الشَّيْبُ. ³⁰خُبْرُ جُرْحٍ مُنْقِيهِ لِلشَّرِيرِ، وَصَرَثَاتُ بِالْعَةِ مَخَادِعِ الْبَطْنِ.

¹Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. ²The fear of a king is as the roaring of a lion: whoso provoketh him to anger sinneth against his own soul. ³It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling. ⁴The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing. ⁵Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out. ⁶Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find? ⁷The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him. ⁸A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes. ⁹Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin? ¹⁰Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the LORD. ¹¹Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. ¹²The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them. ¹³Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread. ¹⁴It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth. ¹⁵There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel. ¹⁶Take his garment that is surety for a stranger: and take a pledge of him for a strange woman. ¹⁷Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel. ¹⁸Every 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.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.