

<sup>1</sup>My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.<sup>2</sup>Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.<sup>3</sup>Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.<sup>4</sup>Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman:<sup>5</sup>That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.<sup>6</sup>For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,<sup>7</sup>And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,<sup>8</sup>Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house,<sup>9</sup>In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night:<sup>10</sup>And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.<sup>11</sup>(She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house:<sup>12</sup>Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)<sup>13</sup>So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him,<sup>14</sup>I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows.<sup>15</sup>Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.<sup>16</sup>I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt.<sup>17</sup>I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.<sup>18</sup>Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves.<sup>19</sup>For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey:<sup>20</sup>He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day

appointed.<sup>21</sup> With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him.<sup>22</sup> He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;<sup>23</sup> Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life.<sup>24</sup> Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth.<sup>25</sup> Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.<sup>26</sup> For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her.<sup>27</sup> Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.