

¹He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.²When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.³Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance.⁴The king by judgment establisheth the land: but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.⁵A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.⁶In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.⁷The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: but the wicked regardeth not to know it.⁸Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise men turn away wrath.⁹If a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, there is no rest.¹⁰The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.¹¹A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.¹²If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked.¹³The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the LORD lighteneth both their eyes.¹⁴The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for

ever.¹⁵The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.¹⁶When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall.¹⁷Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.¹⁸Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.¹⁹A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer.²⁰Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.²¹He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become his son at the length.²²An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.²³A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.²⁴Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth it not.²⁵The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.²⁶Many seek the ruler's favour; but every man's judgment cometh from the LORD.²⁷An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.