

<sup>1</sup>My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding:<sup>2</sup>That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.<sup>3</sup>For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:<sup>4</sup>But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword.<sup>5</sup>Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.<sup>6</sup>Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them .<sup>7</sup>Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.<sup>8</sup>Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:<sup>9</sup>Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:<sup>10</sup>Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger;<sup>11</sup>And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,<sup>12</sup>And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;<sup>13</sup>And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!<sup>14</sup>I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.<sup>15</sup>Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.<sup>16</sup>Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.<sup>17</sup>Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.<sup>18</sup>Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.<sup>19</sup>Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.<sup>20</sup>And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a

strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?<sup>21</sup> For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.<sup>22</sup> His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.<sup>23</sup> He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.