

<sup>1</sup>My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, if thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger,<sup>2</sup>Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.<sup>3</sup>Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.<sup>4</sup>Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.<sup>5</sup>Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.<sup>6</sup>Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:<sup>7</sup>Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,<sup>8</sup>Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.<sup>9</sup>How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?<sup>10</sup>Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:<sup>11</sup>So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.<sup>12</sup>A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.<sup>13</sup>He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;<sup>14</sup>Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord.<sup>15</sup>Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.<sup>16</sup>These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:<sup>17</sup>A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,<sup>18</sup>An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,<sup>19</sup>A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.<sup>20</sup>My

son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:<sup>21</sup> Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.<sup>22</sup> When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.<sup>23</sup> For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:<sup>24</sup> To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.<sup>25</sup> Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.<sup>26</sup> For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.<sup>27</sup> Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?<sup>28</sup> Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?<sup>29</sup> So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.<sup>30</sup> Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;<sup>31</sup> But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.<sup>32</sup> But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.<sup>33</sup> A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.<sup>34</sup> For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.<sup>35</sup> He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.