

<sup>1</sup>Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife. <sup>2</sup>A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren. <sup>3</sup>The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts. <sup>4</sup>A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue. <sup>5</sup>Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished. <sup>6</sup>Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers. <sup>7</sup>Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince. <sup>8</sup>A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth. <sup>9</sup>He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends. <sup>10</sup>A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool. <sup>11</sup>An evil man seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him. <sup>12</sup>Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly. <sup>13</sup>Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house. <sup>14</sup>The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with. <sup>15</sup>He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD. <sup>16</sup>Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing he hath no heart to it? <sup>17</sup>A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. <sup>18</sup>A man void of understanding striketh hands, and becometh surety in the presence of his friend. <sup>19</sup>He loveth transgression that loveth strife: and he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction. <sup>20</sup>He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief. <sup>21</sup>He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy. <sup>22</sup>A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones. <sup>23</sup>A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment. <sup>24</sup>Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth. <sup>25</sup>A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him. <sup>26</sup>Also to punish the just is not good, nor to strike princes for equity. <sup>27</sup>He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. <sup>28</sup>Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.