

<sup>1</sup>Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?<sup>2</sup>She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.<sup>3</sup>She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.<sup>4</sup>Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.<sup>5</sup>O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.<sup>6</sup>Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.<sup>7</sup>For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.<sup>8</sup>All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.<sup>9</sup>They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.<sup>10</sup>Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.<sup>11</sup>For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.<sup>12</sup>I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.<sup>13</sup>The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.<sup>14</sup>Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.<sup>15</sup>By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.<sup>16</sup>By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.<sup>17</sup>I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.<sup>18</sup>Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.<sup>19</sup>My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.<sup>20</sup>I lead in

the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:<sup>21</sup>That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.<sup>22</sup>The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.<sup>23</sup>I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.<sup>24</sup>When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.<sup>25</sup>Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:<sup>26</sup>While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.<sup>27</sup>When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:<sup>28</sup>When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:<sup>29</sup>When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:<sup>30</sup>Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;<sup>31</sup>Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.<sup>32</sup>Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.<sup>33</sup>Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.<sup>34</sup>Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.<sup>35</sup>For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.<sup>36</sup>But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.