

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:<sup>2</sup>She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.<sup>3</sup>She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,<sup>4</sup>Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,<sup>5</sup>Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.<sup>6</sup>Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.<sup>7</sup>He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot.<sup>8</sup>Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.<sup>9</sup>Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just

man, and he will increase in learning.<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.<sup>11</sup>For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.<sup>12</sup>If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.<sup>13</sup>A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing.<sup>14</sup>For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,<sup>15</sup>To call passengers who go right on their ways:<sup>16</sup>Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,<sup>17</sup>Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.<sup>18</sup>But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.