

<sup>1</sup>The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; <sup>2</sup>To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; <sup>3</sup>To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; <sup>4</sup>To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. <sup>5</sup>A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: <sup>6</sup>To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. <sup>7</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. <sup>8</sup>My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: <sup>9</sup>For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck. <sup>10</sup>My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. <sup>11</sup>If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: <sup>12</sup>Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: <sup>13</sup>We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: <sup>14</sup>Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: <sup>15</sup>My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: <sup>16</sup>For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. <sup>17</sup>Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. <sup>18</sup>And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives. <sup>19</sup>So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof. <sup>20</sup>Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets: <sup>21</sup>She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying, <sup>22</sup>How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? <sup>23</sup>Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. <sup>24</sup>Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; <sup>25</sup>But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: <sup>26</sup>I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; <sup>27</sup>When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. <sup>28</sup>Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: <sup>29</sup>For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: <sup>30</sup>They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. <sup>31</sup>Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. <sup>32</sup>For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. <sup>33</sup>But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.