

is not wise.

2 ^aThe fear of the King *is* like the roaring of a lion: he that provoketh him unto anger ¹sinneth against his own soul.

3 *It is* a man's honor to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.

4 The slothful will not plow, because of winter: *therefore* shall he beg in summer, but have nothing.

5 The counsel in the heart of ¹man *is like* deep waters: but a man that hath understanding, will draw it out.

6 Many men will boast every one of his own goodness: but who can find a faithful man?

7 He that walketh in his integrity, *is just, and blessed shall* his children *be* after him.

8 A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment, ¹chaseth away all evil with his eyes.

9 ^bWho can say, I have made mine heart clean, I am clean from my sin?

10 Divers ¹weights, and divers measures, both ²these are even abomination unto the Lord.

11 A child also is known by his doings, whether his word be pure and right.

12 The Lord hath made both these, even the ear to hear, and the eye to see.

13 Love not sleep, lest thou come unto poverty: open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

14 It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone apart, he boasteth.

15 There is gold, and a multitude of precious stones: but the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.

16 ^cTake his ¹garment, that is surety for a stranger, and a pledge of him for the stranger.

17 The bread of deceit *is* sweet to a man: but afterward his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

18 Establish thy thoughts by counsel; and by counsel make war.

19 He that goeth about *as* a slanderer, discovereth ^dsecrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

20 ^eHe that curseth his father or his mother, his

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^a Prov. 19:12

^b 1 Kings 8:46

2 Chron. 6:36

Ecc. 7:22

1 John 1:8

^c Prov. 27:13

^d Prov. 11:13

^e Exod. 21:17

Lev. 20:9

Matt. 15:4

^f Deut. 32:35

Prov. 17:13

Prov. 24:29

Rom. 12:17

1 Thess. 5:15

1 Pet. 3:9

^g Prov. 11:1

Prov. 20:10

^h Jer. 10:13

ⁱ Prov. 19:14

CHAPTER 21

^a Prov. 16:2

^b Mic. 6:8

^c Prov. 13:11

^d Prov. 19:13

Prov. 25:24

light shall be put out in obscure darkness.

21 An heritage *is* hastily gotten at the beginning, but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

22 Say not thou, *I* will recompense evil, *but* wait upon the Lord, and he shall save thee.

23 ^gDiverse weights *are* an abomination unto the Lord, and deceitful balances *are* not good.

24 ^hThe steps of man *are ruled* by the Lord: how can a man then understand his own way?

25 It is a destruction for a man to ¹devour that which is sanctified, and after the vows to inquire.

26 A wise King scattereth the wicked, and causeth the ¹wheel to turn over them.

27 The ¹light of the Lord *is* the breath of man, and searcheth all the bowels of the belly.

28 Mercy and truth preserve the king: for his throne shall be established with mercy.

29 The beauty of young men *is* their strength, and the glory of the aged *is* the gray head.

30 ¹The blueness of the wound serveth to purge the evil, and the stripes within the bowels of the belly.

21 1 The ¹King's heart *is* in the hand of the Lord, *as* the rivers of waters: he turneth it whithersoever it pleaseth him.

2 Every ^away of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts.

3 ^bTo do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

4 A haughty look, and a proud heart *which is* the ^{1,2}light of the wicked, *is* sin.

5 The thoughts of the diligent *do* surely bring abundance; but ¹whosoever is hasty, *cometh* surely to poverty.

6 ^cThe gathering of treasures by a deceitful tongue, *is* vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

7 The ¹robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; for they have refused to execute judgment.

8 The way of some *is* perverted and strange, but of the pure man, his work *is* right.

9 ^dIt is better to dwell in a corner of the house top, than with a contentious woman in a ¹wide house.

20:2 ¹ Putteth his life in danger.

20:5 ¹ It is hard to find out: for it is as deep waters, whose bottom cannot be found: yet the wise man will know a man either by his words or manners.

20:8 ¹ Where righteous judgment is executed, there sin ceaseth, and vice dare not appear.

20:10 ¹ Hebrew, *stone and stone, ephah and ephah.*

² Read Prov. 16:11.

20:16 ¹ Teach him wit, that he cast not himself rashly into danger.

20:25 ¹ That is, to apply it, or take it to his own use, which was appointed to God's, and then inquire how they may be exempted from the fault.

20:26 ¹ Which was a kind of punishment then used.

20:27 ¹ The word of God giveth life unto man, and causeth us to see

and try the secret of our dark hearts, Heb. 4:12.

20:30 ¹ Sharp punishment that pierceth even the inward parts, is profitable for the wicked, to bring them to amendment.

21:1 ¹ Though Kings seem to have all things at commandment, yet are they not able to bring their own purposes to pass any otherwise than God hath appointed: much less are the inferiors able.

21:4 ¹ Or, plowing.

² That is, the thing whereby he is guided or which he bringeth forth as the fruit of his work.

21:5 ¹ He that goeth rashly about his business, and without counsel.

21:7 ¹ He meaneth this chiefly of Judges, and Princes which leave that vocation, whereunto God hath called them, and poulve their subjects to maintain their lusts.

21:9 ¹ Or, in a great family.