

CHAPTER 17

- 1** Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife.
- 2** A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.
- 3** The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.
- 4** A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.
- 5** Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.
- 6** Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.
- 7** Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.
- 8** A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.
- 9** He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.
- 10** A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool.
- 11** An evil man seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.
- 12** Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.
- 13** Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.
- 14** The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.
- 15** He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD.
- 16** Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing he hath no heart to it?
- 17** A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.
- 18** A man void of understanding striketh hands, and becometh surety in the presence of his friend.
- 19** He loveth transgression that loveth strife: and he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.
- 20** He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.
- 21** He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.
- 22** A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

23A wicked *man* taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment.

24Wisdom *is* before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool *are* in the ends of the earth.

25A foolish son *is* a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

26Also to punish the just *is* not good, *nor* to strike princes for equity.

27He that hath knowledge spareth his words: *and* a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.

28Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: *and* he that shutteth his lips *is* esteemed a man of understanding.