

Chapter 2

- 1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;
- 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;
- 3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;
- 4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;
- 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.
- 6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.
- 7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.
- 8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.
- 9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.
- 10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;
- 11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:
- 12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things;
- 13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;
- 14 Who rejoyce to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked;
- 15 Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:
- 16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words;
- 17 Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.
- 18 For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.
- 19 None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.
- 20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.
- 21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.
- 22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.