

Chapter 19

- 1 Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.
- 2 Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth.
- 3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.
- 4 Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.
- 5 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.
- 6 Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.
- 7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth them with words, yet they are wanting to him.
- 8 He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.
- 9 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish.
- 10 Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes.
- 11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.
- 12 The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but his favour is as dew upon the grass.
- 13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.
- 14 House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD.
- 15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.
- 16 He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; but he that despiseth his ways shall die.
- 17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.
- 18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.
- 19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver him, yet thou must do it again.
- 20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.
- 21 There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.
- 22 The desire of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar.
- 23 The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.
- 24 A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.
- 25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge.
- 26 He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.
- 27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.
- 28 An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.
- 29 Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.