

## Chapter 6

- 1 My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, if thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger,
- 2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.
- 3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.
- 4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.
- 5 Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.
- 6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:
- 7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,
- 8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.
- 9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?
- 10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:
- 11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.
- 12 A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.
- 13 He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;
- 14 Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord.
- 15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.
- 16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:
- 17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,
- 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,
- 19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.
- 20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
- 21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.
- 22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.
- 23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:
- 24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.
- 25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.
- 26 For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.
- 27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?
- 28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?
- 29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.
- 30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;
- 31 But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.
- 32 But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding; he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.
- 33 A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.
- 34 For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.
- 35 He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.