

Chapter 25

- 1 These are also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.
- 2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.
- 3 The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings is unsearchable.
- 4 Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.
- 5 Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.
- 6 Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great men:
- 7 For better it is that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.
- 8 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.
- 9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and discover not a secret to another:
- 10 Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.
- 11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.
- 12 As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear.
- 13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.
- 14 Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain.
- 15 By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.
- 16 Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.
- 17 Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.
- 18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.
- 19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.
- 20 As he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, and as vinegar upon nitre, so is he that singeth songs to an heavy heart.
- 21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:
- 22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.
- 23 The north wind driveth away rain: so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.
- 24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.
- 25 As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.
- 26 A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.
- 27 It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory.
- 28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.