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18 And he did not know that giants are there, and that her guests are in the depths of hell.

Chapter 10

A wise son maketh the father glad: but a foolish son is the sorrow of his mother.

- **2** Treasures of wickedness shall profit nothing: but justice shall deliver from death.
- 3 The Lord will not afflict the soul of the just with famine, and he will disappoint the deceitful practices of the wicked.
- 4 The slothful hand hath wrought poverty: but the hand of the industrious getteth riches. He that trusteth to lies feedeth the winds: and the same runneth after birds, that fly away.
- 5 He that gathereth in the harvest, is a wise son: but he that snorteth in the summer, is the son of confusion.
- **6** The blessing of the Lord is upon the head of the just: but iniquity covereth the mouth of the wicked.
- 7 The memory of the just is with praises: and the name of the wicked shall rot.
- **8** The wise of heart receiveth precepts: a fool is beaten with lips.
- **9** He that walketh sincerely, walketh confidently: but he that perverteth his ways, shall be manifest.
- 10 He that winketh with the eye, shall cause sorrow: and the foolish in lips shall be beaten.
- 11 The mouth of the just is a vein of life: and the mouth of the wicked covereth iniquity.
- 12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: and charity covereth all sins.
- 13 In the lips of the wise is wisdom found: and a rod on the back of him that wanteth sense.
- 14 Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the fool is next to confusion.

15 The substance of a rich man is the city of his strength: the fear of the poor is their poverty.

- 16 The work of the just is unto life: but the fruit of the wicked unto sin.
- 17 The way of life, to him that observeth correction: but he that forsaketh reproofs, goeth astray.
- 18 Lying lips hide hatred: he that uttereth reproach, is foolish.
- 19 In the multitude of words there shall not want sin: but he that refraineth his lips, is most wise.
- **20** The tongue of the just is as choice silver: but the heart of the wicked is nothing worth.
- 21 The lips of the just teach many: but they that are ignorant, shall die in the want of understanding.
- 22 The blessing of the Lord maketh men rich: neither shall affliction be joined to them.
- **23** A fool worketh mischief as it were for sport: but wisdom is prudence to a man.
- **24** That which the wicked feareth, shall come upon him: to the just their desire shall be given.
- 25 As a tempest that passeth, so the wicked shall be no more: but the just is as an everlasting foundation.
- **26** As vinegar to the teeth, and smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that sent him.
- 27 The fear of the Lord shall prolong days: and the years of the wicked shall be shortened.
- **28** The expectation of the just is joy: but the hope of the wicked shall perish.
- 29 The strength of the upright is the way of the Lord: and fear to them that work evil.
- **30** The just shall never be moved: but the wicked shall not dwell on the earth.
- **31** The mouth of the just shall bring forth wisdom: the tongue of the perverse shall perish.
- **32** The lips of the just consider what is acceptable: and the mouth of the wicked uttereth

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perverse things.

Chapter 11

A deceitful balance is an abomination before the Lord: and a just weight is his will.

- **2** Where pride is, there also shall be reproach: but where humility is, there also is wisdom.
- **3** The simplicity of the just shall guide them: and the deceitfulness of the wicked shall destroy them.
- 4 Riches shall not profit in the day of revenge: but justice shall deliver from death.
- 5 The justice of the upright shall make his way prosperous: and the wicked man shall fall by his own wickedness.
- **6** The justice of the righteous shall deliver them: and the unjust shall be caught in their own snares.
- **7** When the wicked man is dead, there shall be no hope any more: and the expectation of the solicitous shall perish.
- 8 The just is delivered out of distress: and the wicked shall be given up for him.
- **9** The dissembler with his mouth deceiveth his friend: but the just shall be delivered by knowledge.
- 10 When it goeth well with the just, the city shall rejoice: and when the wicked perish, there shall be praise.
- 11 By the blessing of the just the city shall be exalted: and by the mouth of the wicked it shall be overthrown.
- 12 He that despiseth his friend, is mean of heart: but the wise man will hold his peace.
- 13 He that walketh deceitfully, revealeth secrets: but he that is faithful, concealeth the thing committed to him by his friend.

- 14 Where there is no governor, the people shall fall: but there is safety where there is much counsel.
- 15 He shall be afflicted with evil, that is surety for a stranger: but he that is aware of snares, shall be secure.
- 16 A gracious woman shall find glory: and the strong shall have riches.
- 17 A merciful man doth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel casteth off even his own kindred.
- 18 The wicked maketh an unsteady work: but to him that soweth justice, there is a faithful reward.
- 19 Clemency prepareth life: and the pursuing of evil things, death.
- **20** A perverse heart is abominable to the Lord: and his will is in them that walk sincerely.
- **21** Hand in hand the evil man shall not be innocent: but the seed of the just shall be saved.
- **22** A golden ring in a swine's snout, a woman fair and foolish.
- **23** The desire of the just is all good, the expectation of the wicked is indignation.
- 24 Some distribute their own goods, and grow richer: others take away what is not their own, and are always in want.
- 25 The soul that blesseth, shall be made fat: and he that inebriateth, shall be inebriated also himself.
- 26 He that hideth up corn, shall be cursed among the people: but a blessing upon the head of them that sell.
- 27 Well doth he rise early who seeketh good things; but he that seeketh after evil things, shall be oppressed by them.
- 28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the just shall spring up as a green leaf.
- 29 He that troubleth his own house, shall inherit the winds: and the fool shall serve the wise.

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- **30** The fruit of the just man is a tree of life: and he that gaineth souls is wise.
- **31** If the just man receive in the earth, how much more the wicked and the sinner.

Chapter 12

He that loveth correction, loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof, is foolish.

- **2** He that is good, shall draw grace from the Lord: but he that trusteth in his own devices, doth wickedly.
- **3** Man shall not be strengthened by wickedness: and the root of the just shall not be moved.
- 4 A diligent woman is a crown to her husband: and she that doth things worthy of confusion, is as rottenness in his bones.
- **5** The thoughts of the just are judgments: and the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.
- **6** The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood: the mouth of the just shall deliver them.
- 7 Turn the wicked, and they shall not be: but the house of the just shall stand firm.
- **8** A man shall be known by his learning: but he that is vain and foolish, shall be exposed to contempt.
- **9** Better is the poor man that provideth for himself, than he that is glorious and wanteth bread.
- 10 The just regardeth the lives of his beasts: but the bowels of the wicked are cruel.
- 11 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that pursueth idleness is very foolish.
- 12 He that is delighted in passing his time over wine, leaveth a reproach in his strong holds.
- 12 The desire of the wicked is the fortification of evil men: but the root of the just shall prosper.

13 For the sins of the lips ruin draweth nigh to the evil man: but the just shall escape out of distress.

- 14 By the fruit of his own mouth shall a man be filled with good things, and according to the works of his hands it shall be repaid him.
- 15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that is wise hearkeneth unto counsels.
- 16 A fool immediately sheweth his anger: but he that dissembleth injuries is wise.
- 17 He that speaketh that which he knoweth, sheweth forth justice: but he that lieth, is a deceitful witness.
- 18 There is that promiseth, and is pricked as it were with a sword of conscience: but the tongue of the wise is health.
- 19 The lip of truth shall be steadfast for ever: but he that is a hasty witness, frameth a lying tongue.
- 20 Deceit is in the heart of them that think evil things: but joy followeth them that take counsels of peace.
- 21 Whatsoever shall befall the just man, shall not make him sad: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.
- **22** Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord: but they that deal faithfully, please him.
- 23 A cautious man concealeth knowledge: and the heart of fools publisheth folly.
- **24** The hand of the valiant shall bear rule: but that which is slothful shall be under tribute.
- 25 Grief in the heart of a man shall bring him low, but with a good word he shall be made glad.
- 26 He that neglecteth a loss for the sake of a friend, is just: but the way of the wicked shall deceive them.
- 27 The deceitful man shall not find gain: but the substance of a just man shall be precious gold.