

**2** Praise ye him, all his angels, praise ye him, all his hosts.

**3** Praise ye him, O sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.

**4** Praise him, ye heavens of heavens: and let all the waters that are above the heavens

**5** Praise the name of the Lord. For he spoke, and they were made: he commanded, and they were created.

**6** He hath established them for ever, and for ages of ages: he hath made a decree, and it shall not pass away.

**7** Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all ye deeps:

**8** Fire, hail, snow, ice, stormy winds, which fulfil his word:

**9** Mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars:

**10** Beasts and all cattle: serpents and feathered fowls:

**11** Kings of the earth and all people: princes and all judges of the earth:

**12** Young men and maidens: let the old with the younger, praise the name of the Lord:

**13** For his name alone is exalted.

**14** The praise of him is above heaven and earth: and he hath exalted the horn of his people. A hymn to all his saints to the children of Israel, a people approaching to him. Alleluia.

## Chapter 149

Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle: let his praise be in the church of the saints.

**2** Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: and let the children of Sion be joyful in their king.

**3** Let them praise his name in choir: let them sing to him with the timbrel and the psaltery.

**4** For the Lord is well pleased with his people: and he will exalt the meek unto salvation.

**5** The saints shall rejoice in glory: they shall be joyful in their beds.

**6** The high praises of God shall be in their mouth: and two-edged swords in their hands:

**7** To execute vengeance upon the nations, chastisements among the people:

**8** To bind their kings with fetters, and their nobles with manacles of iron.

**9** To execute upon them the judgment that is written: this glory is to all his saints. Alleluia.

## Chapter 150

Praise ye the Lord in his holy places: praise ye him in the firmament of his power.

**2** Praise ye him for his mighty acts: praise ye him according to the multitude of his greatness.

**3** Praise him with the sound of trumpet: praise him with psaltery and harp.

**4** Praise him with timbrel and choir: praise him with strings and organs.

**5** Praise him on high sounding cymbals: praise him on cymbals of joy: let every spirit praise the Lord. Alleluia.

# Book of Proverbs

## Chapter 1

The parables of Solomon, the son of David, king of Israel,

**2** To know wisdom, and instruction:

**3** To understand the words of prudence: and to receive the instruction of doctrine, justice, and judgment, and equity:

**4** To give subtilty to little ones, to the young man knowledge and understanding.

**5** A wise man shall hear, and shall be wiser: and he that understandeth shall possess governments.

**6** He shall understand a parable and the interpretation, the words of the wise, and their mysterious sayings.

**7** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**8** My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

**9** That grace may be added to thy head, and a chain of gold to thy neck.

**10** My son, if sinners shall entice thee, consent not to them.

**11** If they shall say: Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood, let us hide snares for the innocent without cause:

**12** Let us swallow him up alive like hell, and whole as one that goeth down into the pit.

**13** We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoils.

**14** Cast in thy lot with us, let us all have one purse.

**15** My son, walk not thou with them, restrain thy foot from their paths.

**16** For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

**17** But a net is spread in vain before the eyes of them that have wings.

**18** And they themselves lie in wait for their own blood, and practise deceits against their own souls.

**19** So the ways of every covetous man destroy the souls of the possessors.

**20** Wisdom preacheth abroad, she uttereth her voice in the streets:

**21** At the head of multitudes she crieth out, in the entrance of the gates of the city she uttereth her words, saying:

**22** O children, how long will you love childishness, and fools covet those things which are hurtful to themselves, and the unwise hate knowledge?

**23** Turn ye at my reproof: behold I will utter my spirit to you, and will shew you my words.

**24** Because I called, and you refused: I stretched out my hand, and there was none that regarded.

**25** You have despised all my counsel, and have neglected my reprehensions.

**26** I also will laugh in your destruction, and will mock when that shall come to you which you feared.

**27** When sudden calamity shall fall on you, and destruction, as a tempest, shall be at hand: when tribulation and distress shall come upon you:

**28** Then shall they call upon me, and I will not hear: they shall rise in the morning, and shall not find me:

**29** Because they have hated instruction, and received not the fear of the Lord,

**30** Nor consented to my counsel, but despised all my reproof.

**31** Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and shall be filled with their own devices.

**32** The turning away of little ones shall kill them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

**33** But he that shall hear me, shall rest without terror, and shall enjoy abundance, without fear of evils.

## Chapter 2

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and wilt hide my commandments with thee,

**2** That thy ear may hearken to wisdom: incline thy heart to know prudence.

**3** For if thou shalt call for wisdom, and incline thy heart to prudence:

**4** If thou shalt seek her as money, and shalt dig for her as for a treasure:

**5** Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and shalt find the knowledge of God:

**6** Because the Lord giveth wisdom: and out of his mouth cometh prudence and knowledge.

**7** He wilt keep the salvation of the righteous, and protect them that walk in simplicity,

**8** Keeping the paths of justice, and guarding the ways of saints.

**9** Then shalt thou understand justice, and judgment, and equity, and every good path.

**10** If wisdom shall enter into thy heart, and knowledge please thy soul:

**11** Counsel shall keep thee, and prudence shall preserve thee,

**12** That thou mayst be delivered from the evil way, and from the man that speaketh perverse things:

**13** Who leave the right way, and walk by dark ways:

**14** Who are glad when they have done evil, and rejoice in the most wicked things:

**15** Whose ways are perverse, and their steps infamous.

**16** That thou mayst be delivered from the strange woman, and from the stranger, who softeneth her words;

**17** And forsaketh the guide of her youth,

**18** And hath forgotten the covenant of her God: for her house inclineth unto death, and her paths to hell.

**19** None that go in unto her, shall return again, neither shall they take hold of the paths of life.

**20** That thou mayst walk in a good way: and mayst keep the paths of the just.

**21** For they that are upright, shall dwell in the earth; and the simple shall continue in it.

**22** But the wicked shall be destroyed from the earth: and they that do unjustly, shall be taken away from it.

## Chapter 3

My son, forget not my law, and let thy heart keep my commandments.

**2** For they shall add to thee length of days, and years of life, and peace.