**CHAPTER** **22**

**1** A GOOD name is better than great riches: and good favour is above silver and gold.

**2** The rich and poor have met one another: the Lord is the maker of them both.

**3** The prudent man saw the evil, and hid himself: the simple passed on, and suffered loss.

**4** The fruit of humility is the fear of the Lord, riches and glory and life.

**5** Arms and swords are in the way of the perverse: but he that keepeth his own soul departeth far from them.

**6** It is a proverb: A young man according to his way, even when he is old he will not depart from it.

**7** The rich ruleth over the poor: and the borrower is servant to him that lendeth.

**8** He that soweth iniquity shall reap evils, and with the rod of his anger he shall be consumed.

**9** He that is inclined to mercy shall be blessed: for of his bread he hath given to the poor. He that maketh presents shall purchase victory and honour: but he carrieth away the souls of the receivers.

**10** Cast out the scoffer, and contention shall go out with him, and quarrels and reproaches shall cease.

**11** He that loveth cleanness of heart, for the grace of his lips shall have the king for his friend.

**12** The eyes of the Lord preserve knowledge: and the words of the unjust are overthrown.

**13** The slothful man saith: There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the midst of the streets.

**14** The mouth of a strange woman is a deep pit: he whom the Lord is angry with, shall fall into it.

**15** Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, and the rod of correction shall drive it away.

**16** He that oppresseth the poor, to increase his own riches, shall himself give to one that is richer, and shall be in need.

**17** Incline thy ear, and hear the words of the wise: and apply thy heart to my doctrine:

**18** Which shall be beautiful for thee, if thou keep it in thy bowels, and it shall flow in thy lips:

**19** That thy trust may be in the Lord, wherefore I have also shewn it to thee this day.

**20** Behold I have described it to thee three manner of ways, in thoughts and knowledge:

**21** That I might shew thee the certainty, and the words of truth, to answer out of these to them that sent thee.

**22** Do no violence to the poor, because he is poor: and do not oppress the needy in the gate:

**23** Because the Lord will judge his cause, and will afflict them that have afflicted his soul.

**24** Be not a friend to an angry man, and do not walk with a furious man:

**25** Lest perhaps thou learn his ways, and take scandal to thy soul.

**26** Be not with them that fasten down their hands, and that offer themselves sureties for debts:

**27** For if thou have not wherewith to restore, what cause is there, that he should take the covering from thy bed?

**28** Pass not beyond the ancient bounds which thy fathers have set.

**29** Hast thou seen a man swift in his work? he shall stand before kings, and shall not be before those that are obscure.