**CHAPTER** **29**

**1** The man that with a stiff neck despiseth him that reproveth him, shall suddenly be destroyed: and health shall not follow him.

**2** When just men increase, the people shall rejoice: when the wicked shall bear rule, the people shall mourn.

**3** A man that loveth wisdom, rejoiceth his father: but he that maintaineth harlots, shall squander away his substance.

**4** A just king setteth up the land: a covetous man shall destroy it.

**5** A man that speaketh to his friend with flattering and dissembling words, spreadeth a net for his feet.

**6** A snare shall entangle the wicked man when he sinneth: and the just shall praise and rejoice.

**7** The just taketh notice of the cause of the poor: the wicked is void of knowledge.

**8** Corrupt men bring a city to ruin: but wise men turn away wrath.

**9** If a wise man contend with a fool, whether he be angry, or laugh, he shall find no rest.

**10** Bloodthirsty men hate the upright: but just men seek his soul.

**11** A fool uttereth all his mind: a wise man deferreth, and keepeth it till afterwards.

**12** A prince that gladly heareth lying words, hath all his servants wicked.

**13** The poor man and the creditor have met one another: the Lord is the enlightener of them both.

**14** The king that judgeth the poor in truth, his throne shall be established for ever.

**15** The rod and reproof give wisdom: but the child that is left to his own will bringeth his mother to shame.

**16** When the wicked are multiplied, crimes shall be multiplied: but the just shall see their downfall.

**17** Instruct thy son, and he shall refresh thee, and shall give delight to thy soul.

**18** When prophecy shall fail, the people shall be scattered abroad: but he that keepeth the law is blessed.

**19** A slave will not be corrected by words: because he understandeth what thou sayest, and will not answer.

**20** Hast thou seen a man hasty to speak? folly is rather to be looked for, than his amendment.

**21** He that nourisheth his servant delicately from his childhood, afterwards shall find him stubborn.

**22** A passionate man provoketh quarrels: and he that is easily stirred up to wrath, shall be more prone to sin.

**23** Humiliation followeth the proud: and glory shall uphold the humble of spirit.

**24** He that is partaker with a thief, hateth his own soul: he heareth one putting him to his oath, and discovereth not.

**25** He that feareth man, shall quickly fall: he that trusteth in the Lord, shall be set on high.

**26** Many seek the face of the prince: but the judgment of every one cometh forth from the Lord.

**27** The just abhor the wicked man: and the wicked loathe them that are in the right way. The son that keepeth the word, shall be free from destruction.