**CHAPTER** **19**

**1** Better is the poor man, that walketh in his simplicity, than a rich man that is perverse in his lips, and unwise.

**2** Where there is no knowledge of the soul, there is no good: and he that is hasty with his feet shall stumble.

**3** The folly of a man supplanteth his steps: and he fretteth in his mind against God.

**4** Riches make many friends: but from the poor man, even they whom he had, depart.

**5** A false witness shall not be unpunished: and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.

**6** Many honour the person of him that is mighty, and are friends of him that giveth gifts.

**7** The brethren of the poor man hate him: moreover also his friends have departed far from him. He that followeth after words only, shall have nothing.

**8** But he that possesseth a mind, loveth his own soul, and he that keepeth prudence shall find good things.

**9** A false witness shall not be unpunished: and he that speaketh lies, shall perish.

**10** Delicacies are not seemly for a fool: nor for a servant to have rule over princes.

**11** The learning of a man is known by patience: and his glory is to pass over wrongs.

**12** As the roaring of a lion, so also is the anger of a king: and his cheerfulness as the dew upon the grass.

**13** A foolish son is the grief of his father: and a wrangling wife is like a roof continually dropping through.

**14** House and riches are given by parents: but a prudent wife is properly from the Lord.

**15** Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep, and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

**16** He that keepeth the commandment, keepeth his own soul: but he that neglecteth his own way, shall die.

**17** He that hath mercy on the poor, lendeth to the Lord: and he will repay him.

**18** Chastise thy son, despair not: but to the killing of him set not thy soul.

**19** He that is impatient, shall suffer damage: and when he shall take away he shall add another thing.

**20** Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayst be wise in thy latter end.

**21** There are many thoughts in the heart of a man: but the will of the Lord shall stand firm.

**22** A needy man is merciful: and better is the poor than the lying man.

**23** The fear of the Lord is unto life: and he shall abide in fulness without being visited with evil.

**24** The slothful hideth his hand under his armpit, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth.

**25** The wicked man being scourged, the fool shall be wiser: but if thou rebuke a wise man he will understand discipline.

**26** He that afflicteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is infamous and unhappy.

**27** Cease not, O my son, to hear instruction, and be not ignorant of the words of knowledge.

**28** An unjust witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.

**29** Judgments are prepared for scorners: and striking hammers for the bodies of fools.