**CHAPTER** **21**

**1** As the divisions of waters, so the heart of the king is in the hand of the Lord: whithersoever he will he shall turn it.

**2** Every way of a man seemeth right to himself: but the Lord weigheth the hearts.

**3** To do mercy and judgment, pleaseth the Lord more than victims.

**4** Haughtiness of the eyes is the enlarging of the heart: the lamp of the wicked is sin.

**5** The thoughts of the industrious always bring forth abundance: but every sluggard is always in want.

**6** He that gathereth treasures by a lying tongue, is vain and foolish, and shall stumble upon the snares of death.

**7** The robberies of the wicked shall be their downfall, because they would not do judgment.

**8** The perverse way of a man is strange: but as for him that is pure, his work is right.

**9** It is better to sit in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman, and in a common house.

**10** The soul of the wicked desireth evil, he will not have pity on his neighbour.

**11** When a pestilent man is punished, the little one will be wiser: and if he follow the wise, he will receive knowledge.

**12** The just considereth seriously the house of the wicked, that he may withdraw the wicked from evil.

**13** He that stoppeth his ear against the cry of the poor, shall also cry himself and shall not be heard.

**14** A secret present quencheth anger: and a gift in the bosom the greatest wrath.

**15** It is joy to the just to do judgment: and dread to them that work iniquity.

**16** A man that shall wander out of the way of doctrine, shall abide in the company of the giants.

**17** He that loveth good cheer, shall be in want: he that loveth wine, and fat things, shall not be rich.

**18** The wicked is delivered up for the just: and the unjust for the righteous.

**19** It is better to dwell in a wilderness, than with a quarrelsome and passionate woman.

**20** There is a treasure to be desired, and oil in the dwelling of the just: and the foolish man shall spend it.

**21** He that followeth justice and mercy, shall find life, justice, and glory.

**22** The wise man hath scaled the city of the strong, and hath cast down the strength of the confidence thereof.

**23** He that keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from distress.

**24** The proud and the arrogant is called ignorant, who in anger worketh pride.

**25** Desires kill the slothful: for his hands have refused to work at all.

**26** He longeth and desireth all the day: but he that is just, will give, and will not cease.

**27** The sacrifices of the wicked are abominable, because they are offered of wickedness.

**28** A lying witness shall perish: an obedient man shall speak of victory.

**29** The wicked man impudently hardeneth his face: but he that is righteous, correcteth his way.

**30** There is no wisdom, there is no prudence, there is no counsel against the Lord.

**31** The horse is prepared for the day of battle: but the Lord giveth safety.