**CHAPTER** **6**

*Documents on several heads.*

**1** My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, thou hast engaged fast thy hand to a stranger.

**2** Thou art ensnared with the words of thy mouth, and caught with thy own words.

**3** Do therefore, my son, what I say, and deliver thyself: because thou art fallen into the hand of thy neighbour. Run about, make haste, stir up thy friend:

**4** Give not sleep to thy eyes, neither let thy eyelids slumber.

**5** Deliver thyself as a doe from the hand, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

**6** Go to the ant, O sluggard, and consider her ways, and learn wisdom:

**7** Which, although she hath no guide, nor master, nor captain,

**8** Provideth her meat for herself in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

**9** How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou rise out of thy sleep?

**10** Thou wilt sleep a little, thou wilt slumber a little, thou wilt fold thy hands a little to sleep:

**11** And want shall come upon thee, as a traveller, and poverty as a man armed. But if thou be diligent, thy harvest shall come as a fountain, and want shall flee far from thee.

**12** A man that is an apostate, an unprofitable man, walketh with a perverse mouth,

**13** He winketh with the eyes, presseth with the foot, speaketh with the finger.

**14** With a wicked heart he deviseth evil, and at all times he soweth discord.

**15** To such a one his destruction shall presently come, and he shall suddenly be destroyed, and shall no longer have any remedy.

**16** Six things there are, which the Lord hateth, and the seventh his soul detesteth:

**17** Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood,

**18** A heart that deviseth wicked plots, feet that are swift to run into mischief,

**19** A deceitful witness that uttereth lies, and him that soweth discord among brethren.

**20** My son, keep the commandments of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother.

**21** Bind them in thy heart continually, and put them about thy neck.

**22** When thou walkest, let them go with thee: when thou sleepest, let them keep thee; and when thou awakest, talk with them.

**23** Because the commandment is a lamp, and the law a light, and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

**24** That they may keep thee from the evil woman, and from the flattering tongue of the stranger.

**25** Let not thy heart covet her beauty, be not caught with her winks:

**26** For the price of a harlot is scarce one loaf: but the woman catcheth the precious soul of a man.

**27** Can a man hide fire in his bosom, and his garments not burn?

**28** Or can he walk upon hot coals, and his feet not be burnt?

**29** So he that goeth in to his neighbour’s wife, shall not be clean when he shall touch her.

**30** The fault is not so great when a man hath stolen: for he stealeth to fill his hungry soul:

**31** And if he be taken he shall restore sevenfold, and shall give up all the substance of his house.

**32** But he that is an adulterer, for the folly of his heart shall destroy his own soul:

**33** He gathereth to himself shame and dishonour, and his reproach shall not be blotted out:

**34** Because the jealousy and rage of the husband will not spare in the day of revenge,

**35** Nor will he yield to any man’s prayers, nor will he accept for satisfaction ever so many gifts.