

## Chapter 17

- B**etter is a drie morfel with ioy, then a houfe  
ful of victimes with brawling. Peace.
- <sup>2</sup> A wife feruant shal rule ouer foolish children,  
and diuide inheritance among bretheren. VVifdom in  
general.
- <sup>3</sup> As filuer is tried by fyre, and gold in the four-  
nace: fo our Lord proueth the harts. Purification.
- <sup>4</sup> The euil man obeyeth an vniuft tongue: and the  
deceitful obeyeth lying lippes. Fellowshipe with  
the good.
- <sup>5</sup> He that defpifeth the poore, vpbraydeth his maker:  
and he that reioyceth at an other mans ruine, shal not  
be vnpunished. Commiferation.
- <sup>6</sup> The crowne of oldmen the childrens children:  
and the glorie of children their fathers. Succelfion.
- <sup>7</sup> Eloquent wordes become not a foole, nor lying  
lippes a prince. Grautie in  
fpeach.
- <sup>8</sup> A moft grateful pearle, the expectation of him  
that expecteth: whither foeuer he turneth himfelf, he  
vnderftandeth wifely. Defire of eternal  
life.
- <sup>9</sup> He that concealeth offence, feeketh frendshipes:  
he that in other word repeteth it, feperateth the confed-  
erate. Remitting of-  
fences.
- <sup>10</sup> Reprehenfion doth more profit with a wifeman,  
then an hundred ftripes with a foole. Difcrete correc-  
tion.
- <sup>11</sup> An euil man alwayes feeketh brawles: but a  
cruel angel shal be fent againft him. Concord.
- <sup>12</sup> It is better to meete a beare when her yong are  
taken away, then a foole trufting to himfelfe in his owne  
follie. Gentlenes.
- <sup>13</sup> He that rendereth euil thinges for good, euil  
shal not depart from his houfe. Gratitude.
- <sup>14</sup> He that letteth water goe, is the head of brawles:  
& before he fuffer contumelie, he forlaketh iudgement. Conferuation of  
peace.
- <sup>15</sup> He that iuftifieth the impious, and he that con-  
demneth the iuft, both are abominable before God. Iuft cenfure.
- <sup>16</sup> What doth it profit a foole to haue riches, wheras  
he can not buy wifdom? Spiritual riches.

He that maketh his houle high, feeketh ruine: and he that refufeth to learne, shal fal into euils.	Humilitie.
17 He loueth at al time that is a frend: and a brother is proued in diftreffes.	Conftancie.
18 A foolish man wil clappe the handes, when he is furetie for his freind.	Carefulnes in promifing.
19 He that meditateth difcordes, loueth brawles: and he that exalteth the doore, feeketh ruine.	Concord.
20 He that is of a peruerfe hart, shal not finde good: and he that turneth his tongue, shal fal into euil.	Sinceritie.
21 A foole is borne to his owne ignominie: but neither shal the father reioyce in a foole.	Education of youth.
22 A ioyful minde maketh a florishing age: a forowful fpirit dryeth vp the bones.	Alacritie of hart.
23 The impious receiueth giftes out of the bofome, that he may peruert the pathes of iudgement.	Iuft iudgement.
24 In the face of the prudent wifdom shineth: the eies of fooles are in the endes of the earth.	Contempt of the world.
25 A foolish fonne is the anger of the father: and the forow of the mother that bare him.	Filial obedience.
26 It is not good, to doe hurt to the iuft: nor to ftrike the prince, which iudgeth right.	Obedience to Magiftrates.
27 He that moderateth his wordes, is lerned and prudent: and the lerned man is of a precious fpirit.	Difcretion in fpeaking.
28 The foole alfo if he hold his peace, shal be reputed wife: and if he clofe his lippes, a man of vnderftanding.	Moderate filence.