

Chapter 20

V ine is a luxurious thing, & drunkenes tumultuous: whofoeuer is delighted therewith shal not be wife.	Sobrietie.
² As the roaring of a lyon, fo also the terrour of a king: he that prouoketh him, finneth also againft his owne foule.	Obedience to Princes.
³ It is honour to a man, that feparateth himself from contentions: but al fooles medle with contumelies.	Concord.
⁴ Because of cold the flothful would not plowe: he shal begge therfore in the fummer, and it shal not be geuen him.	Induftrie.
⁵ As deepe water, fo counfel in the hart of a man: but a wife man shal draw it out.	Profound counfel.
⁶ Manie men are called merciful: but a faithful man who shal fynd?	Fidelitie.
⁷ The iuft that walketh in his fimPLICITIE, shal leaue bleffed children.	Sinceritie.
⁸ The king, that fitteth in the throne of iudgement, diffipateth al euil with his looke.	Execution of Iuftice.
⁹ Who can fay: My hart is cleane, I am pure from finne?	Necessitie of grace.
¹⁰ Weight and weight, meafure and meafure: both are abominable before God.	Equitie.
¹¹ By his conuerfation a child is perceiued, if his workes be cleane and right.	Good toward liues.
¹² The eare hearing, and the eie feing, our Lord made both.	Right vfe of fenfes.
¹³ Loue not fleepe, left pouertie opprefse thee: open thyne eies and be filled with breades.	Diligent trauel.
¹⁴ It is naught, it is naught, fayth euerie byer: and when he is departed he wil boaft.	Prudence.
¹⁵ There is gold, and multitude of pearles: but a precious vefsel the lippes of knowlege.	Knowlege is a iewel.
¹⁶ Take his garment, that was the furetie of a ftranger, and for ftrangers take a pledge from him.	Securitie in fuertifhip.
¹⁷ The bread of lying is fwete to a man: and afterward his mouth shal be filled with the grauelstone.	Truth.

18 Cogitations are ftrengthened by counfels: and battels are to be handled by gouernmentes.	Counfel in warre.
19 Medle not with him that reuealeth myfteries, and walketh fraudulently, and dilateth his lippes.	Confult with the faithful.
20 He that curfeth his father, and mother, his lampe shal be extinguished in the middes of darkenes.	Honour of parents.
21 The inheritance wherunto hafte is made in the beginning, in the later end shal lacke bleffing.	Lawful gaine.
22 Say not: I wil requit euil: expect our Lord, and he wil deliuer thee.	Meeknes.
23 Weight and weight are abomination with our Lord: a deceitful balance is not good.	Equitie.
24 The fteppes of man are directed of our Lord: but who of men can vnderftand his owne way?	Truft in Gods providence.
25 It is ruine to a man to deuoure faintes, and afterward to retracte the vowes.	Performance of vowes.
26 A wife king diffipateth the impious, and bendeth ouer them a triumphant arch.	Publique iuftice.
27 The lampe of our Lord, the breath of a man, which fearcheth al the fecretes of the bellie.	Puritie of minde.
28 Mercie & truth kepe the king, and his throne is ftrengthened by clemencie.	Three kinglie vertues.
29 The ioy of yongmen their ftrength: and the dignitie of oldmen a gray head.	Prudence with fortitude.
30 The blewneffe of the wound shal wipe away euils: and ftripes in the more fecrete place of the bellie.	Punifhment of finnes.