

Chapter 22

B etter is a good name, then much riches: about filuer and gold, good grace.	Honeft fame.
² The rich and poore haue mette one an other: our Lord is the maker of both.	Contentment with our ftate.
³ The fubtel faw euil, and hyd himfelf: the innocent paffed by, and was afflicted with damage.	Prudence.
⁴ The end of modeftie the feare of our Lord, riches and glorie and life.	Pouertie of fpirite.
⁵ Armour and fwordes in the way of the peruerfe: but the keper of his owne foule departeth far from them.	Care of the foules health.
⁶ It is a prouerbe: A yongman according to his way, when he is old, wil not depart from it.	Good cuttome in vertues.
⁷ The richman ruleth ouer the poore: and he that boroweth is the feruant of him that lendeth.	Diligent trauel.
⁸ He that foweth iniquitie, shal reape euils, and with the rod of his wrath, he shal be confumed.	Equitie.
⁹ He that is prone to mercie, shal be bleffed: for of his breades he hath geuen to the poore.	Almes dedes.
He that geueth giftes shal purchafe victorie and honour: but he that receiueth taketh away the foule of the geuer.	Better to geue then to take.
¹⁰ Caft out the fcorner, and brawling shal goe forth with him, and caufe shal ceafe and contumelies.	Expel the incorrigible.
¹¹ He that loueth cleanes of hart, for the grace of his lippes, shal haue the king his frend.	Cleanes of hart.
¹² The eies of our Lord keepe knowlege: and the wordes of the iuft are fupplanted.	The godlie proffer.
¹³ The flothful fayth: A lyon is without, in the middes of the ftreates I am to be flayne.	Fortitude.
¹⁴ A deepe pitte the mouth of a ftrange woman: he with whom our Lord is angrie, shal fal into it.	Care of chaftitie.
¹⁵ Follie is tyed together in the hart of a childe, and the rod of difcipline shal driue it away.	Chaftifment.
¹⁶ He that doth calumniare the poore, to increafe his riches, himfelf shal geue to a richer, and shal be in neede.	Compaffion.

<p>¹⁷ Incline thine eare, and heare the wordes of wifemen and fet thy hart to my doctrine: ¹⁸ which shal be beau- tiful for thee, when thou shalt kepe it in thy bellie, and it shal flow in thy lippes.</p> <p>¹⁹ That thy confidence may be in our Lord, wher- fore I haue shewed also it to thee this day.</p> <p>²⁰ Behold I haue descrybed it to thee three maner of wayes, in cogitations and knowledge: ²¹ that I might shew thee the stabilitie, and the wordes of truth, out of these to answer them, that sent thee.</p> <p>²² Doe not violence to the poore, because he is poore: neither oppresse the needie in the gate: ²³ because our Lord wil iudge his cause, and wil pearse them, that haue pearfed his foule.</p> <p>²⁴ Be not friend to an angrie man, nor walke with a furious man: ²⁵ lest perhaps thou learne his pathes, and take scandal to thy foule.</p> <p>²⁶ Be not with them, that sticke downe their han- des, and that offer themselves sureties for debts: ²⁷ for it thou haue not wherewith to restore, what cause is there, that he should take the covering from thy bed?</p> <p>²⁸ Transgreffe not the ancient boundes, which thy fathers haue put.</p> <p>²⁹ Hast thou sene a man quicke in his worke? he shal stand before kinges, neither shal he be before the vnnoble.</p>	<p>Rules of wisdom are necessarie, profitable, and vpon practise found pleafant: rightly directing all our thoughts wordes and deeds.</p> <p>Care of the poore, because they are deare to God.</p> <p>Flee from euil company which may corrupt thee. Auoide sureties, lest thou fall into distresse.</p> <p>Kepe ancient traditions.</p> <p>Diligent trauel.</p>
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