The 3. part.

hefe alfo are the parables of Salomon, which the men of Ezechias king of Iuda wrote out. It is the glorie of God to conceale the word, and the glorie of kinges to fearch the fpeach.

³ The heauen aboue, and the earth beneth, and the hart of kinges is vnfcrutable.

⁴ Take away the ruft from filuer, and there shal come forth a moft pure veffel: ⁵ Take away impietie from the kings countenance, and his throne shal be eftablished with iuftice.

⁶ Appeare not glorious before the king, and in the place of great men ftand not.

⁷ For it is better that it be faid to thee: Come vp hither, then that thou be humbled before the prince.

⁸ The thinges which thy eies haue fene, vtter not quickly in a brawle: left afterward thou canft not amend it, when thou haft dishonoured thy frend.

⁹ Treate thy caufe with thy frend, and reueale not of a fecret to a ftranger: ¹⁰ left perhaps he infult againft thee, when he heareth, and ceafe not to vpbraide thee.

Grace and frendshipe deliuer: which kepe to thy felf, left thou become reprochful.

¹¹ Apples of gold in filuer beddes, he that fpeaketh a word in his time.

¹² A golden earlet, and a shining precious ftone, he that rebuketh a wifeman, and an obedient eare.

¹³ As the cold of fnow in the day of harueft, fo a faithful legate to him, that fent him, maketh his foule to reft.

¹⁴ Cloudes, and winde, and no rayne following, a glorious man, and not accomplishing his promifes.

¹⁵ By patience the prince shal be pacified, and a foft tongue shal breake hardnes.

¹⁶ Thou haft found honie, eate that which fufficeth Te thee, left perhaps being filled thou vomite it vp.

¹⁷ Withdraw thy foote from the houfe of thy neighbour, left fome time having his fil he hate thee.

More Parables of Salomon written by others. Gods workes are not al reueled. Kinges haue fome fecretes. Publique iuftice and punifhment of finne. Modeftie,

and Humilitie.

Care of others fame.

Compose controuerfies fecretly, rather then contend in publique court.

Speake in due time.

Prudent admonition.

Diligence in publique affaires.

Performance of promifed induftrie. Meeknes.

Temperance.

Modeftie.

from feare

that fpeaketh falfe teftimonie against his neighbour. ¹⁹ A rotten tooth, and wearie foote, he that hopeth Truft not a diffembler. vpon the vnfaithful in the day of diftreffe, ²⁰ and that lofeth his cloke in the day of cold. Vineger in nither, he that fingeth fonges to a A confum-Striue not with ing faltish the incorrigible. naughtie hart. As a moth the garment, and a worme hard earth. Alacritie. the woode: fo the fadnes of a man hurteth the hart. ²¹ If thine enemie shal hunger, geue him meate: if Charitie towards enimies. he thirft, geue him water to drinke: ²² for thou shalt heape hote coales vpon his head, and our Lord wil reward thee. ²³ The northwinde diffipateth raynes, & a fad looke Heare not detraction. the tongue that detracteth. ²⁴ It is better to fitte in a corner of the houfe toppe, Domeftical peace. then with a brawling woman, and in a common houfe. ²⁵ Cold water to a thirftie foule, and good tydings Iov of wel doing. from a far countrie. ²⁶ A fountaine trubled with the foote, and a vaine Profession of truth. corrupted, the iuft falling before the impious. 27 As he that eateth much honie, it is not good Humilitie in for him: fo he that is a fearcher of the maieftie, shal be knowlege. oppreffed of the glorie. ²⁸ As a citie being open and without compafie of walles, fo a man that can not repreffe his fpirit in fpeak-

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¹⁸ A dart, and fword, and a sharpe arrow, a man True teftimonie.

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Gouernment of the tongue.