

Proverbs 2

Chapter 2

¹ **M**Y son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

² So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding;

³ Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* liftest up thy voice for understanding;

⁴ If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures;

⁵ Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

⁶ For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding.

⁷ He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: *he is* a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

⁸ He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.

⁹ Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; *yea*, every good path.

¹⁰ ¶ When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;

¹¹ Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:

- ¹² To deliver thee from the way of the evil *man*, from the man that speaketh froward things;
- ¹³ Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;
- ¹⁴ Who rejoyce to do evil, *and* delight in the frowardness of the wicked;
- ¹⁵ Whose ways *are* crooked, and *they* froward in their paths:
- ¹⁶ To deliver thee from the strange woman, *even* from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words;
- ¹⁷ Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.
- ¹⁸ For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.
- ¹⁹ None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.
- ²⁰ That thou mayest walk in the way of good *men*, and keep the paths of the righteous.
- ²¹ For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.
- ²² But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.