

# Proverbs 3

## Chapter 3

<sup>1</sup> **M**Y son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

<sup>2</sup> For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

<sup>3</sup> Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

<sup>4</sup> So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

<sup>5</sup> ¶ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

<sup>6</sup> In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

<sup>7</sup> ¶ Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

<sup>8</sup> It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

<sup>9</sup> Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

<sup>10</sup> So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

<sup>11</sup> ¶ My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

<sup>12</sup> For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father

the son *in whom* he delighteth.

<sup>13</sup> ¶ Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding.

<sup>14</sup> For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

<sup>15</sup> She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

<sup>16</sup> Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour.

<sup>17</sup> Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace.

<sup>18</sup> She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is every one* that retaineth her.

<sup>19</sup> The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

<sup>20</sup> By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

<sup>21</sup> ¶ My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:

<sup>22</sup> So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.

<sup>23</sup> Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

<sup>24</sup> When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

<sup>25</sup> Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of

the wicked, when it cometh.

<sup>26</sup> For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

<sup>27</sup> ¶ Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do *it*.

<sup>28</sup> Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.

<sup>29</sup> Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.

<sup>30</sup> ¶ Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

<sup>31</sup> ¶ Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.

<sup>32</sup> For the froward *is* abomination to the LORD: but his secret *is* with the righteous.

<sup>33</sup> ¶ The curse of the LORD *is* in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.

<sup>34</sup> Surely he scorneth the scornors: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

<sup>35</sup> The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.