

# Proverbs 17

## Chapter 17

<sup>1</sup> **B**ETTER *is* a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices *with* strife.

<sup>2</sup> A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.

<sup>3</sup> The fining pot *is* for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.

<sup>4</sup> A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; *and* a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.

<sup>5</sup> Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: *and* he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.

<sup>6</sup> Children's children *are* the crown of old men; and the glory of children *are* their fathers.

<sup>7</sup> Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.

<sup>8</sup> A gift *is as* a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

<sup>9</sup> He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth *very* friends.

<sup>10</sup> A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool.

<sup>11</sup> An evil *man* seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel

messenger shall be sent against him.

<sup>12</sup> Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.

<sup>13</sup> Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

<sup>14</sup> The beginning of strife *is as* when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

<sup>15</sup> He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both *are* abomination to the LORD.

<sup>16</sup> Wherefore *is there* a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing *he hath* no heart *to it*?

<sup>17</sup> A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

<sup>18</sup> A man void of understanding striketh hands, *and* becometh surety in the presence of his friend.

<sup>19</sup> He loveth transgression that loveth strife: *and* he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.

<sup>20</sup> He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.

<sup>21</sup> He that begetteth a fool *doeth it* to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.

<sup>22</sup> A merry heart doeth good *like* a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

<sup>23</sup> A wicked *man* taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment.

<sup>24</sup> Wisdom *is* before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool *are* in the ends of the earth.

<sup>25</sup> A foolish son *is* a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

<sup>26</sup> Also to punish the just *is* not good, *nor* to strike princes for equity.

<sup>27</sup> He that hath knowledge spareth his words: *and* a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.

<sup>28</sup> Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: *and* he that shutteth his lips *is esteemed* a man of understanding.