

Proverbs 18

Chapter 18

¹ THROUGH desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh *and* intermeddleth with all wisdom.

² A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.

³ When the wicked cometh, *then* cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.

⁴ The words of a man's mouth *are as* deep waters, *and* the wellspring of wisdom *as* a flowing brook.

⁵ *It is* not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

⁶ A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

⁷ A fool's mouth *is* his destruction, and his lips *are* the snare of his soul.

⁸ The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

⁹ He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

¹⁰ The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

¹¹ The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.

12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour *is* humility.

13 He that answereth a matter before he heareth *it*, it *is* folly and shame unto him.

14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

17 *He that is* first in his own cause *seemeth* just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.

18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.

19 A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong city: and *their* contentions *are* like the bars of a castle.

20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; *and* with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

22 *Whoso* findeth a wife findeth a good *thing*, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

23 The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.

24 A man *that hath* friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend *that* sticketh closer than a brother.