

# Proverbs 20

## Chapter 20

<sup>1</sup> **W**INE *is* a mocker, strong drink *is* raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

<sup>2</sup> The fear of a king *is* as the roaring of a lion: *whoso* provoketh him to anger sinneth *against* his own soul.

<sup>3</sup> *It is* an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.

<sup>4</sup> The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; *therefore* shall he beg in harvest, and *have* nothing.

<sup>5</sup> Counsel in the heart of man *is like* deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

<sup>6</sup> Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

<sup>7</sup> The just *man* walketh in his integrity: his children *are* blessed after him.

<sup>8</sup> A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes.

<sup>9</sup> Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

<sup>10</sup> Divers weights, *and* divers measures, both of them *are* alike abomination to the LORD.

<sup>11</sup> Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work *be* pure, and whether *it be* right.

12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them.

13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

14 *It is* naught, *it is* naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.

16 Take his garment that is surety *for* a stranger: and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

17 Bread of deceit *is* sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

18 *Every* purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.

19 He that goeth about *as* a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

21 An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil; *but* wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.

23 Divers weights *are* an abomination unto the LORD; and a false balance *is* not good.

24 Man's goings *are* of the LORD; how can a man then

understand his own way?

<sup>25</sup> *It is* a snare to the man *who* devoureth *that which is* holy, and after vows to make enquiry.

<sup>26</sup> A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.

<sup>27</sup> The spirit of man *is* the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

<sup>28</sup> Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.

<sup>29</sup> The glory of young men *is* their strength: and the beauty of old men *is* the gray head.

<sup>30</sup> The blueness of a wound cleanseth away evil: so *do* stripes the inward parts of the belly.