

Proverbs 21

Chapter 21

¹ THE king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, *as* the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

² Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

³ To do justice and judgment *is* more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

⁴ An high look, and a proud heart, *and* the plowing of the wicked, *is* sin.

⁵ The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; but of every one *that is* hasty only to want.

⁶ The getting of treasures by a lying tongue *is* a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

⁷ The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment.

⁸ The way of man *is* froward and strange: but *as for* the pure, his work *is* right.

⁹ *It is* better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

¹⁰ The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.

¹¹ When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.

¹² The righteous *man* wisely considereth the house of the wicked: *but God* overthroweth the wicked for *their* wickedness.

¹³ Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

¹⁴ A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.

¹⁵ *It is* joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.

¹⁶ The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

¹⁷ He that loveth pleasure *shall be* a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

¹⁸ The wicked *shall be* a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

¹⁹ *It is* better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

²⁰ *There is* treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

²¹ He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

²² A wise *man* scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

²³ Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

²⁴ Proud *and* haughty scorner *is* his name, who dealeth in proud wrath.

²⁵ The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

²⁶ He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

²⁷ The sacrifice of the wicked *is* abomination: how much more, *when* he bringeth it with a wicked mind?

²⁸ A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.

²⁹ A wicked man hardeneth his face: but *as for* the upright, he directeth his way.

³⁰ *There is* no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.

³¹ The horse *is* prepared against the day of battle: but safety *is* of the LORD.