

Psalms

Advise not the incapable.

Hurt not orphans: for they are dear to God.

Diligent study of wisdom.

Moderate Chastisement profiteth youth.

Virtues of children are joyful to the parents. Contentment with Gods will. Hope of reward.

Learn and practice wisdom.

Sobriety and Temperance.

Honor of parents.

Wisdom most precious.

See. v. 15. and 16.

Bodily and spiritual purity.

Sobriety always necessary.

Detest drunkenness.

Drunkenness is deceitful,

dangerous,

bestly,

hurtful to others,

9 Speak not in the ears of the unwise: because they will despise the doctrine of thy speech.

10 Touch not the bounds of little ones: and into the field of pupils enter not.

11 For their near kinsman is strong: and he will judge their cause against thee.

12 Let thy heart enter into doctrine: and thine ears to words of knowledge.

13 Withdraw not discipline from a child: for if thou shalt strike him with the rod, he shall not die.

14 Thou shalt strike him with the rod: and deliver his soul from hell.

15 My son, if thy mind shall be wise, my heart shall be glad with thee:

16 And my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips shall speak right things.

17 Let not thy heart envy sinners: but in the fear of our Lord be thou all the day:

18 because thou shalt have hope in the later end, and thine exaltation shall not be taken away.

19 Hear my son, & be wise: & direct thy mind in the way.

20 Be not in the Feasts of great drinkers, nor in their comessations, which contribute flesh together to eat:

21 because they that are given to drinking, and that pay shots, shall be consumed, and drowsiness shall be clothed with rags.

22 Hear thy father, that begot thee: and contemn not thy mother when she is old.

23 Bye truth, and sell not Wisdom, and doctrine, and intelligence.

24 The father of the just rejoiceth with gladness: he that hath begotten a wise man, shall rejoice in him.

25 Let thy father be glad, and thy mother, and let her rejoice that bare thee.

26 My son give me thy heart: & let thine eyes keep my ways.

27 For an harlot is a deep ditch: & a strange woman a narrow pit.

28 She lieth in wait in the way as a robber, and whom she shall see not circumspect, she will kill.

29 To whom is woe? to whose father woe? to whom brawls? to whom ditches? to whom wounds without cause? to whom blood shedding eyes?

30 Is it not to them that pass their time in wine, and study to drink out their cups?

31 Behold not wine when it waxeth yellow, when the color thereof shall shine in the glass: it goeth in pleasantly,

32 but in the end, it will bite like a snake, and as a basilisk it will pour abroad poisons.

33 Thine eyes shall see strange women, and thy heart shall speak perverse things.

34 And thou shalt be as one sleeping in the midst of the sea, and as the

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senseless, and
unsatiable.

governor fast a sleep, the stern being lost.

35 And thou shalt say: They have beaten me, but I was not grieved: they drew me, and I felt not: When shall I awake, and find wines again?

Chapter 24

Flee evil company,
lest thou be allured
to vice.

1 **EMULATE** not evil men, neither desire thou to be with them:

2 because their mind doth meditate robberies, and their lips speak deceits.

Wisdom and virtues,
not wickedness, do
prosper temporally
and spiritually.

3 By Wisdom the house shall be built, and by prudence it shall be strengthened.

4 In doctrine the cellars shall be replenished with all precious, and most beautiful substance.

Counsel in wars and
other great affairs.

5 A wise man is strong: and a learned man, strong and valiant.

6 Because war is managed by due ordering & there shall be salvation where many counsels are.

Good purposes.

7 Wisdom is high for a fool, and in the gate he shall not open his mouth.

Report well of
others.

8 He that thinketh to do evils, shall be called a fool.

Fortitude.

9 The cogitation of a fool is sin: and a detractor the abomination of men.

10 If thou despair being weary in the day of distress: thy strength shall be diminished.

Works of mercy,
according to our
hability.

11 Deliver them that are led to death: and those that are drawn to death cease not to deliver.

12 If thou say: I am not of force: he that seeth into the heart, he understandeth, and nothing deceiveth the keeper of thy soul, and he shall render to a man according to his works.

Wisdom is sweet:
and giveth hope.

13 Eat honey my son, because it is good, and the honeycomb most sweet to thy throat:

Toleration of others
imperfections:

14 so also the doctrine of Wisdom to thy soul: which when thou shalt find, thou shalt have hope in the later end, and thy hope shall not perish.

15 Lie not in wait, nor seek impiety in the house of the just, nor spoil his rest.

Without which none
liveth.

16 For seven times shall the just fall, and shall rise again: but the impious shall fall into evil.

Charity towards
enemies.

17 When thine enemy shall fall, be not glad, and in his ruin let not thy heart rejoice:

18 Lest perhaps our Lord see, and it displease him, and he take away his wrath from him.

Have peace with all:
so much as may be.

19 Contend not with the most wicked, nor emulate the impious:

Loyalty to God &
king.

20 because evil men have not hope of things to come, and the lamp of the impious shall be extinguished.

21 Fear our Lord, my son, and the king: & with detractors meddle not:

22 because their perdition shall suddenly rise: and the ruin of both who

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	knoweth?
Equity in judgment, condemning the guilty, & delivering the innocent, is very grateful to all.	23 These things also to the wise: to know a person in judgment is not good.
	24 They that say to the impious: Thou art just: peoples shall curse them, and tribes shall detest them.
	25 They that rebuke him, shall be praised: and blessing shall come upon them.
	26 He shall kiss the lips, who answereth right words.
Order in all affairs.	27 Prepare thy work abroad, and diligently till thy ground: that afterward thou mayest build thy house.
Discretion in bearing witness.	28 Be not witness without cause against thy neighbor: neither allure any man with thy lips.
Revenge not.	29 Say not: As he hath done to me, so will I do to him: I will render to every one according to his work.
Diligent labor, and vigilance to provide necessaries, and to avoid beggary.	30 I passed by the field of a slothful man, and by the vineyard of a foolish man:
	31 and behold nettles had filled it wholly, and Thorns had covered the face thereof, and the wall of stones was destroyed.
	32 Which when I had seen, I laid it in my heart, and by the example I learned discipline.
	33 A little I say, thou shalt sleep, a little thou shalt slumber, a little shalt thou join thy hands together, to rest:
	34 and as a post, poverty shall come to thee, & beggary as a man armed.

ANNOTATIONS

Chapter 24

A just man falling into venial sins is not thereby unjust, nor Gods enemy.

All sins are not mortal.

16. *Seven times shall the just fall.*) A just man, that is to say, Gods true servant, free from mortal sin, is subject during this life, to many tentations, imperfections, and may often fall into venial sins, and not lose justice, nor the true title of a just man (as here he is called) nor become the Devils servant, nor Gods enemy: but through Gods grace helping his weakness, he riseth again from small sins, still persevering in Gods favor: whereas contrariwise the impious falleth into evil, to wit, into more and more sin, through malice, and lack of grace, & riseth not so easily. And therefore the wise man here admonisheth, not to lie in wait, nor calumniously to seek impiety in the house, (that is, in the soul) of the just. For though he commit some faults, yet he riseth again, and is not impious, unjust, nor guilty of mortal crime, as the wicked man is.

Chapter 25

The 2. part.
More Parables of Salomon written by others.
Gods works are not all revealed.
Kings have some secrets.
Public justice and

1 **THESE** also are the parables of Salomon, which the men of Ezechias king of Juda wrote out.
2 It is the Glory of God to conceal the word, and the Glory of Kings to search the speech.
3 The heaven above, and the earth beneath, and the heart of Kings is inscrutable.
4 Take away the rust from silver, and there shall come forth a most pure