

- <sup>1</sup> My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:
- <sup>2</sup> For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.
- <sup>3</sup>Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:
- <sup>4</sup> So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.
- <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
- <sup>6</sup> In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
- <sup>7</sup>Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.
- <sup>8</sup> It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.
- <sup>9</sup> Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:
- <sup>10</sup> So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.
- <sup>11</sup> My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:
- <sup>12</sup> For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.
- <sup>13</sup> Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.
- <sup>14</sup> For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

- <sup>15</sup> She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.
- <sup>16</sup> Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.
- <sup>17</sup> Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.
- <sup>18</sup> She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.
- <sup>19</sup> The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.
- <sup>20</sup> By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.
- <sup>21</sup> My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:
- <sup>22</sup> So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.
- <sup>23</sup> Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

