

## PROVERBS 17

<sup>1</sup> Better is a morsel with pleasure in peace, than a house *full* of many good things and unjust sacrifices, with strife.

<sup>2</sup> A wise servant shall have rule over foolish masters, and shall divide portions among brothers.

<sup>3</sup> As silver and gold are tried in a furnace, so are choice hearts with the Lord.

<sup>4</sup> A bad man listens to the tongue of transgressors, but a righteous man pays no attention to lying lips.

<sup>5</sup> He that laughs at the poor provokes Him that made him, and he that rejoices at the destruction of another shall not be held guiltless; but he that has compassion shall find mercy.

<sup>6</sup> Children's children are the crown of old men; and their fathers are the glory of children.

Every ornament of wealth belongs to the faithful; but to the unfaithful, not even a farthing.

<sup>7</sup> Faithful lips will not suit a fool; nor lying lips a just man.

<sup>8</sup> Instruction is to them that use it a gracious reward; and wherever it may turn, it shall prosper.

<sup>9</sup> He that conceals injuries seeks love, but he that hates to hide *them* separates friends and kindred.

<sup>10</sup> A threat breaks down the heart of a wise man, but a fool, though scourged, does not understand.

<sup>11</sup> Every bad man stirs up strife, but the Lord will send out an unmerciful messenger against him.

<sup>12</sup> Care may befall a man of understanding, but fools will meditate evils.

<sup>13</sup> Whoever rewards evil for good, evil shall not be removed from his house. <sup>14</sup> Rightful rule gives power to words, but sedition and strife precede poverty.

<sup>15</sup> He that pronounces the unjust just, and the just unjust, is unclean and abominable before God.

<sup>16</sup> Why does the fool have wealth? For a senseless man cannot purchase wisdom.

He that exalts his own house seeks ruin, and he that turns aside from instruction shall fall into mischief.

<sup>17</sup> A friend loves at all times, and let brothers be useful in distress, for on this account are they born.

<sup>18</sup> A foolish man applauds and rejoices over himself, as he also that becomes surety would make himself responsible for his own friends.

<sup>19</sup> He who loves sin rejoices in strife,

<sup>20</sup> and the hard-hearted man finds no good. A man of a changeful tongue will fall into mischief,

<sup>21</sup> and the heart of a fool is grief to its possessor. A father rejoices not over an uninstructed son, but a wise son gladdens his mother.

<sup>22</sup> A glad heart promotes health, but the bones of a sorrowful man dry up.

<sup>23</sup> The ways of a man who unjustly receives gifts in his bosom do not prosper, and an ungodly man perverts the ways of righteousness.

<sup>24</sup> The countenance of a wise man is sensible, but the eyes of a fool go to the ends of the earth.

<sup>25</sup> A foolish son *is a cause of* anger to his father, and grief to her that bore him.

<sup>26</sup> *It is* not right to punish a righteous man, nor *is it* holy to plot against righteous princes.

<sup>27</sup> He that forbears to utter a harsh word is discreet, and a patient man is wise.

<sup>28</sup> Wisdom shall be imputed to a fool who asks after wisdom, and he who holds his peace shall seem to be sensible.