

## PROVERBS 18

<sup>1</sup> A man who wishes to separate from friends seeks excuses, but at all times he will be liable to reproach.

<sup>2</sup> A senseless man feels no need of wisdom, for he is rather led by folly.

<sup>3</sup> When an ungodly man comes into a depth of evils, he despises *them*; but dishonor and reproach come upon him.

<sup>4</sup> A word in the heart of a man is a deep water, and a river and fountain of life spring forth.

<sup>5</sup> *It is* not good to accept the person of the ungodly, nor is it holy to pervert justice in judgment.

<sup>6</sup> The lips of a fool bring him into troubles, and his bold mouth calls for death.

<sup>7</sup> A fool's mouth is ruin to him, and his lips are a snare to his soul.

<sup>8</sup> Fear casts down the slothful, and the souls of the effeminate shall hunger.

<sup>9</sup> A man who does not help himself by his labor is brother to him that destroys himself.

<sup>10</sup> The name of the Lord is of majestic power; and the righteous run to it *and* are exalted.

<sup>11</sup> The wealth of a rich man is a strong city, and its glory casts a broad shadow.

<sup>12</sup> Before ruin a man's heart is exalted, and before honor it is humble.

<sup>13</sup> Whoever answers a word before he hears *a cause*, it is folly and reproach to him.

<sup>14</sup> A wise servant calms a man's anger, but who can endure a faint-hearted man?

<sup>15</sup> The heart of the sensible man purchases discretion, and the ears of the wise seek understanding.

<sup>16</sup> A man's gift enlarges him, and seats him among princes.

<sup>17</sup> A righteous man accuses himself at the beginning of his speech, but when he has entered upon the attack, the adversary is reprov'd.

<sup>18</sup> A silent *man* quells strife, and determines among the mighty.

<sup>19</sup> A brother helped by a brother is as a strong and high city, and is as strong as a well-founded palace.

<sup>20</sup> A man fills his belly with the fruits of his mouth, and he shall be satisfied with the fruits of his lips.

<sup>21</sup> Life and death are in the power of the tongue, and they that rule it shall eat the fruits thereof.

<sup>22</sup> He that has found a good wife has found favor, and has received favor from God.

He that puts away a good wife, puts away a good thing, and he that keeps an adulteress is foolish and ungodly.

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