

## PROVERBS 20

<sup>1</sup> Wine is a mocker, and strong drink full of violence; and every fool is entangled with them.

<sup>2</sup> The threat of a king does not differ from the rage of a lion; and he that provokes him sins against his own soul. <sup>3</sup> *It is* an honor to a man to turn aside from railing, but every fool is entangled with such matters.

<sup>4</sup> A sluggard when reproached is not ashamed; so also he who borrows grain in harvest.

<sup>5</sup> Counsel in a man's heart is deep water, but a prudent man will draw it out.

<sup>6</sup> A man is valuable and a merciful man precious, but it is hard to find a faithful man.

<sup>7</sup> He that walks blameless in justice shall leave his children blessed.

<sup>8</sup> Whenever a righteous king sits on the throne, no evil thing can stand before his presence.

<sup>9</sup> Who will boast that he has a pure heart? Or who will boldly say that he is pure from sins?

<sup>10</sup> Diverse weights and diverse measures are an abomination in the eyes of the Lord, and so is he that makes them.

<sup>11</sup> A youth *when in company* with a godly man, will be restrained in his devices, and then his way will be straight.

<sup>12</sup> The ear hears, and the eye sees; even both of them are the Lord's work. <sup>13</sup> Love not to speak ill, lest you be cut off: open your eyes, and be filled with bread.

<sup>14</sup> (This verse omitted in LXX)

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<sup>20</sup> The lamp of him that reviles father or mother shall be put out, and his eyes shall see darkness.

<sup>21</sup> A portion hastily gotten at first shall not be blessed in the end.

<sup>22</sup> Do not say, "I will avenge myself on my enemy," but wait on the Lord, that He may help you.

<sup>23</sup> A double weight is an abomination to the Lord, and a deceitful balance is not good in His sight.

<sup>24</sup> A man's steps are directed by the Lord: how then can a mortal understand His ways?

<sup>25</sup> It is a snare to a man hastily to consecrate some of his own property: for *in that case* repentance comes after vowing.

<sup>26</sup> A wise king utterly crushes the ungodly, and will bring a wheel upon them.

<sup>27</sup> The spirit of man is a light of the Lord, who searches the inmost parts of the belly.

<sup>28</sup> Mercy and truth are a guard to a king, and will surround his throne with righteousness.

<sup>29</sup> Wisdom is an ornament to young men, and gray hairs are the glory of old men.

<sup>30</sup> Bruises and contusions befall bad men, and plagues *shall come* in the inward parts of their belly.