

## PROVERBS 25

<sup>1</sup> These are the proverbs of Solomon, which the friends of Hezekiah king of Judea transcribed.

<sup>2</sup> The glory of God obscures a matter, but the glory of a king honors business. <sup>3</sup> Heaven is high, and earth is deep, and a king's heart is unsearchable.

<sup>4</sup> Beat the drossy silver, and it shall be made entirely pure.

<sup>5</sup> Slay the ungodly from before the king, and his throne shall prosper in righteousness.

<sup>6</sup> Do not be boastful in the presence of the king, and do not remain in the places of princes;

<sup>7</sup> for *it is* better for you that it should be said, "Come up to me," than that one should humble you in the presence of the prince; speak of that which your eyes have seen.

<sup>8</sup> Do not enter hastily into a quarrel, lest you repent at last.

<sup>9</sup> Whenever your friend shall reproach you, retreat backward, do not despise *him*;

<sup>10</sup> lest your friend continue to reproach you, so your quarrel and enmity shall not depart, but shall be to you like death.

Favor and friendship set a man free, which you shall keep for yourself, lest you be made liable to reproach; but take heed to your ways peaceably.

<sup>11</sup> As a golden apple in a necklace of sardius, so *is it* to speak a wise word.

<sup>12</sup> In an earring of gold a precious sardius is also set; so is a wise word to an obedient ear.

<sup>13</sup> As the falling of snow in the time of harvest is good against heat, so a faithful messenger *refreshes* those that send him; for he helps the souls of his employers.

<sup>14</sup> As winds and clouds and rains are conspicuous things, so is he that boasts of a false gift.

<sup>15</sup> In long suffering is prosperity to kings, and a soft tongue breaks the bones.

<sup>16</sup> Having found honey, eat *only* what is enough, lest haply you be filled, and vomit it up.

<sup>17</sup> Enter sparingly into your friend's house, lest he be wearied with your company, and hate you.

<sup>18</sup> As a club, and a dagger, and a pointed arrow, so also is a man who bears false witness against his friend.

<sup>19</sup> The way of the wicked and the foot of the transgressor shall perish in an evil day.

<sup>20</sup> As vinegar is bad for a sore, so trouble befalling the body afflicts the heart.

As a moth in a garment, and a worm in wood, so the grief of a man hurts the heart.

<sup>21</sup> If your enemy hungers, feed him; if he thirsts, give him drink;

<sup>22</sup> for so doing you shall heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward you with good.

<sup>23</sup> The north wind raises clouds; so an impudent face provokes the tongue. <sup>24</sup> *It is* better to dwell on a corner of the rooftop than in a house shared with a scolding woman.

<sup>25</sup> As cold water is agreeable to a thirsting soul, so is a good message from a far away land.

<sup>26</sup> As if one should stop a well, and corrupt a spring of water, so is it unseemly for a righteous man to fall before an ungodly man.

<sup>27</sup> *It is* not good to eat too much honey, but it is right to honor glorious words.

<sup>28</sup> As a city whose walls are broken down, and which is unfortified, so is a man who does anything without counsel.