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- (4) Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice *is* to the sons of man.
- (5) O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.
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- (7) For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness *is* an abomination to my lips.
- (8) All the words of my mouth *are* in righteousness; *there is* nothing froward or perverse in them.
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- (10) Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.
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- (9) Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning.
- (10) The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.
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- (13) A foolish woman *is* clamorous: *she is* simple, and knoweth nothing.
- (14) For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,
- (15) To call passengers who go right on their ways:
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