

{20} Proverbs

King James Version

(26) Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.
 (27) Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

Chapter 5

(1) My son, attend unto my wisdom, *and* bow thine ear to my understanding:
 (2) That thou mayest regard discretion, and *that* thy lips may keep knowledge.
 (3) For the lips of a strange woman drop *as* an honeycomb, and her mouth *is* smoother than oil:
 (4) But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword.
 (5) Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.
 (6) Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, *that* thou canst not know *them*.
 (7) Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.
 (8) Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:
 (9) Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:
 (10) Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours *be* in the house of a stranger;
 (11) And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,
 (12) And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;
 (13) And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!

King James Paraphrase

(26) Consider the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established.
 (27) Do not turn to the right hand nor to the left: remove your foot from evil.

Chapter 5

(1) My son, pay attention to my wisdom, *and* bow your ear to my understanding:
 (2) That you may regard discretion, and *that* your lips may keep knowledge.
 (3) Because the lips of a strange woman {prostitute; unbeliever}^a drop *as* an honeycomb, and her mouth *is* smoother than oil:
 (4) But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.
 (5) Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.
 (6) Lest you should ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, *that* you cannot know *them*.
 (7) Listen to me now therefore, you children, and do not depart from the words of my mouth.
 (8) Remove your way far from her, and do not come near to the door of her house:
 (9) Lest you give your honor to others, and your years to the cruel:
 (10) Lest strangers be filled with your wealth; and your labors *be* in the house of a stranger;
 (11) And you mourn at the last, when your flesh and your body are consumed,
 (12) And say, How I have hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;
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5:3a – see note on Prov. 2:16

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- (14) I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.
(15) Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.
(16) Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, *and* rivers of waters in the streets.
(17) Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.
(18) Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.
(19) *Let her be as* the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.
(20) And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?
(21) For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.
(22) His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.
(23) He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

Chapter 6

- (1) My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, *if* thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger,
(2) Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.
(3) Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.

King James Paraphrase

- (14) I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.
(15) Drink waters out of your own cistern {water tank}, and running waters out of your own well.
(16) Let your fountains be dispersed abroad, *and* rivers of waters in the streets.
(17) Let them be only your own, and not strangers' with you.
(18) Let your fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of your youth.
(19) *Let her be as* the loving deer and pleasant doe; let her breasts satisfy you at all times; and be ravished always with her love.
(20) And why will you, my son, be ravished with a strange woman {prostitute}, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?
(21) Because the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah}, and He considers all he does.
(22) His own sins will take the wicked himself, and he will be held with the cords of his sins.
(23) He will die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he will go astray.

Chapter 6

- (1) My son, if you are surety {made a promise; cosigner} for your friend, *if* you have shook hands in a pledge with a stranger,
(2) You become snared with the words of your mouth, you are taken with the words of your mouth.
(3) Do this now, my son, and deliver yourself, when you have come into the hand of your friend; go, humble yourself, and make sure your friend.

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(4) Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.
(5) Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of *the hunter*, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.
(6) Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:
(7) Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,
(8) Provideth her meat in the summer, *and* gathereth her food in the harvest.
(9) How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?
(10) *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:
(11) So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.
(12) A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.
(13) He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;
(14) Frowardness *is* in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord.
(15) Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.
(16) These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him:
(17) A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,
(18) An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,
(19) A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

(4) Do not give sleep to your eyes, nor rest to your eyelids.
(5) Deliver yourself as a doe from the hand of *the hunter*, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler {bird catcher}.
(6) Consider the ant, you who are lazy;^a consider her ways, and be wise:
(7) Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,
(8) Provides her food in the summer, *and* gathers her food in the harvest.
(9) How long will you sleep, lazy one? when will you arise out of your sleep?
(10) *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:
(11) So your poverty will come as one that travels, and your want as an armed man.
(12) A naughty person, a wicked man, walks with a perverse mouth.
(13) He winks with his eyes, he speaks with his feet, he teaches with his fingers;
(14) Perverseness *is* in his heart, he devises mischief continually; he sows discord.
(15) Therefore his calamity will come suddenly; suddenly he will be broken without remedy.
(16) These six *things* the LORD {Jehovah} hates: yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him:
(17) A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,
(18) A heart that devises wicked imaginations, feet that are swift in running to mischief,
(19) A false witness *who* speaks lies, and he who sows discord among brothers.

6:6a - sluggard - lazy person - person who could work, but won't

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(20) My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
(21) Bind them continually upon thine heart, *and* tie them about thy neck.
(22) When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and *when* thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.
(23) For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life:
(24) To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.
(25) Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.
(26) For by means of a whorish woman *a man is brought* to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.
(27) Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?
(28) Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?
(29) So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.
(30) *Men* do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;
(31) But *if* he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.
(32) *But* whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he *that* doeth it destroyeth his own soul.
(33) A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

(20) My son, keep your father's commandment, and do not forsake the law of your mother:
(21) Bind them continually upon your heart, *and* tie them around your neck.
(22) When you go, it will lead you; when you sleep, it will keep you; and *when* you awake, it will talk with you.
(23) Because the commandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life:
(24) To keep you from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman {unbeliever; prostitute}.
(25) Do not lust after her beauty in your heart; neither let her take you with her eyelids.
(26) Because by means of a prostitute *a man is brought* to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.
(27) Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?
(28) Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?
(29) So he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; whoever touches her will not be innocent.
(30) *Men* do not despise a thief, if he steals to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;
(31) But *if* he is found, he will restore sevenfold; he will give all the substance of his house.
(32) *But* whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding: he *who* does it destroys his own soul.
(33) A wound and dishonor he will receive; and his reproach will not be wiped away.

