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 (26) The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the LORD: but *the words* of the pure *are* pleasant words.
 (27) He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.
 (28) The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.
 (29) The LORD *is* far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.
 (30) The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: *and* a good report maketh the bones fat.
 (31) The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.
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(14) The wrath of a king *is as* messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.
(15) In the light of the king's countenance *is* life; and his favour *is as* a cloud of the latter rain.
(16) How much better *is it* to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!
(17) The highway of the upright *is* to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.
(18) Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.
(19) Better *it is to be* of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.
(20) He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy *is* he.
(21) The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.
(22) Understanding *is* a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools *is* folly.
(23) The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.
(24) Pleasant words *are as* an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.
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(27) An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips *there is* as a burning fire.
(28) A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.
(29) A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way *that is* not good.
(30) He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.
(31) The hoary head *is* a crown of glory, *if* it be found in the way of righteousness.
(32) *He that is* slow to anger *is* better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.
(33) The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof *is* of the LORD.

Chapter 17

(1) Better *is* a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices *with* strife.
(2) A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.
(3) The fining pot *is* for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.
(4) A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; *and* a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.
(5) Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: *and* he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.
(6) Children's children *are* the crown of old men; and the glory of children *are* their fathers.

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17:3a – refining pot - crucible