

{20} Proverbs

King James Version

(9) Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.
 (10) Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:
 (11) For their redeemer is mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee.
 (12) Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.
 (13) Withhold not correction from the child: for *if* thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.
 (14) Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.
 (15) My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.
 (16) Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.
 (17) Let not thine heart envy sinners: but *be thou* in the fear of the LORD all the day long.
 (18) For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.
 (19) Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.
 (20) Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:
 (21) For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags.
 (22) Harken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.
 (23) Buy the truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

King James Paraphrase

(9) Do not speak in the ears of a fool:^a because he will despise the wisdom of your words.
 (10) Do not remove the old landmark; and do not enter into the fields of the fatherless:
 (11) Because their Redeemer is mighty; He will plead their cause with you.
 (12) Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge.
 (13) Do not withhold correction from the child: because *if* thou beat him with the rod, he will not die.
 (14) You will beat him with the rod, and will deliver his soul from hell.
 (15) My son, if your heart is wise, my heart will rejoice, even mine.
 (16) Yes, my reins {heart} will rejoice, when your lips speak right things.
 (17) Do not let your heart envy sinners: but *be* in the fear {reverence} of the LORD {Jehovah} all the day long.
 (18) Because surely there is an end; and your hope will not be cut off.
 (19) Listen, my son, and be wise, and guide your heart in the way.
 (20) Do not be among drunkards; among riotous eaters of food {gluttons}:
 (21) Because the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty: and drowsiness will clothe *a man* with rags.
 (22) Listen to your father who fathered you, and do not despise your mother when she is old.
 (23) Buy the truth, and do not sell *it*; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

23:9a – see Mat. 7:6

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(24) The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise *child* shall have joy of him.
(25) Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.
(26) My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.
(27) For a whore *is* a deep ditch; and a strange woman *is* a narrow pit.
(28) She also lieth in wait as *for* a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men.
(29) Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?
(30) They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.
(31) Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright.
(32) At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.
(33) Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.
(34) Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.
(35) They have stricken me, *shalt thou say*, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt *it* not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

(24) The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice: and he who fathers a wise *child* will have his joy .
(25) Your father and your mother will be glad, and she who bore you will rejoice.
(26) My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways.
(27) Because a prostitute *is* a deep ditch; and a strange woman {prostitute; unbeliever} *is* a narrow pit.
(28) She also lies in wait as *for* a prey, and increases the sinners among men.
(29) Who has woe? who has sorrow? who has contentions? who has babbling? who has wounds without cause? who has redness of eyes?
(30) Those who tarry long at the wine; those who go to seek mixed wine.
(31) Do not look upon the wine when it is red, when it gives its color in the cup, *when* it goes down smoothly.
(32) At the last it bites like a snake, and strikes like a viper.
(33) Your eyes will see strange women, and your heart will speak perverse things.
(34) Yes, you will be as he who lies down in the midst of the sea, or as he who lies upon the top of a mast.
(35) They have stricken me, *you will say*, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I did not feel *it*: when will I awake? I will seek it yet again.