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The Book of Proverbs stands as one of Scripture's most profound repositories of divine wisdom, offering timeless instruction for day-to-day Godly living, moral discernment, and the cultivation of righteous character. This volume presents Proverbs in a parallel format featuring the 1611 King James Version, translated from the Masoretic Hebrew Text, alongside Sir Lancelot Brenton's 1851 English translation of the Septuagint, the ancient Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament completed before the first century A.D. This layout allows readers to engage directly with both the Hebrew and Greek traditions of the text, enriching their study through careful comparison.

Because the Masoretic Text and the Septuagint at times differ in wording, structure, and emphasis, reading them side by side can illuminate nuances that might otherwise go unnoticed. In several New Testament passages, the apostles themselves quote from both textual traditions. The Apostles James and Peter cite Proverbs 3:34 according to the Septuagint (James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5), the Apostle Paul quotes Proverbs 25:21 from the Septuagint in Romans 12:20, the writer of Hebrews draws on the Septuagint form of Proverbs 3:11 in Hebrews 12:5–6. These examples highlight the value of consulting both texts, inviting readers to a deeper and more informed understanding of the wisdom handed down to us.

In Service to King Jesus,  
Pastor Matthew Dyer

## CHAPTER 1 – KJV

1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;

2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;

3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

5 A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

7 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

9 For they *shall be* an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:

12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:

## CHAPTER 1 – Brenton LXX

1 The Proverbs of Solomon son of David, who reigned in Israel;

2 to know wisdom and instruction, and to perceive words of understanding;

3 to receive also hard saying, and to understand true justice, and how to direct judgment;

4 that he might give subtilty to the simple, and to the young man discernment and understanding.

5 For by the hearing of these a wise man will be wiser, and man of understanding will gain direction;

6 and will understand a parable, and a dark speech; the saying of the wise also, and riddles.

7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and there is good understanding to all that practise it: and piety toward God is the beginning of discernment; but the ungodly will set at nought wisdom and instruction.

8 Hear, my son, the instruction of thy father, and reject not the rules of thy mother.

9 For thou shalt receive for thine head a crown of graces, and a chain of gold round thy neck.

10 My son, let not ungodly men lead thee astray, neither consent thou to them.

11 If they should exhort thee, saying, Come with us, partake in blood, and let us unjustly hide the just man in the earth:

12 and let us swallow him alive, as Hades would, and remove the memorial of him from the earth:

## CHAPTER 1 – KJV

13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:

14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:

15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:

16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.

18 And they lay wait for their *own* blood; they lurk privily for their *own* lives.

19 So *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

20 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, *saying*,

22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

## CHAPTER 1 – Brenton LXX

13 let us seize on his valuable property, and let us fill our houses with spoils:

14 but do thou cast in thy lot with us, and let us all provide a common purse, and let us have one pouch:

15 go not in the way with them, but turn aside thy foot from their paths:

17 for nets are not without cause spread for birds.

18 For they that are concerned in murder store up evils for themselves; and the overthrow of transgressors is evil.

19 These are the ways of all that perform lawless deeds; for by ungodliness they destroy their own life.

20 Wisdom sings aloud in passages, and in the broad places speaks boldly.

21 And she makes proclamation on the top of the walls, and sits by the gates of princes; and at the gates of the city boldly says,

22 So long as the simple cleave to justice, they shall not be ashamed: but the foolish being lovers of haughtiness, having become ungodly have hated knowledge, and are become subject to reproofs.

23 Behold, I will bring forth to you the utterance of my breath, and I will instruct you in my speech.

24 Since I called, and ye did not hearken; and I spoke at length, and ye gave no heed;

**CHAPTER 1 – KJV**

**25** But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

**26** I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

**27** When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

**28** Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

**29** For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

**30** They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

**31** Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

**32** For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

**33** But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

**CHAPTER 1 – Brenton LXX**

**25** but ye set at nought my counsels, and disregarded my reproofs;

**26** therefore I also will laugh at your destruction; and I will rejoice against you when ruin comes upon you:

**27** yea when dismay suddenly comes upon you, and your overthrow shall arrive like a tempest; and when tribulation and distress shall come upon you, or when ruin shall come upon you.

**28** For it shall be that when ye call upon me, I will not hearken to you: wicked men shall seek me, but shall not find me.

**29** For they hated wisdom, and did not choose the word of the Lord:

**30** neither would they attend to my counsels, but derided my reproofs.

**31** Therefore shall they eat the fruits of their own way, and shall be filled with their own ungodliness.

**32** For because they wronged the simple, they shall be slain; and an inquisition shall ruin the ungodly.

**33** But he that hearkens to me shall dwell in confidence, and shall rest securely from all evil.

## CHAPTER 2 – KJV

1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding;

3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* liftest up thy voice for understanding;

4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures;

5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding.

7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: *he is* a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.

9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; *yea*, every good path.

10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;

11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:

12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil *man*, from the man that speaketh froward things;

## CHAPTER 2 – Brenton LXX

1 My son, if thou wilt receive the utterance of my commandment, and hide it with thee;

2 thine ear shall hearken to wisdom; thou shalt also apply thine heart to understanding, and shalt apply it to the instruction of thy son.

3 For it thou shalt call to wisdom, and utter thy voice for understanding;

4 and if thou shalt seek it as silver, and search diligently for it as for treasures;

5 then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

6 For the Lord gives wisdom; and from his presence come knowledge and understanding,

7 and he treasures up salvation for them that walk uprightly: he will protect their way;

8 that he may guard the righteous ways: and he will preserve the way of them that fear him.

9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment; and shalt direct all thy course aright.

10 For if wisdom shall come into thine understanding, and discernment shall seem pleasing to thy soul,

11 good counsel shall guard thee, and holy understanding shall keep thee;

12 to deliver thee from the evil way, and from the man that speaks nothing faithfully.

## CHAPTER 2 – KJV

**13** Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;

**14** Who rejoice to do evil, *and* delight in the frowardness of the wicked;

**15** Whose ways *are* crooked, and *they* froward in their paths:

**16** To deliver thee from the strange woman, *even* from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words;

**17** Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.

**18** For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.

**19** None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.

**20** That thou mayest walk in the way of good *men*, and keep the paths of the righteous.

**21** For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.

**22** But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

## CHAPTER 2 – Brenton LXX

**13** Alas for those who forsake right paths, to walk in ways of darkness;

**14** who rejoice in evils, and delight in wicked perverseness;

**15** whose paths are crooked, and their courses winding;

**16** to remove thee far from the straight way, and to estrange thee from a righteous purpose. My son, let not evil counsel overtake thee,

**17** of her who has forsaken the instruction of her youth, and forgotten the covenant of God.

**18** For she has fixed her house near death, and guided her wheels near Hades with the giants.

**19** None that go by her shall return, neither shall they take hold of right paths, for they are not apprehended of the years of life.

**20** For had they gone in good paths, they would have found the paths of righteousness easy.

**21** For the upright shall dwell in the earth, and the holy shall be left behind in it.

**22** The paths of the ungodly shall perish out of the earth, and transgressors shall be driven away from it.

### CHAPTER 3 – KJV

1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

11 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: <sup>1</sup>

12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

13 Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding.

### CHAPTER 3 – Brenton LXX

1 My son, forget not my laws; but let thine heart keep my words:

2 for length of existence, and years of life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; but bind them about thy neck:

4 so shalt thou find favour: and do thou provide things honest in the sight of the Lord, and of men.

5 Trust in God with all thine heart; and be not exalted in thine own wisdom.

6 In all thy ways acquaint thyself with her, that she may rightly direct thy paths.

7 Be not wise in thine own conceit; but fear God, and depart from all evil.

8 Then shall there be health to thy body, and good keeping to thy bones.

9 Honour the Lord with thy just labours, and give him the first of thy fruits of righteousness:

10 that thy storehouses may be completely filled with corn, and that thy presses may burst forth with wine.

11 My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

12 for whom the Lord loves, he rebukes, and scourges every son whom he receives.

Blessed Is the One Who Finds Wisdom

13 Blessed is the man who has found wisdom, and the mortal who knows prudence.

## CHAPTER 3 – KJV

14 For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

15 She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

16 Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour.

17 Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace.

18 She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is every one* that retaineth her.

19 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

20 By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

21 My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:

22 So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.

23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

## CHAPTER 3 – Brenton LXX

14 For it is better to traffic for her, than for treasures of gold and silver.

15 And she is more valuable than precious stones: no evil thing shall resist her: she is well known to all that approach her, and no precious thing is equal to her in value.

16 For length of existence and years of life are in her right hand; and in her left hand are wealth and glory: out of her mouth proceeds righteousness, and she carries law and mercy upon her tongue.

17 Her ways are good ways, and all her paths are peaceful.

18 She is a tree of life to all that lay hold upon her; and she is a secure help to all that stay themselves on her, as on the Lord.

19 God by wisdom founded the earth, and by prudence he prepared the heavens.

20 By understanding were the depths broken up, and the clouds dropped water.

21 My son, let them not pass from thee, but keep my counsel and understanding:

22 that thy soul may live, and that there may be grace round thy neck; and it shall be health to thy flesh, and safety to thy bones:

23 that thou mayest go confidently in peace in all thy ways, and that thy foot may not stumble.

24 For if thou rest, thou shalt be undismayed; and if thou sleep, thou shalt slumber sweetly.

## CHAPTER 3 – KJV

**25** Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.

**26** For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

**27** Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do *it*.

**28** Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.

**29** Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.

**30** Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

**31** Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.

**32** For the froward *is* abomination to the LORD: but his secret *is* with the righteous.

**33** The curse of the LORD *is* in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.

**34** Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

**35** The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

## CHAPTER 3 – Brenton LXX

**25** And thou shalt not be afraid of alarm coming upon thee, neither of approaching attacks of ungodly men.

**26** For the Lord shall be over all thy ways, and shall establish thy foot that thou be not moved.

**27** Forbear not to do good to the poor, whensoever thy hand may have power to help him.

**28** Say not, Come back another time, to-morrow I will give; while thou art able to do him good: for thou knowest not what the next day will bring forth.

**29** Devise not evil against thy friend, living near thee and trusting in thee.

**30** Be not ready to quarrel with a man without a cause, lest he do thee some harm.

**31** Procure not the reproaches of bad men, neither do thou covet their ways.

**32** For every transgressor is unclean before the Lord; neither does he sit among the righteous.

**33** The curse of God is in the houses of the ungodly; but the habitations of the just are blessed.

**34** The Lord resists the proud; but he gives grace to the humble. <sup>ii</sup>

**35** The wise shall inherit glory; but the ungodly have exalted their own dishonour.

## CHAPTER 4 – KJV

1 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.

3 For I was my father's son, tender and only *beloved* in the sight of my mother.

4 He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

5 Get wisdom, get understanding: forget *it* not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.

7 Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

13 Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.

## CHAPTER 4 – Brenton LXX

1 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

2 For I give you a good gift; forsake ye not my law.

3 For I also was a son obedient to my father, and loved in the sight of my mother:

4 who spoke and instructed me, saying, Let our speech be fixed in thine heart, keep our commandments, forget them not:

5 and do not neglect the speech of my mouth.

6 And forsake it not, and it shall cleave to thee: love it, and it shall keep thee.

8 Secure it, and it shall exalt thee: honour it, that it may embrace thee;

9 that it may give unto thy head a crown of graces, and may cover thee with a crown of delight.

10 Hear, my son, and receive my words; and the years of thy life shall be increased, that the resources of thy life may be many.

11 For I teach thee the ways of wisdom; and I cause thee to go in right paths.

12 For when thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not be distressed.

13 Take hold of my instruction; let it not go, —but keep it for thyself for thy life.

## CHAPTER 4 – KJV

14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*.

15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

16 For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause *some* to fall.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18 But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

19 The way of the wicked *is* as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

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 4 – Brenton LXX

14 Go not in the ways of the ungodly, neither covet the ways of transgressors.

15 In whatever place they shall pitch their camp, go not thither; but turn from them, and pass away.

16 For they cannot sleep, unless they have done evil: their sleep is taken away, and they rest not.

17 For these live upon the bread of ungodliness, and are drunken with wine of transgression.

18 But the ways of the righteous shine like light; they go on and shine, until the day be fully come.

19 But the ways of the ungodly are dark; they know not how they stumble.

20 My son, attend to my speech; and apply thine ear to my words:

21 that thy fountains may not fail thee; keep them in thine heart.

22 For they are life to those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

23 Keep thine heart with the utmost care; for out of these are the issues of life.

24 Remove from thee a froward mouth, and put far away from thee unjust lips.

25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids assent to just things.

26 Make straight paths for thy feet, and order thy ways aright.

27 Turn not aside to the right hand nor to the left, but turn away thy foot from an evil way: [for God knows the ways on the right hand, but those on the left are crooked:] and he will make thy ways straight, and will guide thy steps in peace.

## CHAPTER 5 – KJV

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 shouldst 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!

14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

## CHAPTER 5 – Brenton LXX

1 My son, attend to my wisdom, and apply thine ear to my words;

2 that thou mayest keep good understanding, and the discretion of my lips gives thee a charge. Give no heed to a worthless woman;

3 for honey drops from the lips of a harlot, who for a season pleases thy palate:

4 but afterwards thou wilt find her more bitter than gall, and sharper than a two-edged sword.

5 For the feet of folly lead those who deal with her down to the grave with death; and her steps are not established.

6 For she goes not upon the paths of life; but her ways are slippery, and not easily known.

7 Now then, my son, hear me, and make not my words of none effect.

8 Remove thy way far from her; draw not near to the doors of her house:

9 lest thou give away thy life to others, and thy substance to the merciless:

10 lest strangers be filled with thy strength, and thy labours come into the houses of strangers;

11 And thou repent at last, when the flesh of thy body is consumed,

12 and thou shalt say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart avoided reproofs!

13 I heard not the voice of him that instructed me, and taught me, neither did I apply mine ear.

14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

## CHAPTER 5 – KJV

**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 5 – Brenton LXX

**15** Drink waters out of thine own vessels, and out of thine own springing wells.

**16** Let not waters out of thy fountain be spilt by thee, but let thy waters go into thy streets.

**17** Let them be only thine own, and let no stranger partake with thee.

**18** Let thy fountain of water be truly thine own; and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

**19** Let thy loving hart and thy graceful colt company with thee, and let her be considered thine own, and be with thee at all times; for ravished with her love thou shalt be greatly increased.

**20** Be not intimate with a strange woman, neither fold thyself in the arms of a woman not thine own.

**21** For the ways of a man are before the eyes of God, and he looks on all his paths.

**22** Iniquities ensnare a man, and every one is bound in the chains of his own sins.

**23** Such a man dies with the uninstructed; and he is cast forth from the abundance of his own substance, and has perished through folly.

## CHAPTER 6 – KJV

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.

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:

## CHAPTER 6 – Brenton LXX

1 My son, if thou become surety for thy friend, thou shalt deliver thine hand to an enemy.

2 For a man's own lips become a strong snare to him, and he is caught with the lips of his own mouth.

3 My son, do what I command thee, and deliver thyself; for on thy friend's account thou art come into the power of evil men: faint not, but stir up even thy friend for whom thou art become surety.

4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber with thine eyelids;

5 that thou mayest deliver thyself as a doe out of the toils, and as a bird out of a snare.

6 Go to the ant, O sluggard; and see, and emulate his ways, and become wiser than he.

7 For whereas he has no husbandry, nor any one to compel him, and is under no master,

8 he prepares food for himself in the summer, and lays by abundant store in harvest. Or go to the bee, and learn how diligent she is, and how earnestly she is engaged in her work; whose labours kings and private men use for health, and she is desired and respected by all: though weak in body, she is advanced by honouring wisdom.

9 How long wilt thou lie, O sluggard? and when wilt thou awake out of sleep?

10 Thou sleepest a little, and thou retest a little, and thou slumberest a short time, and thou foldest thine arms over thy breast a little.

## CHAPTER 6 – KJV

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.

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.

## CHAPTER 6 – Brenton LXX

11 Then poverty comes upon thee as an evil traveller, and want as a swift courier: but if thou be diligent, thine harvest shall arrive as a fountain, and poverty shall flee away as a bad courier.

12 A foolish man and a transgressor goes in ways that are not good.

13 And the same winks with the eye, and makes a sign with his foot, and teaches with the beckonings of his fingers.

14 His perverse heart devises evils: at all times such a one causes troubles to a city.

15 Therefore his destruction shall come suddenly; overthrow and irretrievable ruin.

16 For he rejoices in all things which God hates, and he is ruined by reason of impurity of soul.

17 The eye of the haughty, a tongue unjust, hands shedding the blood of the just;

18 and a heart devising evil thoughts, and feet hastening to do evil,—are hateful to God.

19 An unjust witness kindles falsehoods, and brings on quarrels between brethren.

20 My son, keep the laws of thy father, and reject not the ordinances of thy mother:

21 but bind them upon thy soul continually, and hang them as a chain about thy neck.

22 Whosoever thou walkest, lead this along and let it be with thee; that it may talk with thee when thou wakest.

## CHAPTER 6 – KJV

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.

34 For jealousy *is* the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

35 He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

## CHAPTER 6 – Brenton LXX

23 For the commandment of the law is a lamp and a light; a way of life; reproof also and correction:

24 to keep thee continually from a married woman; and from the calumny of a strange tongue.

25 Let not the desire of beauty overcome thee, neither be thou caught by thine eyes, neither be captivated with her eyelids.

26 For the value of a harlot is as much as of one loaf; and a woman hunts for the precious souls of men.

27 Shall any one bind fire in his bosom, and not burn his garments?

28 or will any one walk on coals of fire, and not burn his feet?

29 So is he that goes in to a married woman; he shall not be held guiltless, neither any one that touches her.

30 It is not to be wondered at if one should be taken stealing, for he steals that when hungry he may satisfy his soul:

31 but if he should be taken, he shall repay sevenfold, and shall deliver himself by giving all his goods.

32 But the adulterer through want of sense procures destruction to his soul.

33 He endures both pain and disgrace, and his reproach shall never be wiped off.

34 For the soul of her husband is full of jealousy: he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

35 He will not forego his enmity for any ransom: neither will he be reconciled for many gifts.

## CHAPTER 7 – KJV

1 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.

2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

3 Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

4 Say unto wisdom, Thou *art* my sister; and call understanding *thy* kinswoman:

5 That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words.

6 For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,

7 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,

8 Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house,

9 In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night:

10 And, behold, there met him a woman *with* the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.

11 (She *is* loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house:

12 Now *is she* without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)

13 So she caught him, and kissed him, *and* with an impudent face said unto him,

## CHAPTER 7 – Brenton LXX

1 My son, keep my words, and hide with thee my commandments. My son, honour the Lord, and thou shalt be strong; and fear none but him:

2 keep my commandments, and thou shalt live; and keep my words as the pupils of thine eyes.

3 And bind them on thy fingers, and write them on the table of thine heart.

4 Say that wisdom is thy sister, and gain prudence as an acquaintance for thyself;

5 that she may keep thee from the strange and wicked woman, if she should assail thee with flattering words.

6 For she looks from a window out of her house into the streets, at one whom she may see of the senseless ones, a young man void of understanding,

7 passing by the corner in the passages near her house,

8 and speaking, in the dark of the evening,

9 when there happens to be the stillness of night and of darkness:

10 and the woman meets him having the appearance of a harlot, that causes the hearts of young men to flutter.

11 And she is fickle, and debauched, and her feet abide not at home.

12 For at one time she wanders without, and at another time she lies in wait in the streets, at every corner.

13 Then she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said to him,

## CHAPTER 7 – KJV

14 *I have* peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows.

15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.

16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved *works*, with fine linen of Egypt.

17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves.

19 For the goodman *is* not at home, he is gone a long journey:

20 He hath taken a bag of money with him, *and* will come home at the day appointed.

21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him.

22 He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;

23 Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it *is* for his life.

24 Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth.

25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.

26 For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong *men* have been slain by her.

27 Her house *is* the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

## CHAPTER 7 – Brenton LXX

14 I have a peace-offering; today I pay my vows:

15 therefore I came forth to meet thee, desiring thy face; and I have found thee.

16 I have spread my bed with sheets, and I have covered it with double tapestry from Egypt.

17 I have sprinkled my couch with saffron, and my house with cinnamon.

18 Come, and let us enjoy love until the morning; come, and let us embrace in love.

19 For my husband *is* not at home, but *is* gone on a long journey,

20 having taken in his hand a bundle of money: after many days he will return to his house.

21 So with much converse she prevailed on him to go astray, and with the snares of her lips forced him from the right path.

22 And he followed her, being gently led on, and that as an ox *is* led to the slaughter, and as a dog to bonds, or as a hart shot in the liver with an arrow:

23 and he hastens as a bird into a snare, not knowing that he *is* running for his life.

24 Now then, my son, hearken to me, and attend to the words of my mouth.

25 Let not thine heart turn aside to her ways:

26 for she has wounded and cast down many, and those whom she has slain *are* innumerable.

27 Her house *is* the way of hell, leading down to the chambers of death.

## CHAPTER 8 – KJV

1 Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?

2 She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.

3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.

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.

6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips *shall be* right things.

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.

9 They *are* all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

11 For wisdom *is* better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

## CHAPTER 8 – Brenton LXX

1 Thou shalt proclaim wisdom, that understanding may be obedient to thee.

2 For she is on lofty eminences, and stands in the midst of the ways.

3 For she sits by the gates of princes, and sings in the entrances, saying,

4 You, O men, I exhort; and utter my voice to the sons of men.

5 O ye simple, understand subtlety, and ye that are untaught, imbibe knowledge.

6 Hearken to me; for I will speak solemn truths; and will produce right sayings from my lips.

7 For my throat shall meditate truth; and false lips are an abomination before me.

8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing in them wrong or perverse.

9 They are all evident to those that understand, and right to those that find knowledge.

10 Receive instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than tried gold.

11 For wisdom *is* better than precious stones; and no valuable substance *is* of equal worth with it.

12 I wisdom have dwelt with counsel and knowledge, and I have called upon understanding.

13 The fear of the Lord hates unrighteousness, and insolence, and pride, and the ways of wicked men; and I hate the perverse ways of bad men.

## CHAPTER 8 – KJV

14 Counsel *is* mine, and sound wisdom: I *am* understanding; I have strength.

15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

16 By me princes rule, and nobles, *even* all the judges of the earth.

17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

18 Riches and honour *are* with me; *yea*, durable riches and righteousness.

19 My fruit *is* better than gold, *yea*, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.

20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:

21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

24 When *there were* no depths, I was brought forth; when *there were* no fountains abounding with water.

25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

## CHAPTER 8 – Brenton LXX

14 Counsel and safety are mine; prudence is mine, and strength is mine.

15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

16 By me nobles become great, and monarchs by me rule over the earth.

17 I love those that love me; and they that seek me shall find me.

18 Wealth and glory belong to me; *yea*, abundant possessions and righteousness.

19 It is better to have my fruit than to have gold and precious stones; and my produce is better than choice silver.

20 I walk in ways of righteousness, and am conversant with the paths of judgment;

21 that I may divide substance to them that love me, and may fill their treasures with good things. If I declare to you the things that daily happen, I will remember also to recount the things of old.

22 The Lord made me the beginning of his ways for his works.

23 He established me before time was in the beginning, before he made the earth:

24 even before he made the depths; before the fountains of water came forth:

25 before the mountains were settled, and before all hills, he begets me.

26 The Lord made countries and uninhabited tracks, and the highest inhabited parts of the world.

## CHAPTER 8 – KJV

**26** While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

**27** When he prepared the heavens, I *was* there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

**28** When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

**29** When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

**30** Then I *was* by him, *as* one brought up *with him*: and I *was* daily *his* delight, rejoicing always before him;

**31** Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights *were* with the sons of men.

**32** Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed *are they that* keep my ways.

**33** Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

**34** Blessed *is* the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

**35** For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.

**36** But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

## CHAPTER 8 – Brenton LXX

**26** The Lord made countries and uninhabited tracks, and the highest inhabited parts of the world.

**27** When he prepared the heaven, I *was* present with him; and when he prepared his throne upon the winds:

**28** and when he strengthened the clouds above; and when he secured the fountains of the earth:

**29** and when he strengthened the foundations of the earth:

**30** I *was* by him, suiting myself to him, I *was* that wherein he took delight; and daily I rejoiced in his presence continually.

**31** For he rejoiced when he had completed the world, and rejoiced among the children of men.

**32** Now then, my son, hear me: blessed is the man who shall hearken to me, and the mortal who shall keep my ways;

**34** watching daily at my doors, waiting at the posts of my entrances.

**35** For my outgoings are the outgoings of life, and in them is prepared favour from the Lord.

**36** But they that sin against me act wickedly against their own souls: and they that hate me love death.

## CHAPTER 9 – KJV

1 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

2 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.

3 She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,

4 Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither: *as for* him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine *which* I have mingled.

6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked *man getteth* himself a blot.

8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

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.

11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

## CHAPTER 9 – Brenton LXX

1 Wisdom has built a house for herself, and set up seven pillars.

2 She has killed her beasts; she has mingled her wine in a bowl, and prepared her table.

3 She has sent forth her servants, calling with a loud proclamation to the feast, saying,

4 Whoso is foolish, let him turn aside to me: and to them that want understanding she says,

5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink wine which I have mingled for you.

6 Leave folly, that ye may reign for ever; and seek wisdom, and improve understanding by knowledge.

7 He that reproves evil men shall get dishonour to himself; and he that rebukes an ungodly man shall disgrace himself.

8 Rebuke not evil men, lest they should hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

9 Give an opportunity to a wise man, and he will be wiser: instruct a just man, and he will receive more instruction.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the counsel of saints is understanding: for to know the law is the character of a sound mind.

11 For in this way thou shalt live long, and years of thy life shall be added to thee.

## CHAPTER 9 – KJV

12 If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but *if* thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear *it*.

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:

16 Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither: and *as for* him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant.

18 But he knoweth not that the dead *are* there; and *that* her guests *are* in the depths of hell.

## CHAPTER 9 – Brenton LXX

12 Son, if thou be wise for thyself, thou shalt also be wise for thy neighbours; and if thou shouldest prove wicked, thou alone wilt bear the evil. He that stays himself upon falsehoods, attempts to rule the winds, and the same will pursue birds in their fight: for he has forsaken the ways of his own vineyard, and he has caused the axles of his own husbandry to go astray; and he goes through a dry desert, and a land appointed to drought, and he gathers barrenness with his hands.

13 A foolish and bold woman, who knows not modesty, comes to want a morsel.

14 She sits at the doors of her house, on a seat openly in the streets,

15 calling to passers by, and to those that are going right on their ways;

16 saying, Whoso is most senseless of you, let him turn aside to me; and I exhort those that want prudence, saying,

17 Take and enjoy secret bread, and the sweet water of theft.

18 But he knows that mighty men die by her, and he falls in with a snare of hell. But hasten away, delay not in the place, neither fix thine eye upon her: for thus shalt thou go through strange water; but do thou abstain from strange water, and drink not of a strange fountain, that thou mayest live long, and years of life may be added to thee.

## CHAPTER 10 – KJV

1 The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son *is* the heaviness of his mother.

2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.

3 The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.

4 He becometh poor that dealeth *with* a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

5 He that gathereth in summer *is* a wise son: *but* he that sleepeth in harvest *is* a son that causeth shame.

6 Blessings *are* upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

7 The memory of the just *is* blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.

9 He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

10 He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.

11 The mouth of a righteous *man* *is* a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

## CHAPTER 10 – Brenton LXX

1 A wise son makes his father glad: but a foolish son is a grief to his mother.

2 Treasures shall not profit the lawless: but righteousness shall deliver from death.

3 The Lord will not famish a righteous soul: but he will overthrow the life of the ungodly.

4 Poverty brings a man low: but the hands of the vigorous make rich. A son who is instructed shall be wise, and shall use the fool for a servant.

5 A wise son is saved from heat: but a lawless son is blighted of the winds in harvest.

6 The blessing of the Lord is upon the head of the just: but untimely grief shall cover the mouth of the ungodly.

7 The memory of the just is praised; but the name of the ungodly man is extinguished.

8 A wise man in heart will receive commandments; but he that is unguarded in his lips shall be overthrown in his perverseness.

9 He that walks simply, walks confidently; but he that perverts his ways shall be known.

10 He that winks with his eyes deceitfully, procures griefs for men; but he that reproves boldly is a peacemaker.

11 There is a fountain of life in the hand of a righteous man; but destruction shall cover the mouth of the ungodly.

12 Hatred stirs up strife; but affection covers all that do not love strife.

## CHAPTER 10 – KJV

13 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod *is* for the back of him that is void of understanding.

14 Wise *men* lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish *is* near destruction.

15 The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city: the destruction of the poor *is* their poverty.

16 The labour of the righteous *tendeth* to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.

17 He *is in* the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth.

18 He that hideth hatred *with* lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, *is* a fool.

19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips *is* wise.

20 The tongue of the just *is as* choice silver: the heart of the wicked *is* little worth.

21 The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.

22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

23 *It is* as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.

24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.

25 As the whirlwind passeth, so *is* the wicked no *more*: but the righteous *is* an everlasting foundation.

## CHAPTER 10 – Brenton LXX

13 He that brings forth wisdom from his lips smites the fool with a rod.

14 The wise will hide discretion; but the mouth of the hasty draws near to ruin.

15 The wealth of rich men is a strong city; but poverty is the ruin of the ungodly.

16 The works of the righteous produce life; but the fruits of the ungodly produce sins.

17 Instruction keeps the right ways of life; but instruction unchastened goes astray.

18 Righteous lips cover enmity; but they that utter railings are most foolish.

19 By a multitude of words thou shalt not escape sin; but if thou refrain thy lips thou wilt be prudent.

20 The tongue of the just is tried silver; but the heart of the ungodly shall fail.

21 The lips of the righteous know sublime truths: but the foolish die in want.

22 The blessing of the Lord is upon the head of the righteous; it enriches him, and grief of heart shall not be added to it.

23 A fool does mischief in sport; but wisdom brings forth prudence for a man.

24 The ungodly is engulfed in destruction; but the desire of the righteous is acceptable.

25 When the storm passes by, the ungodly vanishes away; but the righteous turns aside and escapes for ever.

## CHAPTER 10 – KJV

**26** As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so *is* the sluggard to them that send him.

**27** The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

**28** The hope of the righteous *shall be* gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

**29** The way of the LORD *is* strength to the upright: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.

**30** The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

**31** The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.

**32** The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked *speaketh* frowardness.

## CHAPTER 10 – Brenton LXX

**26** As a sour grape is hurtful to the teeth, and smoke to the eyes, so iniquity hurts those that practise it.

**27** The fear of the Lord adds length of days: but the years of the ungodly shall be shortened.

**28** Joy rests long with the righteous: but the hope of the ungodly shall perish.

**29** The fear of the Lord is a strong hold of the saints: but ruin comes to them that work wickedness.

**30** The righteous shall never fail: but the ungodly shall not dwell in the earth.

**31** The mouth of the righteous drops wisdom: but the tongue of the unjust shall perish.

**32** The lips of just men drop grace: but the mouth of the ungodly is perverse.

## CHAPTER 11 – KJV

1 A false balance *is* abomination to the LORD: but a just weight *is* his delight.

2 *When* pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly *is* wisdom.

3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.

5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in *their own* naughtiness.

7 When a wicked man dieth, *his* expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust *men* perisheth.

8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

9 An hypocrite with *his* mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, *there is* shouting.

11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

12 He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

## CHAPTER 11 – Brenton LXX

1 False balances are an abomination before the Lord: but a just weight is acceptable unto him.

2 Wherever pride enters, there will be also disgrace: but the mouth of the lowly meditates wisdom.

3 When a just man dies he leaves regret: but the destruction of the ungodly is speedy, and causes joy.

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5 Righteousness traces out blameless paths: but ungodliness encounters unjust dealing.

6 The righteousness of upright men delivers them: but transgressors are caught in their own destruction.

7 At the death of a just man his hope does not perish: but the boast of the ungodly perishes.

8 A righteous man escapes from a snare, and the ungodly man is delivered up in his place.

9 In the mouth of ungodly men is a snare to citizens: but the understanding of righteous men is prosperous.

10 In the prosperity of righteous men a city prospers:

11 but by the mouth of ungodly men it is overthrown.

12 A man void of understanding sneers at his fellow citizens: but a sensible man is quiet.

## CHAPTER 11 – KJV

13 A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

14 Where no counsel *is*, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.

15 He that is surety for a stranger shall smart *for it*: and he that hateth suretiship is sure.

16 A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong *men* retain riches.

17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but *he that is* cruel troubleth his own flesh.

18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness *shall be* a sure reward.

19 As righteousness *tendeth* to life: so he that pursueth evil *pursueth it* to his own death.

20 They that are of a froward heart *are* abomination to the LORD: but *such as are* upright in *their way are* his delight.

21 *Though* hand *join* in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

22 *As* a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, *so is* a fair woman which is without discretion.

23 The desire of the righteous *is* only good: *but* the expectation of the wicked *is* wrath.

24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and *there is* that withholdeth more than is meet, but *it tendeth* to poverty.

## CHAPTER 11 – Brenton LXX

13 A double-tongued man discloses the secret counsels of an assembly: but he that is faithful in spirit conceals matters.

14 They that have no guidance fall like leaves: but in much counsel there is safety.

15 A bad man does harm wherever he meets a just man: and he hates the sound of safety.

16 A gracious wife brings glory to her husband: but a woman hating righteousness is a theme of dishonour. The slothful come to want: but the diligent support themselves with wealth.

17 A merciful man does good to his own soul: but the merciless destroys his own body.

18 An ungodly man performs unrighteous works: but the seed of the righteous is a reward of truth.

19 A righteous son is born for life: but the persecution of the ungodly ends in death.

20 Perverse ways are an abomination to the Lord: but all they that are blameless in their ways are acceptable to him.

21 He that unjustly strikes hands shall not be unpunished: but he that sows righteousness he shall receive a faithful reward.

22 As an ornament in a swine's snout, so is beauty to an ill-minded woman.

23 All the desire of the righteous is good: but the hope of the ungodly shall perish.

24 There are some who scatter their own, and make it more: and there are some also who gather, yet have less.

## CHAPTER 11 – KJV

**25** The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

**26** He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing *shall be* upon the head of him that selleth *it*.

**27** He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

**28** He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

**29** He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool *shall be* servant to the wise of heart.

**30** The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise.

**31** Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.

## CHAPTER 11 – Brenton LXX

**25** Every sincere soul is blessed: but a passionate man is not graceful.

**26** May he that hoards corn leave it to the nation: but blessing be on the head of him that gives it.

**27** He that devises good counsels seeks good favour: but as for him that seeks after evil, evil shall overtake him.

**28** He that trusts in wealth shall fall; but he that helps righteous men shall rise.

**29** He that deals not graciously with his own house shall inherit the wind; and the fool shall be servant to the wise man.

**30** Out of the fruit of righteousness grows a tree of life; but the souls of transgressors are cut off before their time.

**31** If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? <sup>iii</sup>

## CHAPTER 12 – KJV

1 Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof *is* brutish.

2 A good *man* obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

3 A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.

4 A virtuous woman *is* a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed *is* as rottenness in his bones.

5 The thoughts of the righteous *are* right: *but* the counsels of the wicked *are* deceit.

6 The words of the wicked *are* to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

7 The wicked are overthrown, and *are* not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.

8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.

9 *He that is* despised, and hath a servant, *is* better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.

10 A righteous *man* regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked *are* cruel.

11 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain *persons is* void of understanding.

## CHAPTER 12 – Brenton LXX

1 He that loves instruction loves sense, but he that hates reproofs is a fool.

2 He that has found favour with the Lord is made better; but a transgressor shall be passed over in silence.

3 A man shall not prosper by wickedness; but the roots of the righteous shall not be taken up.

4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband; but as a worm in wood, so a bad woman destroys her husband.

5 The thoughts of the righteous are true judgments; but ungodly men devise deceits.

6 The words of ungodly men are crafty; but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

7 When the ungodly is overthrown, he vanishes away; but the houses of the just remain.

8 The mouth of an understanding man is praised by a man; but he that is dull of heart is had in derision.

9 Better is a man in dishonour serving himself, than one honouring himself and wanting bread.

10 A righteous man has pity for the lives of his cattle; but the bowels of the ungodly are unmerciful.

11 He that tills his own land shall be satisfied with bread; but they that pursue vanities are void of understanding. He that enjoys himself in banquets of wine, shall leave dishonour in his own strong holds.

## CHAPTER 12 – KJV

12 The wicked desireth the net of evil *men*: but the root of the righteous yieldeth *fruit*.

13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of *his* lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.

14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

15 The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel *is* wise.

16 A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent *man* covereth shame.

17 *He that* speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.

18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise *is* health.

19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue *is* but for a moment.

20 Deceit *is* in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace *is* joy.

21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.

22 Lying lips *are* abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly *are* his delight.

23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

## CHAPTER 12 – Brenton LXX

12 The desires of the ungodly are evil; but the roots of the godly are firmly set.

13 For the sin of his lips a sinner falls into snare; but a righteous man escapes from them. He whose looks are gentle shall be pitied, but he that contends in the gates will afflict souls.

14 The soul of a man shall be filled with good from the fruits of his mouth; and the recompence of his lips shall be given to him.

15 The ways of fools are right in their own eyes; but a wise man hearkens to counsels.

16 A fool declares his wrath the same day; but a prudent man hides his own disgrace.

17 A righteous man declares the open truth; but an unjust witness is deceitful.

18 Some wound as they speak, like swords; but the tongues of the wise heal.

19 True lips establish testimony; but a hasty witness has an unjust tongue.

20 There is deceit in the heart of him that imagines evil; but they that love peace shall rejoice.

21 No injustice will please a just man; but the ungodly will be filled with mischief.

22 Lying lips are a abomination to the Lord; but he that deals faithfully is accepted with him.

23 An understanding man is a throne of wisdom; but the heart of fools shall meet with curses.

## CHAPTER 12 – KJV

24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.

25 Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.

26 The righteous *is* more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.

27 The slothful *man* roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man *is* precious.

28 In the way of righteousness *is* life; and *in* the pathway *thereof* *there is* no death.

## CHAPTER 12 – Brenton LXX

24 The hand of chosen men shall easily obtain rule; but the deceitful shall be for a prey.

25 A terrible word troubles the heart of a righteous man; but a good message rejoices him.

26 A just arbitrator shall be his own friend; but mischief shall pursue sinners; and the way of ungodly men shall lead them astray.

27 A deceitful man shall catch no game; but a blameless man is a precious possession.

28 In the ways of righteousness is life; but the ways of those that remember injuries lead to death.

## CHAPTER 13 – KJV

1 A wise son *heareth* his father's instruction: but a scorner *heareth* not rebuke.

2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of *his* mouth: but the soul of the transgressors *shall eat* violence.

3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: *but* he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and *hath* nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

5 A righteous *man* hateth lying: but a wicked *man* is loathsome, and cometh to shame.

6 Righteousness keepeth *him that is* upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.

7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet *hath* nothing: *there is* that maketh himself poor, yet *hath* great riches.

8 The ransom of a man's life *are* his riches: but the poor *heareth* not rebuke.

9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised *is* wisdom.

## CHAPTER 13 – Brenton LXX

1 A wise son is obedient to his father: but a disobedient son will be destroyed.

2 A good man shall eat of the fruits of righteousness: but the lives of transgressors shall perish before their time.

3 He that keeps his own mouth keeps his own life: but he that is hasty with his lips shall bring terror upon himself.

4 Every slothful man desires, but the hands of the active are diligent.

5 A righteous man hates an unjust word: but an ungodly man is ashamed, and will have no confidence.

7 There are some who, having nothing, enrich themselves: and there are some who bring themselves down in the midst of much wealth.

8 A man's own wealth is the ransom of his life: but the poor endures not threatening.

9 The righteous always have light: but the light of the ungodly is quenched. Crafty souls go astray in sins: but just men pity, and are merciful.

10 A bad man does evil with insolence: but they that are judges of themselves are wise.

## CHAPTER 13 – KJV

11 Wealth *gotten* by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but *when* the desire cometh, *it is* a tree of life.

13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

14 The law of the wise *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

15 Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors *is* hard.

16 Every prudent *man* dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open *his* folly.

17 A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador *is* health.

18 Poverty and shame *shall be* to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but *it is* abomination to fools to depart from evil.

20 He that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

21 Evil pursueth sinners: but the righteous good shall be repayed.

## CHAPTER 13 – Brenton LXX

11 Wealth gotten hastily with iniquity is diminished: but he that gathers for himself with godliness shall be increased. The righteous is merciful, and lends.

12 Better is he that begins to help heartily, than he that promises and leads another to hope: for a good desire is a tree of life.

13 He that slights a matter shall be slighted of it: but he that fears the commandment has health of soul. To a crafty son there shall be nothing good: but a wise servant shall have prosperous doings, and his way shall be directed aright.

14 The law of the wise is fountain of life: but the man void of understanding shall die by a snare.

15 Sound discretion gives favour, and to know the law is the part of a sound understanding: but the ways of scorners tend to destruction.

16 Every prudent man acts with knowledge: but the fool displays his own mischief.

17 A rash king shall fall into mischief: but a wise messenger shall deliver him.

18 Instruction removes poverty and disgrace: but he that attends to reproofs shall be honoured.

19 The desires of the godly gladden the soul, but the works of the ungodly are far from knowledge.

20 If thou walkest with wise men thou shalt be wise: but he that walks with fools shall be known.

21 Evil shall pursue sinners; but good shall overtake the righteous.

**CHAPTER 13 – KJV**

22 A good *man* leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just.

23 Much food *is in* the tillage of the poor: but there is *that is* destroyed for want of judgment.

24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

25 The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.

**CHAPTER 13 – Brenton LXX**

22 A good man shall inherit children's children; and the wealth of ungodly men is laid up for the just.

23 The righteous shall spend many years in wealth: but the unrighteous shall perish suddenly.

24 He that spares the rod hates his son: but he that loves, carefully chastens him.

25 A just man eats and satisfies his soul: but the souls of the ungodly are in want.

## CHAPTER 14 – KJV

1 Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD: but *he that is* perverse in his ways despiseth him.

3 In the mouth of the foolish *is* a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

4 Where no oxen *are*, the crib *is* clean: but much increase *is* by the strength of the ox.

5 A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not: but knowledge *is* easy unto him that understandeth.

7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not *in him* the lips of knowledge.

8 The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way: but the folly of fools *is* deceit.

9 Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous *there is* favour.

10 The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth *is* heaviness.

## CHAPTER 14 – Brenton LXX

1 Wise women build houses: but a foolish one digs hers down with her hands.

2 He that walks uprightly fears the Lord; but he that is perverse in his ways shall be dishonoured.

3 Out of the mouth of fools comes a rod of pride; but the lips of the wise preserve them.

4 Where no oxen are, the cribs are clean; but where there is abundant produce, the strength of the ox is apparent.

5 A faithful witness does not lie; but an unjust witness kindles falsehoods.

6 Thou shalt seek wisdom with bad men, and shalt not find it; but discretion is easily available with the prudent.

7 All things are adverse to a foolish man; but wise lips are the weapons of discretion.

8 The wisdom of the prudent will understand their ways; but the folly of fools leads astray.

9 The houses of transgressors will need purification; but the houses of the just are acceptable.

10 If a man's mind is intelligent, his soul is sorrowful; and when he rejoices, he has no fellowship with pride.

11 The houses of ungodly men shall be utterly destroyed; but the tabernacles of them that walk uprightly shall stand.

12 There is a way which seems to be right with men, but the ends of it reach to the depths of hell.

13 Grief mingles not with mirth; and joy in the end comes to grief.

## CHAPTER 14 – KJV

14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself.

15 The simple believeth every word: but the prudent *man* looketh well to his going.

16 A wise *man* feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.

17 *He that is* soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.

18 The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19 The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but the rich *hath* many friends.

21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy *is* he.

22 Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth *shall be* to them that devise good.

23 In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.

24 The crown of the wise *is* their riches: *but* the foolishness of fools *is* folly.

25 A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful *witness* speaketh lies.

## CHAPTER 14 – Brenton LXX

14 A stout-hearted man shall be filled with his own ways; and a good man with his own thoughts.

15 The simple believes every word: but the prudent man betakes himself to after-thought.

16 A wise man fears, and departs from evil; but the fool trusts in himself, and joins himself with the transgressor.

17 A passionate man acts inconsiderately; but a sensible man bears up under many things.

18 Fools shall have mischief for their portion; but the prudent shall take fast hold of understanding.

19 Evil men shall fall before the good; and the ungodly shall attend at the gates of the righteous.

20 Friends will hate poor friends; but the friends of the rich are many.

21 He that dishonours the needy sins; but he that has pity on the poor is most blessed.

22 They that go astray devise evils: but the good devise mercy and truth. The framers of evil do not understand mercy and truth: but compassion and faithfulness are with the framers of good.

23 With every one who is careful there is abundance: but the pleasure-taking and indolent shall be in want.

24 A prudent man is the crown of the wise: but the occupation of fools is evil.

25 A faithful witness shall deliver a soul from evil: but a deceitful man kindles falsehoods.

## CHAPTER 14 – KJV

26 In the fear of the LORD *is* strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

27 The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

28 In the multitude of people *is* the king's honour: but in the want of people *is* the destruction of the prince.

29 *He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.*

30 A sound heart *is* the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.

31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death.

33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but *that which is* in the midst of fools is made known.

34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin *is* a reproach to any people.

35 The king's favour *is* toward a wise servant: but his wrath is *against* him that causeth shame.

## CHAPTER 14 – Brenton LXX

26 In the fear of the Lord *is* strong confidence: and he leaves his children a support.

27 The commandment of the Lord *is* a fountain of life; and it causes men to turn aside from the snare of death.

28 In a populous nation *is* the glory of a king: but in the failure of people *is* the ruin of a prince.

29 A man slow to wrath abounds in wisdom: but a man of impatient spirit *is* very foolish.

30 A meek-spirited man *is* a healer of the heart: but a sensitive heart *is* a corruption of the bones.

31 He that oppresses the needy provokes his Maker: but he that honours him has pity upon the poor.

32 The ungodly shall be driven away in his wickedness: but he who *is* secure in his own holiness *is* just.

33 There *is* wisdom in the good heart of a man: but in the heart of fools *it is* not discerned.

34 Righteousness exalts a nation: but sins diminish tribes.

35 An understanding servant *is* acceptable to a king; and by his good behaviour he removes disgrace.

## CHAPTER 15 – KJV

1 A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

3 The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

4 A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life: but perverseness therein *is* a breach in the spirit.

5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

6 In the house of the righteous *is* much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish *doeth* not so.

8 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright *is* his delight.

9 The way of the wicked *is* an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

10 Correction *is* grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: *and* he that hateth reproof shall die.

11 Hell and destruction *are* before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?

12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.

## CHAPTER 15 – Brenton LXX

1 Anger slays even wise men; yet a submissive answer turns away wrath: but a grievous word stirs up anger.

2 The tongue of the wise knows what is good: but the mouth of the foolish tells out evil things.

3 The eyes of the Lord behold both the evil and the good in every place.

4 The wholesome tongue is a tree of life, and he that keeps it shall be filled with understanding.

5 A fool scorns his father's instruction; but he that keeps his commandments is more prudent. In abounding righteousness is great strength: but the ungodly shall utterly perish from the earth.

6 In the houses of the righteous is much strength: but the fruits of the ungodly shall perish.

7 The lips of the wise are bound by discretion: but the hearts of the foolish are not safe.

8 The sacrifices of the ungodly are an abomination to the Lord; but the prayers of them that walk honestly are acceptable with him.

9 The ways of an ungodly man are an abomination to the Lord; but he loves those that follow after righteousness.

10 The instruction of the simple is known by them that pass by; but they that hate reproofs die disgracefully.

11 Hell and destruction are manifest to the Lord; how shall not also be the hearts of men?

12 An uninstructed person will not love those that reprove him; neither will he associate with the wise.

## CHAPTER 15 – KJV

13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

15 All the days of the afflicted *are* evil: but he that is of a merry heart *hath* a continual feast.

16 Better *is* little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.

17 Better *is* a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

18 A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but *he that is* slow to anger appeaseth strife.

19 The way of the slothful *man is* as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous *is* made plain.

20 A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

21 Folly *is* joy to *him that is* destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.

22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word *spoken* in due season, how good *is it!*

24 The way of life *is* above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

## CHAPTER 15 – Brenton LXX

13 When the heart rejoices the countenance is cheerful; but when it is in sorrow, the countenance is sad.

14 An upright heart seeks discretion; but the mouth of the uninstructed will experience evils.

15 The eyes of the wicked are always looking for evil things; but the good are always quiet.

16 Better is a small portion with the fear of the Lord, than great treasures without the fear of the Lord.

17 Better is an entertainment of herbs with friendliness and kindness, than a feast of calves, with enmity.

18 A passionate man stirs up strife; but he that is slow to anger appeases even a rising one. A man slow to anger will extinguish quarrels; but an ungodly man rather stirs them up.

19 The ways of sluggards are strewn with thorns; but those of the diligent are made smooth.

20 A wise son gladdens his father; but a foolish son sneers at his mother.

21 The ways of a foolish man are void of sense; but a wise man proceeds on his way aright.

22 They that honour not councils put off deliberation; but counsel abides in the hearts of counsellors.

23 A bad man will by no means attend to counsel; neither will he say anything seasonable, or good for the common weal.

24 The thoughts of the wise are ways of life, that he may turn aside and escape from hell.

## CHAPTER 15 – KJV

25 The LORD will destroy the house of the proud; but he will establish the border of the widow.

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.

32 He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

33 The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honour *is* humility.

## CHAPTER 15 – Brenton LXX

25 The Lord pulls down the houses of scorners; but he establishes the border of the widow.

26 An unrighteous thought is abomination to the Lord; but the sayings of the pure are held in honour.

27 A receiver of bribes destroys himself; but he that hates the receiving of bribes is safe. [By alms and by faithful dealings sins are purged away;] but by the fear of the Lord every one departs from evil.

28 The hearts of the righteous meditate faithfulness; but the mouth of the ungodly answers evil things. The ways of righteous men are acceptable with the Lord; and through them even enemies become friends.

29 God is far from the ungodly; but he hearkens to the prayers of the righteous. Better are small receipts with righteousness, than abundant fruits with unrighteousness.

30 - *Not in the LXX*

31 - *Not in the LXX*

32 - *Not in the LXX*

33 - *Not in the LXX*

## CHAPTER 16 – KJV

1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, *is* from the LORD.

2 All the ways of a man *are* clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.

3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

4 The LORD hath made all *things* for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

5 Every one *that is* proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD: *though* hand *join* in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil.

7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

8 Better *is* a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.

9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

10 A divine sentence *is* in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.

11 A just weight and balance *are* the LORD'S: all the weights of the bag *are* his work.

12 *It is* an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne *is* established by righteousness.

13 Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.

14 The wrath of a king *is as* messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.

## CHAPTER 16 – Brenton LXX

1 Let the heart of a man think justly, that his steps may be rightly ordered of God. The eye that sees rightly rejoices the heart; and a good report fattens the bones.

2 - *Not in the LXX*

3 - *Not in the LXX*

4 - *Not in the LXX*

5 Every one that is proud in heart is unclean before God, and he that unjustly strikes hands with hand shall not be held guiltless. The beginning of a good way is to do justly; and it is more acceptable with God than to offer sacrifices. He that seeks the Lord shall find knowledge with righteousness: and they that rightly seek him shall find peace. All of the works of the Lord are done with righteousness; and the ungodly man is kept for the evil day.

6 - *Not in the LXX*

7 - *Not in the LXX*

8 - *Not in the LXX*

9 - *Not in the LXX*

10 There is an oracle upon the lips of a king; and his mouth shall not err in judgment.

11 The poise of the balance is righteousness with the Lord; and his works are righteous measures.

12 An evil-doer is an abomination to a king; for the throne of rule is established by righteousness.

13 Righteous lips are acceptable to a king; and he loves right words.

14 The anger of a king is a messenger of death; but a wise man will pacify him.

## CHAPTER 16 – KJV

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.

25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

## CHAPTER 16 – Brenton LXX

15 The son of a king is in the light of life; and they that are in favour with him are as a cloud of latter rain.

16 The brood of wisdom is more to be chosen than gold, and the brood of prudence more to be chosen than silver.

17 The paths of life turn aside from evil; and the ways of righteousness are length of life. He that receives instruction shall be in prosperity; and he that regards reproofs shall be made wise. He that keeps his ways, preserves his own soul; and he that loves his life will spare his mouth.

18 Pride goes before destruction, and folly before a fall.

19 Better is a meek-spirited man with lowliness, than one who divides spoils with the proud.

20 He who is skillful in business finds good: but he that trusts in God is most blessed.

21 Men call the wise and understanding evil: but they that are pleasing in speech shall hear more.

22 Understanding is a fountain of life to its possessors; but the instruction of fools is evil.

23 The heart of the wise will discern the things which proceed from his own mouth; and on his lips he will wear knowledge.

24 Good words are honeycombs, and the sweetness thereof is a healing of the soul.

25 There are ways that seem to be right to a man, but the end of them looks to the depth of hell.

## CHAPTER 16 – KJV

**26** He that laboureth laboureth for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him.

**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 16 – Brenton LXX

**26** A man who labours, labours for himself, and drives from him his own ruin.

**27** But the perverse bears destruction upon his own mouth: a foolish man digs up evil for himself, and treasures fire on his own lips.

**28** A perverse man spreads mischief, and will kindle a torch of deceit with mischiefs; and he separates friends.

**29** A transgressor tries to ensnare friends, and leads them in ways that are not good.

**30** And the man that fixes his eyes devises perverse things, and marks out with his lips all evil: he is a furnace of wickedness.

**31** Old age is a crown of honour, but it is found in the ways of righteousness.

**32** He that rejects instruction hates himself; but he that mind reproofs loves his soul.

**32** A man slow to anger is better than a strong man; and he that governs his temper better than he that takes a city.

**33** The fear of the Lord is instruction and wisdom; and the highest honour will correspond therewith. All the works of the humble man are manifest with God; but the ungodly shall perish in an evil day.

**33** All evils come upon the ungodly into their bosoms; but all righteous things come of the Lord.

## CHAPTER 17 – KJV

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.

7 Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.

8 A gift *is as* a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth *very* friends.

10 A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool.

11 An evil *man* seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

## CHAPTER 17 – Brenton LXX

1 Better is a morsel with pleasure in peace, than a house full of many good things and unjust sacrifices, with strife.

2 A wise servant shall have rule over foolish masters, and shall divide portions among brethren.

3 As silver and gold are tried in a furnace, so are choice hearts with the Lord.

4 A bad man hearkens to the tongue of transgressors: but a righteous man attends not to false lips.

5 He that laughs at the poor provokes him that made him; and he that rejoices at the destruction of another shall not be held guiltless: but he that has compassion shall find mercy.

6 Children's children are the crown of old men; and their fathers are the glory of children. The faithful has the whole world full of wealth; but the faithless not even a farthing.

7 Faithful lips will not suit a fool; nor lying lips a just man.

8 Instruction is to them that use it a gracious reward; and whithersoever it may turn, it shall prosper.

9 He that conceals injuries seeks love; but he that hates to hide them separates friends and kindred.

10 A threat breaks down the heart of a wise man; but a fool, though scourged, understands not.

11 Every bad man stirs up strifes: but the Lord will send out against him an unmerciful messenger.

## CHAPTER 17 – KJV

12 Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.

13 Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

14 The beginning of strife *is as* when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both *are* abomination to the LORD.

16 Wherefore *is there* a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing *he hath* no heart *to it*?

17 A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

18 A man void of understanding striketh hands, *and* becometh surety in the presence of his friend.

19 He loveth transgression that loveth strife: *and* he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.

20 He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.

21 He that begetteth a fool *doeth it* to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.

22 A merry heart doeth good *like* a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

## CHAPTER 17 – Brenton LXX

12 Care may befall a man of understanding; but fools will meditate evils.

13 Whoso rewards evil for good, evil shall not be removed from his house.

14 Rightful rule gives power to words; but sedition and strife precede poverty.

15 He that pronounces the unjust just, and the just unjust, is unclean and abominable with God.

16 Why has the fool wealth? for a senseless man will not be able to purchase wisdom. He that exalts his own house seeks ruin; and he that turns aside from instruction shall fall into mischief.

17 Have thou a friend for every time, and let brethren be useful in distress; for on this account are they born.

18 A foolish man applauds and rejoices over himself, as he also that becomes surety would make himself responsible for his own friends.

19 A lover of sin rejoices in strifes;

20 and the hard-hearted man comes not in for good. A man of a changeful tongue will fall into mischiefs;

21 and the heart of a fool is grief to its possessor. A father rejoices not over an uninstructed son; but a wise son gladdens his mother.

22 A glad heart promotes health; but the bones of a sorrowful man dry up.

## CHAPTER 17 – KJV

23 A wicked *man* taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment.

24 Wisdom *is* before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool *are* in the ends of the earth.

25 A foolish son *is* a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

26 Also to punish the just *is* not good, *nor* to strike princes for equity.

27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: *and* a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.

28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: *and* he that shutteth his lips *is esteemed* a man of understanding.

## CHAPTER 17 – Brenton LXX

23 The ways of a man who unjustly receives gifts in his bosom do not prosper; and an ungodly man perverts the ways of righteousness.

24 The countenance of a wise man is sensible; but the eyes of a fool go to the ends of the earth.

25 A foolish son is a cause of anger to his father, and grief to her that bore him.

26 It is not right to punish a righteous man, nor is it holy to plot against righteous princes.

27 He that forbears to utter a hard word is discreet, and a patient man is wise.

28 Wisdom shall be imputed to a fool who asks after wisdom: and he who holds his peace shall seem to be sensible.

## CHAPTER 18 – KJV

1 Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh *and* intermeddleth with all wisdom.

2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.

3 When the wicked cometh, *then* cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.

4 The words of a man's mouth *are as* deep waters, *and* the wellspring of wisdom *as* a flowing brook.

5 *It is* not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

6 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

7 A fool's mouth *is* his destruction, and his lips *are* the snare of his soul.

8 The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

10 The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

11 The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.

12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour *is* humility.

13 He that answereth a matter before he heareth *it*, *it is* folly and shame unto him.

14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

## CHAPTER 18 – Brenton LXX

1 A man who wishes to separate from friends seeks excuses; but at all times he will be liable to reproach.

2 A senseless man feels no need of wisdom, for he is rather led by folly.

3 When an ungodly man comes into a depth of evils, he despises them; but dishonour and reproach come upon him.

4 A word in the heart of a man is a deep water, and a river and fountain of life spring forth. <sup>iv</sup>

5 It is not good to accept the person of the ungodly, nor is it holy to pervert justice in judgment.

6 The lips of a fool bring him into troubles, and his bold mouth calls for death.

7 A fool's mouth is ruin to him, and his lips are a snare to his soul.

8 Fear casts down the slothful; and the souls of the effeminate shall hunger.

9 A man who helps not himself by his labour is brother of him that ruins himself.

10 The name of the Lord is of great strength; and the righteous running to it are exalted.

11 The wealth of a rich man is a strong city; and its glory casts a broad shadow.

12 Before ruin a man's heart is exalted, and before honour it is humble. <sup>v</sup>

13 Whoso answers a word before he hears a cause, it is folly and reproach to him.

14 A wise servant calms a man's anger; but who can endure a faint-hearted man?

## CHAPTER 18 – KJV

15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

17 *He that is* first in his own cause *seemeth* just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.

18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.

19 A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong city: and *their contentions are* like the bars of a castle.

20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; *and* with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

22 *Whoso* findeth a wife findeth a good *thing*, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

23 The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.

24 A man *that hath* friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend *that sticketh* closer than a brother.

## CHAPTER 18 – Brenton LXX

15 The heart of the sensible man purchases discretion; and the ears of the wise seek understanding.

16 A man's gift enlarges him, and seats him among princes.

17 A righteous man accuses himself at the beginning of his speech, but when he has entered upon the attack, the adversary is reproved.

18 A silent man quells strifes, and determines between great powers.

19 A brother helped by a brother is as a strong and high city; and is as strong as a well-founded palace.

20 A man fills his belly with the fruits of his mouth; and he shall be satisfied with the fruits of his lips.

21 Life and death are in the power of the tongue; and they that rule it shall eat the fruits thereof.

22 He that has found a good wife has found favours, and has received gladness from God. [He that puts away a good wife, puts away a good thing, and he that keeps an adulteress is foolish and ungodly.]

23 - *Not in the LXX*

24 - *Not in the LXX*

## CHAPTER 19 – KJV

1 Better *is* the poor that walketh in his integrity, than *he that is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

2 Also, *that* the soul *be* without knowledge, *it is* not good; and he that hasteth with *his* feet sinneth.

3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.

4 Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.

5 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall not escape.

6 Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man *is* a friend to him that giveth gifts.

7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth *them with* words, *yet they are* wanting *to him*.

8 He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

9 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall perish.

10 Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes.

11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and *it is* his glory to pass over a transgression.

12 The king's wrath *is* as the roaring of a lion; but his favour *is* as dew upon the grass.

13 A foolish son *is* the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dropping.

## CHAPTER 19 – Brenton LXX

1 The folly of a man spoils his ways: and he blames God in his heart.

2 - *Not in the LXX*

3 - *Not in the LXX*

4 Wealth acquires many friends; but the poor is deserted even of the friend he has.

5 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that accuses unjustly shall not escape.

6 Many court the favour of kings; but every bad man becomes a reproach to another man.

7 Every one who hates his poor brother shall also be far from friendship. Good understanding will draw near to them that know it, and a sensible man will find it. He that does much harm perfects mischief; and he that used provoking words shall not escape.

8 He that procures wisdom loves himself; and he that keeps wisdom shall find good.

9 A false witness shall not be unpunished; and whosoever shall kindle mischief shall perish by it.

10 Delight does not suit a fool, nor is it seemly if a servant should begin to rule with haughtiness.

11 A merciful man is long-suffering; and his triumph overtakes transgressors.

12 The threatening of a king is like the roaring of a lion; but as dew on the grass, so is his favour.

13 A foolish son is a disgrace to his father: vows paid out of the hire of a harlot are not pure.

## CHAPTER 19 – KJV

14 House and riches *are* the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife *is* from the LORD.

15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

16 He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; *but* he that despiseth his ways shall die.

17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver *him*, yet thou must do it again.

20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

21 *There are* many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

22 The desire of a man *is* his kindness: and a poor man *is* better than a liar.

23 The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life: and *he that hath it* shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

24 A slothful *man* hideth his hand in *his* bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, *and* he will understand knowledge.

## CHAPTER 19 – Brenton LXX

14 Fathers divide house and substance to their children: but a wife is suited to a man by the Lord.

15 Cowardice possesses the effeminate man; and the soul of the sluggard shall hunger.

16 He that keeps the commandment keeps his own soul; but he that despises his ways shall perish.

17 He that has pity on the poor lends to the Lord; and he will recompense to him according to his gift.

18 Chasten thy son, for so he shall be hopeful; and be not exalted in thy soul to haughtiness.

19 A malicious man shall be severely punished, and if he commit injury, he shall also lose his life.

20 Hear, son, the instruction of thy father, that thou mayest be wise at thy latter end.

21 There are many thoughts in a man's heart; but the counsel of the Lord abides for ever.

22 Mercy is a fruit to a man: and a poor man is better than a rich liar.

23 The fear of the Lord is life to a man: and he shall lodge without fear in places where knowledge is not seen.

24 He that unjustly hides his hands in his bosom, will not even bring them up to his mouth.

25 When a pestilent character is scourged, a simple man is made wiser: and if thou reprove a wise man, he will understand discretion.

**CHAPTER 19 – KJV**

**26** He that wasteth *his* father, and chaseth away *his* mother, *is* a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.

**27** Cease, my son, to hear the instruction *that causeth* to err from the words of knowledge.

**28** An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.

**29** Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.

**CHAPTER 19 – Brenton LXX**

**26** He that dishonours his father, and drives away his mother, shall be disgraced and shall be exposed to reproach.

**27** A son who ceases to attend to the instruction of a father will cherish evil designs.

**28** He that becomes surety for a foolish child will despise the ordinance: and the mouth of ungodly men shall drink down judgment.

**29** Scourges are preparing for the intemperate, and punishments likewise for fools.

## CHAPTER 20 – KJV

1 Wine *is* a mocker, strong drink *is* raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

2 The fear of a king *is* as the roaring of a lion: *whoso* provoketh him to anger sinneth *against* his own soul.

3 *It is* an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.

4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; *therefore* shall he beg in harvest, and *have* nothing.

5 Counsel in the heart of man *is like* deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

7 The just *man* walketh in his integrity: his children *are* blessed after him.

8 A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes.

9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

10 Divers weights, *and* divers measures, both of them *are* alike abomination to the LORD.

11 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work *be* pure, and whether *it be* right.

12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them.

13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

## CHAPTER 20 – Brenton LXX

1 Wine is an intemperate thing, and strong drink full of violence: but every fool is entangled with them.

2 The threat of a king differs not from the rage of a lion; and he that provokes him sins against his own soul.

3 It is a glory to a man to turn aside from railing; but every fool is entangled with such matters.

4 A sluggard when reproached is not ashamed: so also he who borrows corn in harvest.

5 Counsel in a man's heart is deep water; but a prudent man will draw it out.

6 A man is valuable, and a merciful man precious: but it is hard to find a faithful man.

7 He that walks blameless in justice, shall leave his children blessed.

8 Whenever a righteous king sits on the throne, no evil thing can stand before his presence.

9 Who will boast that he has a pure heart? or who will boldly say that he is pure from sins?

10 A large and small weight, and divers measures, are even both of them unclean before the Lord; and so is he that makes them.

11 A youth when in company with a godly man, will be restrained in his devices, and then his way will be straight.

12 The ear hears, and the eye sees: even both of them are the Lord's work.

13 Love not to speak ill, lest thou be cut off: open thine eyes, and be filled with bread.

## CHAPTER 20 – KJV

14 *It is* naught, *it is* naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.

16 Take his garment that is surety *for* a stranger: and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

17 Bread of deceit *is* sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

18 *Every* purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.

19 He that goeth about *as* a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

21 An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil; *but* wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.

23 Divers weights *are* an abomination unto the LORD; and a false balance *is* not good.

24 Man's goings *are* of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?

25 *It is* a snare to the man *who* devoureth *that which is* holy, and after vows to make enquiry.

26 A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.

27 The spirit of man *is* the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

## CHAPTER 20 – Brenton LXX

14 - *Not in the LXX*

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20 The lamp of him that reviles father or mother shall be put out, and his eyeballs shall see darkness.

21 A portion hastily gotten at first shall not be blessed in the end.

22 Say not, I will avenge myself on my enemy; but wait on the Lord, that he may help thee.

23 A double weight is an abomination to the Lord; and a deceitful balance is not good in his sight.

24 A man's goings are directed of the Lord: how then can a mortal understand his ways?

25 It is a snare to a man hastily to consecrate some of his own property: for in that case repentance comes after vowing.

26 A wise king utterly crushes the ungodly, and will bring a wheel upon them.

27 The spirit of man is a light of the Lord, who searches the inmost parts of the belly.

**CHAPTER 20 – KJV**

**28** Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.

**29** The glory of young men *is* their strength: and the beauty of old men *is* the gray head.

**30** The blueness of a wound cleanseth away evil: so *do* stripes the inward parts of the belly.

**CHAPTER 20 – Brenton LXX**

**28** Mercy and truth are a guard to a king, and will surround his throne with righteousness.

**29** Wisdom is an ornament to young men; and grey hairs are the glory of old men.

**30** Bruises and contusions befall bad men; and plagues shall come in the inward parts of their belly.

## CHAPTER 21 – KJV

1 The king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, *as* the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

2 Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

3 To do justice and judgment *is* more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

4 An high look, and a proud heart, *and* the plowing of the wicked, *is* sin.

5 The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; but of every one *that is* hasty only to want.

6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue *is* a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

7 The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment.

8 The way of man *is* froward and strange: but *as for* the pure, his work *is* right.

9 *It is* better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.

11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.

12 The righteous *man* wisely considereth the house of the wicked: *but God* overthroweth the wicked for *their* wickedness.

13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

## CHAPTER 21 – Brenton LXX

1 As a rush of water, so is the king's heart in God's hand: he turns it whithersoever he may desire to point out.

2 Every man seems to himself righteous; but the Lord directs the hearts.

3 To do justly and to speak truth, are more pleasing to God than the blood of sacrifices.

4 A high-minded man is stout-hearted in his pride; and the lamp of the wicked is sin.

5 - *Not in the LXX*

6 He that gathers treasures with a lying tongue pursues vanity on to the snares of death.

7 Destruction shall lodge with the ungodly; for they refuse to do justly.

8 To the froward God sends froward ways; for his works are pure and right.

9 It is better to dwell in a corner on the house-top, than in plastered rooms with unrighteousness, and in an open house.

10 The soul of the ungodly shall not be pitied by any man.

11 When an intemperate man is punished the simple becomes wiser: and a wise man understanding will receive knowledge.

12 A righteous man understands the hearts of the ungodly: and despises the ungodly for their wickedness.

13 He that stops his ears from hearing the poor, himself also shall cry, and there shall be none to hear him.

## CHAPTER 21 – KJV

14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.

15 *It is* joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.

16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

17 He that loveth pleasure *shall be* a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

18 The wicked *shall be* a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

19 *It is* better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

20 *There is* treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

22 A wise *man* scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

24 Proud *and* haughty scorner *is* his name, who dealeth in proud wrath.

25 The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

26 He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

## CHAPTER 21 – Brenton LXX

14 A secret gift calms anger: but he that forbears to give stirs up strong wrath.

15 It is the joy of the righteous to do judgment: but a holy man is abominable with evil-doers.

16 A man that wanders out of the way of righteousness, shall rest in the congregation of giants.

17 A poor man loves mirth, loving wine and oil in abundance;

18 and a transgressor is the abomination of a righteous man.

19 It is better to dwell in a wilderness than with a quarrelsome and talkative and passionate woman.

20 A desirable treasure will rest on the mouth of the wise; but foolish men will swallow it up.

21 The way of righteousness and mercy will find life and glory.

22 A wise man assaults strong cities, and demolishes the fortress in which the ungodly trusted.

23 He that keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from trouble.

24 A bold and self-willed and insolent man is called a pest: and he that remembers injuries is a transgressor.

25 Desires kill the sluggard; for his hands do not choose to do anything.

26 An ungodly man entertains evil desires all the day: but the righteous is unsparingly merciful and compassionate.

## CHAPTER 21 – KJV

27 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* abomination: how much more, *when* he bringeth it with a wicked mind?

28 A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.

29 A wicked man hardeneth his face: but *as for* the upright, he directeth his way.

30 *There is* no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.

31 The horse *is* prepared against the day of battle: but safety *is* of the LORD.

## CHAPTER 21 – Brenton LXX

27 The sacrifices of the ungodly are abomination to the Lord, for they offer them wickedly.

28 A false witness shall perish; but an obedient man will speak cautiously.

29 An ungodly man impudently withstands with his face; but the upright man himself understands his ways.

30 There is no wisdom, there is no courage, there is no counsel against the ungodly.

31 A horse is prepared for the day of battle; but help is of the Lord.

## CHAPTER 22 – KJV

1 A *good* name *is* rather to be chosen than great riches, *and* loving favour rather than silver and gold.

2 The rich and poor meet together: the LORD *is* the maker of them all.

3 A prudent *man* foreseeeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

4 By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* riches, and honour, and life.

5 Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

7 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower *is* servant to the lender.

8 He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.

9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.

11 He that loveth pureness of heart, *for* the grace of his lips the king *shall be* his friend.

## CHAPTER 22 – Brenton LXX

1 A fair name is better than much wealth, and good favour is above silver and gold.

2 The rich and the poor meet together; but the Lord made them both.

3 An intelligent man seeing a bad man severely punished is himself instructed, but fools pass by and are punished.

4 The fear of the Lord is the offspring of wisdom, and wealth, and glory, and life.

5 Thistles and snares are in perverse ways; but he that keeps his soul will refrain from them.

6 - *Not in the LXX*

7 The rich will rule over the poor, and servants will lend to their own masters.

8 He that sows wickedness shall reap troubles; and shall fully receive the punishment of his deeds. God loves a cheerful and liberal man; but a man shall fully prove the folly of his works.

9 He that has pity on the poor shall himself be maintained; for he has given of his own bread to the poor. He that gives liberally secures victory an honour; but he takes away the life of them that posses them.

10 Cast out a pestilent person from the council, and strife shall go out with him; for when he sits in the council he dishonours all.

11 The Lord loves holy hearts, and all blameless persons are acceptable with him: a king rules with his lips.

## CHAPTER 22 – KJV

12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.

13 The slothful *man* saith, *There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.*

14 The mouth of strange women *is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.*

15 Foolishness *is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.*

16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his *riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.*

17 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

18 For *it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.*

19 That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee.

20 Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge,

21 That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?

22 Rob not the poor, because he *is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate:*

## CHAPTER 22 – Brenton LXX

12 But the eyes of the Lord preserve discretion; but the transgressor despises wise words.

13 The sluggard makes excuses, and says, There is a lion in the ways, and murderers in the streets.

14 The mouth of a transgressor is a deep pit; and he that is hated of the Lord shall fall into it. Evil ways are before a man, and he does not like to turn away from them; but it is needful to turn aside from a perverse and bad way.

15 Folly is attached to the heart of a child, but the rod and instruction are then far from him.

16 He that oppresses the poor, increases his own substance, yet gives to the rich so as to make it less.

17 Incline thine ear to the words of wise men: hear also my word, and apply thine heart,

18 that thou mayest know that they are good: and if thou lay them to heart, they shall also gladden thee on thy lips.

19 That thy hope may be in the Lord, and he may make thy way known to thee.

20 And do thou too repeatedly record them for thyself on the table of thine heart, for counsel and knowledge.

21 I therefore teach thee truth, and knowledge good to hear; that thou mayest answer words of truth to them that question thee.

22 Do no violence to the poor, for he is needy: neither dishonour the helpless man in the gates.

## CHAPTER 22 – KJV

**23** For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

**24** Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

**25** Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

**26** Be not thou *one* of them that strike hands, *or* of them that are sureties for debts.

**27** If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?

**28** Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.

**29** Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean *men*.

## CHAPTER 22 – Brenton LXX

**23** For the Lord will plead his cause, and thou shalt deliver thy soul in safety.

**24** Be not companion to a furious man; neither lodge with a passionate man:

**25** lest thou learn of his ways, and get snares to thy soul.

**26** Become not surety from respect of a man's person.

**27** For if those have not whence to give compensation, they will take the bed that is under thee.

**28** Remove not the old landmarks, which thy fathers placed.

**29** It is fit that an observant man and one diligent in his business should attend on kings, and not attend on slothful men.

## CHAPTER 23 – KJV

1 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what *is* before thee:

2 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou *be* a man given to appetite.

3 Be not desirous of his dainties: for they *are* deceitful meat.

4 Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.

5 Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for *riches* certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

6 Eat thou not the bread of *him* that *hath* an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:

7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart *is* not with thee.

8 The morsel *which* thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.

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.

## CHAPTER 23 – Brenton LXX

1 If thou sit to sup at the table of a prince, consider attentively the things set before thee:

2 and apply thine hand, knowing that it behoves thee to prepare such meats: but if thou art very insatiable,

3 desire not his provisions; for these belong to a false life.

4 If thou art poor, measure not thyself with a rich man; but refrain thyself in thy wisdom.

5 If thou shouldest fix thine eye upon him, he will disappear; for wings like an eagle's are prepared for him, and he returns to the house of his master.

6 Sup not with an envious man, neither desire thou his meats:

7 so he eats and drinks as if any one should swallow a hair, and do not bring him in to thyself, nor eat thy morsel with him:

8 for he will vomit it up, and spoil thy fair words.

9 Say nothing in the ears of a fool, lest at any time he sneer at thy wise words.

10 Remove not the ancient landmarks; and enter not upon the possession of the fatherless:

11 for the Lord is their redeemer; he is mighty, and will plead their cause with thee.

12 Apply thine heart to instruction, and prepare thine ears for words of discretion.

13 Refrain not from chastening a child; for if thou beat him with the rod, he shall not die.

14 For thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from death.

## CHAPTER 23 – KJV

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 Hearken 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.

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.

## CHAPTER 23 – Brenton LXX

15 Son, if thy heart be wise, thou shalt also gladden my heart;

16 and thy lips shall converse with my lips, if they be right.

17 Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day.

18 For if thou shouldst keep these things, thou shalt have posterity; and thine hope shall not be removed.

19 Hear, my son, and be wise, and rightly direct the thoughts of thine heart.

20 Be not a wine-bibber, neither continue long at feasts, and purchases of flesh:

21 for every drunkard and whoremonger shall be poor; and every sluggard shall clothe himself with tatters and ragged garments.

22 Hearken, my son, to thy father which begot thee, and despise not thy mother because she is grown old.

23 - *Not in the LXX*

24 A righteous father brings up his children well; and his soul rejoices over a wise son.

25 Let thy father and thy mother rejoice over thee, and let her that bore thee be glad.

26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

27 For a strange house is a vessel full of holes; and a strange well is narrow.

28 For such a one shall perish suddenly; and every transgressor shall be cut off.

## CHAPTER 23 – KJV

**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.

## CHAPTER 23 – Brenton LXX

**29** Who has woe? who trouble? who has quarrels? and who vexations and disputes? who has bruises without a cause? whose eyes are livid?

**30** Are not those of them that stay long at wine? are not those of them that haunt the places where banquets are? Be not drunk with wine; but converse with just men, and converse with them openly.

**31** For if thou shouldest set thine eyes on bowls and cups, thou shalt afterwards go more naked than a pestle.

**32** But at last such a one stretches himself out as one smitten by a serpent, and venom is diffused through him as by a horned serpent.

**33** Whenever thine eyes shall behold a strange woman, then thy mouth shall speak perverse things.

**34** And thou shalt lie as in the midst of the sea, and as a pilot in a great storm.

**35** And thou shalt say, They smote me, and I was not pained; and they mocked me, and I knew it not: when will it be morning, that I may go and seek those with whom I may go in company?

## CHAPTER 24 – KJV

1 Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.

2 For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

3 Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:

4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

5 A wise man *is* strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.

7 Wisdom *is* too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.

8 He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person.

9 The thought of foolishness *is* sin: and the scorner *is* an abomination to men.

10 *If* thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength *is* small.

11 If thou forbear to deliver *them that are* drawn unto death, and *those that are* ready to be slain;

12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider *it?* and he that keepeth thy soul, doth *not* he know *it?* and shall *not* he render to *every* man according to his works?

13 My son, eat thou honey, because *it is* good; and the honeycomb, *which is* sweet to thy taste:

## CHAPTER 24 – Brenton LXX

1 My son, envy not bad men, nor desire to be with them.

2 For their heart meditates falsehoods, and their lips speak mischiefs.

3 A house is built by wisdom, and is set up by understanding.

4 By discretion the chambers are filled with all precious and excellent wealth.

5 A wise man is better than a strong man; and a man who has prudence than a large estate.

6 War is carried on with generalship, and aid is supplied to the heart of a counsellor.

7 Wisdom and good understanding are in the gates of the wise: the wise turn not aside from the mouth of the Lord,

8 but deliberate in council. Death befalls uninstructed men.

9 The fools also dies in sins; and uncleanness attaches to a pestilent man.

10 He shall be defiled in the evil day, and in the day of affliction, until he be utterly consumed.

11 Deliver them that are led away to death, and redeem them that are appointed to be slain; spare not thy help.

12 But if thou shouldest say, I know not this man; know that the Lord knows the hearts of all; and he that formed breath for all, he knows all things, who renders to every man according to his works.

13 My son, eat honey, for the honeycomb is good, that thy throat may be sweetened.

## CHAPTER 24 – KJV

14 So *shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* unto thy soul: when thou hast found *it*, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

15 Lay not wait, O wicked *man*, against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting place:

16 For a just *man* falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

17 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:

18 Lest the LORD see *it*, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

19 Fret not thyself because of evil *men*, neither be thou envious at the wicked; <sup>vi</sup>

20 For there shall be no reward to the evil *man*; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.

21 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: *and* meddle not with them that are given to change:

22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

23 These *things* also *belong* to the wise. *It is* not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou *art* righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:

25 But to them that rebuke *him* shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.

26 *Every man* shall kiss *his* lips that giveth a right answer.

## CHAPTER 24 – Brenton LXX

14 Thus shalt thou perceive wisdom in thy soul: for if thou find it, thine end shall be good, and hope shall not fail thee.

15 Bring not an ungodly man into the dwelling of the righteous: neither be deceived by the feeding of the belly.

16 For a righteous man will fall seven times, and rise again: but the ungodly shall be without strength in troubles.

17 If thine enemy should fall, rejoice not over him, neither be elated at his overthrow.

18 For the Lord will see it, and it will not please him, and he will turn away his wrath from him.

19 Rejoice not in evil-doers, neither be envious of sinners.

20 For the evil man shall have no posterity: and the light of the wicked shall be put out.

21 My son, fear God and the king; and do not disobey either of them.

22 For they will suddenly punish the ungodly, and who can know the vengeance inflicted by both?

23 And this thing I say to you that are wise for you to learn: It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

24 He that says of the ungodly, He is righteous, shall be cursed by peoples, and hateful among the nations.

25 But they that reprove him shall appear more excellent, and blessing shall come upon them;

26 and men will kiss lips that answer well.

## CHAPTER 24 – KJV

27 Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.

28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive *not* with thy lips.

29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.

30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, *and* nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

32 Then I saw, *and* considered *it* well: I looked upon *it*, *and* received instruction.

33 *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

34 So shall thy poverty come *as* one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.

## CHAPTER 24 – Brenton LXX

27 Prepare thy works for thy going forth, and prepare thyself for the field; and come after me, and thou shalt rebuild thine house.

28 Be not a false witness against thy fellow citizen, neither exaggerate with thy lips.

29 Say not, As he has treated me, so will I treat him, and I will avenge myself on him for that wherein he has injured me.

30 A foolish man is like a farm, and a senseless man is like a vineyard.

31 If thou let him alone, he will altogether remain barren and covered with weeds; and he becomes destitute, and his stone walls are broken down.

32 Afterwards I reflected, I looked that I might receive instruction.

33 The sluggard says, I slumber a little, and I sleep a little, and for a little while I fold my arms across my breast.

34 But if thou do this, thy poverty will come speedily; and thy want like a swift courier.

## CHAPTER 25 – KJV

1 These *are* also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

2 *It is* the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings *is* to search out a matter.

3 The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings *is* unsearchable.

4 Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.

5 Take away the wicked *from* before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.

6 Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great *men*:

7 For better *it is* that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.

8 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest *thou know not* what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour *himself*; and discover not a secret to another:

10 Lest he that heareth *it* put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

11 A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures of silver.

12 *As* an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, *so is* a wise reprove upon an obedient ear.

## CHAPTER 25 – Brenton LXX

1 These are the miscellaneous instructions of Solomon, which the friends of Ezekias king of Judea copied out.

2 The glory of God conceals a matter: but the glory of a king honours business.

3 Heaven is high, and earth is deep, and a king's heart is unsearchable.

4 Beat the drossy silver, and it shall be made entirely pure.

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

6 Be not boastful in the presence of the king, and remain not in the places of princes;

7 for it is better for thee that it should be said, Come up to me, than that one should humble thee in the presence of the prince; speak of that which thine eyes have seen.

8 Get not suddenly into a quarrel, lest thou repent at last.

9 Whenever thy friend shall reproach thee, retreat backward, despise him not;

10 lest thy friend continue to reproach thee, so thy quarrel and enmity shall not depart, but shall be to thee like death. Favour and friendship set a man free, which do thou keep for thyself, lest thou be made liable to reproach; but take heed to thy ways peaceably.

11 As a golden apple in a necklace of sardius, so is it to speak a wise word.

12 In an ear-ring of gold a precious sardius is also set; so is a wise word to an obedient ear.

## CHAPTER 25 – KJV

13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, *so is* a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.

14 Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift *is like* clouds and wind without rain.

15 By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

16 Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

17 Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and *so* hate thee.

18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour *is* a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble *is like* a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

20 *As* he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, *and as* vinegar upon nitre, *so is* he that singeth songs to an heavy heart.

21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:

22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

23 The north wind driveth away rain: *so doth* an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

24 *It is* better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.

## CHAPTER 25 – Brenton LXX

13 As a fall 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.

14 As winds and clouds and rains are most evident objects, so is he that boasts of a false gift.

15 In long-suffering is prosperity to kings, and a soft tongue breaks the bones.

16 Having found honey, eat only what is enough, lest haply thou be filled, and vomit it up.

17 Enter sparingly into thy friend's house, lest he be satiated with thy company, and hate thee.

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

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

20 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.

21 If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; <sup>vii</sup>

22 for so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee with good.

23 The north wind raises clouds; so an impudent face provokes the tongue.

24 It is better to dwell on a corner of the roof, than with a railing woman in an open house.

## CHAPTER 25 – KJV

25 *As* cold waters to a thirsty soul, so *is* good news from a far country.

26 A righteous man falling down before the wicked *is as* a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.

27 *It is* not good to eat much honey; so *for men* to search their own glory *is not* glory.

28 He that *hath* no rule over his own spirit *is like* a city *that is* broken down, *and* without walls.

## CHAPTER 25 – Brenton LXX

25 As cold water is agreeable to a thirsting soul, so is a good message from a land far off.

26 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.

27 It is not good to eat much honey; but it is right to honour venerable sayings.

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

## CHAPTER 26 – KJV

1 As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool.

2 As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.

4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.

6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, *and* drinketh damage.

7 The legs of the lame are not equal: so *is* a parable in the mouth of fools.

8 As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so *is* he that giveth honour to a fool.

9 *As* a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so *is* a parable in the mouth of fools.

10 The great *God* that formed all *things* both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors.

11 As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.

12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

## CHAPTER 26 – Brenton LXX

1 As dew in harvest, and as rain in summer, so honour is not seemly for a fool.

2 As birds and sparrows fly, so a curse shall not come upon any one without a cause.

3 As a whip for a horse, and a goad for an ass, so is a rod for a simple nation.

4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou become like him.

5 Yet answer a fool according to his folly, lest he seem wise in his own conceit.

6 He that sends a message by a foolish messenger procures for himself a reproach from his own ways.

7 As well take away the motion of the legs, as transgression from the mouth of fools.

8 He that binds up a stone in a sling, is like one that gives glory to a fool.

9 Thorns grow in the hand of a drunkard, and servitude in the hand of fools.

10 All the flesh of fools endures much hardship; for their fury is brought to nought.

11 As when a dog goes to his own vomit, and becomes abominable, so is fool who returns in his wickedness to his own sin. [There is a shame that brings sin: and there is a shame that is glory and grace.]<sup>viii</sup>

12 I have seen a man who seemed to himself to be wise; but a fool had more hope than he.

## CHAPTER 26 – KJV

13 The slothful *man* saith, *There is a lion in the way*; a lion *is* in the streets.

14 *As* the door turneth upon his hinges, so *doth* the slothful upon his bed.

15 The slothful hideth his hand in *his* bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.

16 The sluggard *is* wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.

17 He that passeth by, *and* meddleth with strife *belonging* not to him, *is like* one that taketh a dog by the ears.

18 As a mad *man* who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death,

19 So *is* the man *that* deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?

20 Where no wood is, *there* the fire goeth out: so where *there is* no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

21 *As* coals *are* to burning coals, and wood to fire; so *is* a contentious man to kindle strife.

22 The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

23 Burning lips and a wicked heart *are like* a potsherd covered with silver dross.

24 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him;

## CHAPTER 26 – Brenton LXX

13 A sluggard when sent on a journey says, There is a lion in the ways, and there are murderers in the streets.

14 As a door turns on the hinge, so does a sluggard on his bed.

15 A sluggard having hid his hand in his bosom, will not be able to bring it up to his mouth.

16 A sluggard seems to himself wiser than one who most satisfactorily brings back a message.

17 As he that lays hold of a dog's tail, so is he that makes himself the champion of another's cause.

18 As those who need correction put forth fair words to men, and he that first falls in with the proposal will be overthrown;

19 so are all that lay wait for their own friends, and when they are discovered, say, I did it in jest.

20 With much wood fire increases; but where there is not a double-minded man, strife ceases.

21 A hearth for coals, and wood for fire; and railing man for the tumult of strife.

22 The words of cunning knaves are soft; but they smite even to the inmost parts of the bowels.

23 Silver dishonestly given is to be considered as a potsherd: smooth lips cover a grievous heart.

24 A weeping enemy promises all things with his lips, but in his heart he contrives deceit.

**CHAPTER 26 – KJV**

25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for *there are* seven abominations in his heart.

26 *Whose* hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the *whole* congregation.

27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

28 A lying tongue hateth *those that are* afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

**CHAPTER 26 – Brenton LXX**

25 Though thine enemy intreat thee with a loud voice, consent not: for there are seven abominations in his heart.

26 He that hides enmity frames deceit: but being easily discerned, exposes his own sins in the public assemblies.

27 He that digs a pit for his neighbour shall fall into it: and he that rolls a stone, rolls it upon himself.

28 A lying tongue hates the truth; and an unguarded mouth causes tumults.

## CHAPTER 27 – KJV

1 Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

3 A stone *is* heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath *is* heavier than them both.

4 Wrath *is* cruel, and anger *is* outrageous; but who *is* able to stand before envy?

5 Open rebuke *is* better than secret love.

6 Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.

7 The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

8 As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so *is* a man that wandereth from his place.

9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so *doth* the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.

10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: *for* better *is* a neighbour *that is* near than a brother far off.

11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.

12 A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, *and* hideth himself; *but* the simple pass on, *and* are punished.

## CHAPTER 27 – Brenton LXX

1 Boast not of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what the next day shall bring forth.

2 Let thy neighbour, and not thine own mouth, praise thee; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

3 A stone is heavy, and sand cumbersome; but a fool's wrath is heavier than both.

4 Wrath is merciless, and anger sharp: but envy can bear nothing.

5 Open reproofs are better than secret love.

6 The wounds of a friend are more to be trusted than the spontaneous kisses of an enemy.

7 A full soul scorns honeycombs; but to a hungry soul even bitter things appear sweet.

8 As when a bird flies down from its own nest, so a man is brought into bondage whenever he estranges himself from his own place.

9 The heart delights in ointments and wines and perfumes: but the soul is broken by calamities.

10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; and when thou art in distress go not into thy brother's house: better is a friend that is near than a brother living far off.

11 Son, be wise, that thy heart may rejoice; and remove thou from thyself reproachful words.

12 A wise man, when evils are approaching, hides himself; but fools pass on, and will be punished.

## CHAPTER 27 – KJV

**13** Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

**14** He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.

**15** A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

**16** Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, *which* bewrayeth *itself*.

**17** Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

**18** Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.

**19** As in water face *answereth* to face, so the heart of man to man.

**20** Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

**21** *As* the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so *is* a man to his praise.

**22** Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, *yet* will not his foolishness depart from him.

**23** Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, *and* look well to thy herds.

## CHAPTER 27 – Brenton LXX

**13** Take away the man's garment, (for a scorner has passed by) whoever lays waste another's goods.

**14** Whosoever shall bless a friend in the morning with a loud voice, shall seem to differ nothing from one who curses him.

**15** On a stormy day drops of rain drive a man out of his house; so also does a railing woman drive a man out of his own house.

**16** The north wind is sharp, but it is called by name propitious.

**17** Iron sharpens iron; and a man sharpens his friend's countenance.

**18** He that plants a fig-tree shall eat the fruits of it: so he that waits on his own master shall be honoured.

**19** As faces are not like other faces, so neither are the thoughts of men.

**20** Hell and destruction are not filled; so also are the eyes of men insatiable. [He that fixes his eye is an abomination to the Lord; and the uninstructed do not restrain their tongue.]

**21** Fire is the trial for silver and gold; and a man is tried by the mouth of them that praise him. The heart of the transgressor seeks after mischiefs; but an upright heart seeks knowledge.

**22** Though thou scourge a fool, disgracing him in the midst of the council, thou wilt still in no wise remove his folly from him.

**23** Do thou thoroughly know the number of thy flock, and pay attention to thine herds.

**CHAPTER 27 – KJV**

**24** For riches *are* not for ever: and doth the crown *endure* to every generation?

**25** The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered.

**26** The lambs *are* for thy clothing, and the goats *are* the price of the field.

**27** And *thou shalt have* goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and *for* the maintenance for thy maidens.

**CHAPTER 27 – Brenton LXX**

**24** For a man has not strength and power for ever; neither does he transmit it from generation to generation.

**25** Take care of the herbage in the field, and thou shalt cut grass, and gather the mountain hay;

**26** that thou mayest have wool of sheep for clothing: pay attention to the land, that thou mayest have lambs.

**27** My son, thou hast from me words very useful for thy life, and for the life of thy servants.

## CHAPTER 28 – KJV

1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

2 For the transgression of a land many *are* the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding *and* knowledge the state *thereof* shall be prolonged.

3 A poor man that oppresseth the poor *is like* a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.

4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.

5 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all *things*.

6 Better *is* the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than *he that is* perverse *in his* ways, though he *be* rich.

7 Whoso keepeth the law *is* a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous *men* shameth his father.

8 He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination.

10 Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good *things* in possession.

11 The rich man *is* wise in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.

## CHAPTER 28 – Brenton LXX

1 The ungodly man flees when no one pursues: but the righteous is confident as a lion.

2 By reason of the sins of ungodly men quarrels arise; but a wise man will quell them.

3 A bold man oppresses the poor by ungodly deeds. As an impetuous and profitable rain,

4 so they that forsake the law praise ungodliness; but they that love the law fortify themselves with a wall.

5 Evil men will not understand judgment: but they that seek the Lord will understand everything.

6 A poor man walking in truth is better than a rich liar.

7 A wise son keeps the law: but he that keeps up debauchery dishonours his father.

8 He that increases his wealth by usuries and unjust gains, gathers it for him that pities the poor.

9 He that turns away his ear from hearing the law, even he has made his prayer abominable.

10 He that causes upright men to err in an evil way, himself shall fall into destruction: transgressor also shall pass by prosperity, but shall not enter into it.

11 A rich man is wise in his own conceit; but an intelligent poor man will condemn him.

## CHAPTER 28 – KJV

12 When righteous *men* do rejoice, *there is* great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden.

13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy.

14 Happy *is* the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

15 *As* a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; *so is* a wicked ruler over the poor people.

16 The prince that wanteth understanding *is* also a great oppressor: *but* he that hateth covetousness shall prolong *his* days.

17 A man that doeth violence to the blood of *any* person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.

18 Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: *but he that is* perverse *in his* ways shall fall at once.

19 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain *persons* shall have poverty enough.

20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

21 To have respect of persons *is* not good: for for a piece of bread *that* man will transgress.

22 He that hasteth to be rich *hath* an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

## CHAPTER 28 – Brenton LXX

12 By reason of the help of righteous men great glory arises: but in the places of the ungodly men are caught.

13 He that covers his own ungodliness shall not prosper: but he that blames himself shall be loved.

14 Blessed is the man who religiously fears always: but the hard of heart shall fall into mischiefs.

15 A hungry lion and a thirsty wolf is he, who, being poor, rules over a poor nation.

16 A king in need of revenues is a great oppressor: but he that hates injustice shall live a long time.

17 He that becomes surety for a man charged with murder shall be an exile, and not in safety. Chasten thy son, and he shall love thee, and give honour to thy soul: he shall not obey a sinful nation.

18 He that walks justly is assisted: but he that walks in crooked ways shall be entangled therein.

19 He that tills his own land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that follows idleness shall have plenty of poverty.

20 A man worthy of credit shall be much blessed: but the wicked shall not be unpunished.

21 He that reverences not the persons of the just is not good: such a one will sell a man for a morsel of bread.

22 An envious man makes haste to be rich, and knows not that the merciful man will have the mastery over him.

**CHAPTER 28 – KJV**

**23** He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.

**24** Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, *It is* no transgression; the same *is* the companion of a destroyer.

**25** He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

**26** He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

**27** He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

**28** When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.

**CHAPTER 28 – Brenton LXX**

**23** He that reproveth a man's ways shall have more favour than he that flatters with the tongue.

**24** He that casts off father or mother, and thinks he sins not; the same is partaker with an ungodly man.

**25** An unbelieving man judges rashly: but he that trusts in the Lord will act carefully.

**26** He that trusts to a bold heart, such an one is a fool: but he that walks in wisdom shall be safe.

**27** He that gives to the poor shall not be in want: but he that turns away his eye from him shall be in great distress.

**28** In the places of ungodly men the righteous mourn: but in their destruction the righteous shall be multiplied.

## CHAPTER 29 – KJV

1 He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth *his* neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth *his* substance.

4 The king by judgment establisheth the land: but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.

5 A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.

6 In the transgression of an evil man *there is* a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.

7 The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: *but* the wicked regardeth not to know *it*.

8 Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise *men* turn away wrath.

9 *If* a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, *there is* no rest.

10 The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.

11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise *man* keepeth it in till afterwards.

12 If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants *are* wicked.

13 The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the LORD lighteneth both their eyes.

## CHAPTER 29 – Brenton LXX

1 A reprovor is better than a stiff-necked man: for when the latter is suddenly set on fire, there shall be no remedy.

2 When the righteous are praised, the people will rejoice: but when the ungodly rule, men mourn.

3 When a man loves wisdom, his father rejoices: but he that keeps harlots will waste wealth.

4 A righteous king establishes a country: but a transgressor destroys it.

5 He that prepares a net in the way of his own friend, entangles his own feet in it.

6 A great snare is spread for a sinner: but the righteous shall be in joy and gladness.

7 A righteous man knows how to judge for the poor: but the ungodly understands not knowledge; and the poor man has not an understanding mind.

8 Lawless men burn down a city: but wise men turn away wrath.

9 A wise man shall judge nations: but a worthless man being angry laughs and fears not.

10 Bloody men hate a holy person, but the upright will seek his soul.

11 A fool utters all his mind: but the wise reserves his in part.

12 When a king hearkens to unjust language, all his subjects are transgressors.

13 When the creditor and debtor meet together, the Lord oversees them both.

## CHAPTER 29 – KJV

14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.

15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left *to himself* bringeth his mother to shame.

16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall.

17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

18 Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.

19 A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer.

20 Seest thou a man *that is* hasty in his words? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become *his* son at the length.

22 An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth *it* not.

25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

## CHAPTER 29 – Brenton LXX

14 When a king judges the poor in truth, his throne shall be established for a testimony.

15 Stripes and reproofs give wisdom: but an erring child disgraces his parents.

16 When the ungodly abound, sins abound: but when they fall, the righteous are warned.

17 Chasten thy son, and he shall give thee rest; and he shall give honour to thy soul.

18 There shall be no interpreter to a sinful nation: but he that observes the law is blessed.

19 A stubborn servant will not be reproved by words: for even if he understands, still he will not obey.

20 If thou see a man hasty in his words, know that the fool has hope rather than he.

21 He that lives wantonly from a child, shall be a servant, and in the end shall grieve over himself.

22 A furious man stirs up strife, and a passionate man digs up sin.

23 Pride brings a man low, but the Lord upholds the humble-minded with honour.

24 He that shares with a thief, hates his own soul: and if any having heard an oath uttered tell not of it,

25 they fearing and reverencing men unreasonably have been overthrown, but he that trusts in the Lord shall rejoice. Ungodliness causes a man to stumble: but he that trusts in his master shall be safe.

## CHAPTER 29 – KJV

26 Many seek the ruler's favour; but *every* man's judgment *cometh* from the LORD.

27 An unjust man *is* an abomination to the just: and *he that is* upright in the way *is* abomination to the wicked.

## CHAPTER 29 – Brenton LXX

26 Many wait on the favour of rulers; but justice comes to a man from the Lord.

27 A righteous man is an abomination to an unrighteous man, and the direct way is an abomination to the sinner. [A son that keeps the commandment shall escape destruction; for such an one has fully received it. Let no falsehood be spoken by the king from the tongue; yea, let no falsehood proceed from his tongue. The king's tongue is a sword, and not one of flesh; and whosoever shall be given up to it shall be destroyed: for if his wrath should be provoked, he destroys men with cords, and devours men's bones, and burns them up as a flame, so that they are not even fit to be eaten by the young eagles. My son, reverence my words, and receive them, and repent.]

## CHAPTER 30 – KJV

1 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, *even* the prophecy: the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal,

2 Surely I *am* more brutish than *any* man, and have not the understanding of a man.

3 I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy.

4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what *is* his name, and what *is* his son's name, if thou canst tell?

5 Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

7 Two *things* have I required of thee; deny me *them* not before I die:

8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me:

9 Lest I be full, and deny *thee*, and say, Who *is* the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God *in vain*.

10 Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.

11 *There is* a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

12 *There is* a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and *yet* is not washed from their filthiness.

## CHAPTER 30 – Brenton LXX

1 These things says the man to them that trust in God; and I cease.

2 For I am the most simple of all men, and there is not in me the wisdom of men.

3 God has taught me wisdom, and I know the knowledge of the holy.

4 Who has gone up to heaven, and come down? who has gathered the winds in his bosom? who has wrapped up the waters in a garment? who has dominion of all the ends of the earth? what is his name? or what is the name of his children?

5 For all the words of God are tried in the fire, and he defends those that reverence him.

6 Add not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be made a liar.

7 Two things I ask of thee; take not favour from me before I die.

8 Remove far from me vanity and falsehood: and give me not wealth or poverty; but appoint me what is needful and sufficient:

9 lest I be filled and become false, and say, Who sees me? or be poor and steal, and swear vainly by the name of God.

10 Deliver not a servant into the hands of his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be utterly destroyed.

11 A wicked generation curse their father, and do not bless their mother.

12 A wicked generation judge themselves to be just, but do not cleanse their way.

## CHAPTER 30 – KJV

13 *There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up.*

14 *There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.*

15 The horseleach hath two daughters, *crying*, Give, give. There are three *things that* are never satisfied, *yea*, four *things* say not, *It is* enough:

16 The grave; and the barren womb; the earth *that* is not filled with water; and the fire *that* saith not, *It is* enough.

17 The eye *that* mocketh at *his* father, and despiseth to obey *his* mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

18 There be three *things which* are too wonderful for me, *yea*, four which I know not:

19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.

20 Such *is* the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeh her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

21 For three *things* the earth is disquieted, and for four *which* it cannot bear:

22 For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat;

## CHAPTER 30 – Brenton LXX

13 A wicked generation have lofty eyes, and exalt themselves with their eyelids.

14 A wicked generation have swords for teeth and jaw-teeth as knives, so as to destroy and devour the lowly from the earth, and the poor of them from among men.

15 The horse-leech had three dearly-beloved daughters: and these three did not satisfy her; and the fourth was not contented so as to say, Enough.

16 The grave, and the love of a woman, and the earth not filled with water; water also and fire will not say, It is enough.

17 The eye that laughs to scorn a father, and dishonours the old age of a mother, let the ravens of the valleys pick it out, and let the young eagles devour it.

18 Moreover there are three things impossible for me to comprehend, and the fourth I know not:

19 the track of a flying eagle; and the ways of a serpent on a rock; and the paths of a ship passing through the sea; and the ways of a man in youth.

20 Such is the way of an adulterous woman, who having washed herself from what she has done, says she has done nothing amiss.

21 By three thing the earth is troubled, and the fourth it cannot bear:

22 if a servant reign; or a fool be filled with food;

## CHAPTER 30 – KJV

**23** For an odious *woman* when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

**24** There be four *things which are* little upon the earth, but they *are* exceeding wise:

**25** The ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;

**26** The conies *are but* a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;

**27** The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;

**28** The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.

**29** There be three *things* which go well, yea, four are comely in going:

**30** A lion *which is* strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any;

**31** A greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom *there is* no rising up.

**32** If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, *lay* thine hand upon thy mouth.

**33** Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

## CHAPTER 30 – Brenton LXX

**23** or if a maid-servant should cast out her own mistress; and if a hateful woman should marry a good man.

**24** And there are four very little things upon the earth, but these are wiser than the wise:

**25** the ants which are weak, and yet prepare their food in summer;

**26** the rabbits also are a feeble race, who make their houses in the rocks.

**27** The locusts have no king, and yet march orderly at one command.

**28** And the eft, which supports itself by its hands, and is easily taken, dwells in the fortresses of kings.

**29** And there are three things which go well, and a fourth which passes along finely.

**30** A lion's whelp, stronger than all other beasts, which turns not away, nor fears any beast;

**31** and a cock walking in boldly among the hens, and the goat leading the herd; and a king publicly speaking before a nation.

**32** If thou abandon thyself to mirth, and stretch forth thine hand in a quarrel, thou shalt be disgraced.

**33** Milk out milk, and there shall be butter, and if thou wing one's nostrils there shall come out blood: so if thou extort words, there will come forth quarrels and strifes.

## CHAPTER 31 – KJV

1 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.

2 What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?

3 Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.

4 *It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:

5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.

7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

8 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.

9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price *is* far above rubies.

11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

## CHAPTER 31 – Brenton LXX

1 My words have been spoken by God—the oracular answer of a king, whom his mother instructed.

2 What wilt thou keep, my son, what? the words of God. My firstborn son, I speak to thee: what? son of my womb? what? son of my vows?

3 Give not thy wealth to women, nor thy mind and living to remorse. Do all things with counsel: drink wine with counsel.

4 Princes are prone to anger: let them then not drink wine:

5 lest they drink, and forget wisdom, and be not able to judge the poor rightly.

6 Give strong drink to those that are in sorrow, and the wine to drink to those in pain:

7 that they may forget their poverty, and may not remember their troubles any more.

8 Open thy mouth with the word of God, and judge all fairly.

9 Open thy mouth and judge justly, and plead the cause of the poor and weak.

10 Who shall find a virtuous woman? for such a one is more valuable than precious stones.

11 The heart of her husband trusts in her: such a one shall stand in no need of fine spoils.

12 For she employs all her living for her husband's good.

13 Gathering wool and flax, she makes it serviceable with her hands.

14 She is like a ship trading from a distance: so she procures her livelihood.

## CHAPTER 31 – KJV

15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

18 She perceiveth that her merchandise *is* good: her candle goeth not out by night.

19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household *are* clothed with scarlet.

22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing *is* silk and purple.

23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth *it*; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

25 Strength and honour *are* her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness.

27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

## CHAPTER 31 – Brenton LXX

15 And she rises by night, and gives food to her household, and appointed tasks to her maidens.

16 She views a farm, and buys it: and with the fruit of her hands she plants and a possession.

17 She strongly girds her loins, and strengthens her arms for work.

18 And she finds by experience that working is good; and her candle goes not out all night.

19 She reaches forth her arms to needful works, and applies her hands to the spindle.

20 And she opens her hands to the needy, and reaches out fruit to the poor.

21 Her husband is not anxious about those at home when he tarries anywhere abroad: for all her household are clothed.

22 She makes for her husband clothes of double texture, and garments for herself of fine linen and scarlet.

23 And her husband becomes a distinguished person in the gates, when he sits in council with the old inhabitants of the land.

24 She makes fine linens, and sells girdles to the Chananites: she opens her mouth heedfully and with propriety, and controls her tongue.

25 She puts on strength and honour; and rejoices in the last days.

26 But she opens her mouth wisely, and according to law.

27 The ways of her household are careful, and she eats not the bread of idleness.

## CHAPTER 31 – KJV

28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband *also*, and he praiseth her.

29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

30 Favour *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain: *but* a woman *that* feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

## CHAPTER 31 – Brenton LXX

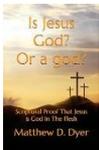
28 And her kindness to them sets up her children for them, and they grow rich, and her husband praises her.

29 Many daughters have obtained wealth, many have wrought valiantly; but thou hast exceeded, thou hast surpassed all.

30 Charms are false, and woman's beauty is vain: for it is a wise woman that is blessed, and let her praise the fear the Lord.

31 Give her of the fruit of her lips; and let her husband be praised in the gates.

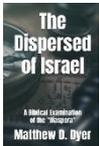
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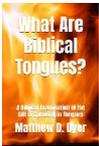
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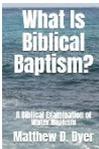
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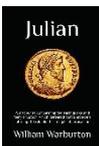
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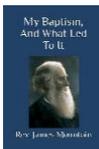
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<sup>i</sup> Proverbs 3:11 from the LXX is quoted in Hebrews 12:5-6. This passage is very similar to the Masoretic text, but the Greek used seems to suggest the writer was pulling from the LXX.

<sup>ii</sup> Proverbs 3:34 from the LXX is quoted in James 4:61 and 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:5.

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<sup>iv</sup> Proverbs 18:4 may be alluded to by Jesus in John 7:38.

<sup>v</sup> Proverbs 18:12 may be alluded to by Jesus in Luke 14:11.

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<sup>viii</sup> Proverbs 26:11 is quoted in 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:22. It's source seems to be more closely related to the Masoretic Text.