

Proverbs 20

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Wine Is a Mocker

- 1**Wine is a mocker, strong drink is riotous; And whosoever reeleth thereby is not wise.
- 2**The terror of a king is as the roaring of a lion: He that provoketh him to anger forfeiteth his life.
- 3**It is an honour for a man to keep aloof from strife; But every fool will be snarling.
- 4**The sluggard will not plow when winter setteth in; Therefore he shall 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**He that walketh in his integrity as a just man, Happy are his children after him.
- 8**A king that sitteth on 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 alike are 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 have bread in plenty.
- 14**It is bad, it is bad', 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 hold him in pledge that is surety for an alien woman.
- 17**Bread of falsehood 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 carry on war.
- 19**He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets; Therefore meddle not with him that openeth wide his lips.
- 20**Whoso curseth his father or his mother, His lamp shall be put out in the blackest darkness.
- 21**An estate may be gotten hastily at the beginning; But the end thereof shall not be blessed.
- 22**Say not thou: 'I will requite evil'; Wait for the LORD, and He will save thee.
- 23**Divers weights are an abomination to the LORD; And a false balance is not good.
- 24**A man's goings are of the LORD; How then can man look to his way?
- 25**It is a snare to a man rashly to say: 'Holy', And after vows to make inquiry.
- 26**A wise king sifteth the wicked, And turneth the wheel over them.
- 27**The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, Searching all the inward parts.
- 28**Mercy and truth preserve the king; And his throne is upheld by mercy.
- 29**The glory of young men is their strength; And the beauty of old men is the hoary head.
- 30**Sharp wounds cleanse away evil; So do stripes that reach the inward parts.