# **ECCLESIASTES 10**

### **ECCLESIASTES 10:1**

1 Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour.

### **ECCLESIASTES 10:2**

2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left.

#### **ECCLESIASTES 10:3**

3 Yea also, when he that is a fool walketh by the way, his wisdom faileth *him*, and he saith to every one *that* he *is* a fool.

### **ECCLESIASTES 10:4**

4 If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy place; for yielding pacifieth great offences.

# **ECCLESIASTES 10:5**

5 There is an evil *which* I have seen under the sun, as an error *which* proceedeth from the ruler:

## **ECCLESIASTES 10:6**

6 Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place.

# **ECCLESIASTES 10:7**

7 I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth.

## **ECCLESIASTES 10:8**

8 He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.

### **ECCLESIASTES 10:9**

9 Whoso removeth stones shall be hurt therewith; *and* he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby.

# **ECCLESIASTES 10:10**

10 If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom *is* profitable to direct.

# **ECCLESIASTES 10:11**

11 Surely the serpent will bite without enchantment; and a babbler is no better.

# **ECCLESIASTES 10:12**

12 ¶ The words of a wise man's mouth *are* gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.

### **ECCLESIASTES 10:13**

13 The beginning of the words of his mouth *is* foolishness: and the end of his talk *is* mischievous madness.

# **ECCLESIASTES 10:14**

14 A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him?

## **ECCLESIASTES 10:15**

15 The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city.

### **ECCLESIASTES 10:16**

16 ¶ Woe to thee, O land, when thy king *i*s a child, and thy princes eat in the morning!

## **ECCLESIASTES 10:17**

17 Blessed *art* thou, O land, when thy king *is* the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!

# **ECCLESIASTES 10:18**

18 By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

### **ECCLESIASTES 10:19**

19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry: but money answereth all *things*.

## **ECCLESIASTES 10:20**

20 Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.