

Exhortation to obedience. PROVERBS 3. The happy gain of wisdom.

14 <sup>a</sup>Who rejoice to do evil, and <sup>b</sup>delight in the frowardness of the wicked;

15 Whose ways are <sup>d</sup>crooked, and they froward in their paths;

16 <sup>c</sup>To deliver thee from the <sup>f</sup>strange woman, <sup>e</sup>even from <sup>o</sup>the stranger which flattereth with her words;

17 Which forsaketh <sup>h</sup>the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.

18 For <sup>k</sup>her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.

19 None that go unto her return again, neither take they <sup>l</sup>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 <sup>n</sup>shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.

22 But the wicked <sup>o</sup>shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be <sup>b</sup>rooted out of it.

CHAPTER 3.

<sup>1</sup> An exhortation to obedience, faith, &c. <sup>27</sup> An exhortation to charitableness, &c.

**M**Y son, forget not my law; <sup>u</sup>but let thine heart keep my commandments:

For <sup>v</sup>length of days, and <sup>w</sup>long life, and <sup>x</sup>peace, shall they add to thee.

3 Let not <sup>y</sup>mercy and truth forsake thee: <sup>z</sup>bind them about thy neck; <sup>a</sup>write them upon the table of thine heart:

4 <sup>b</sup>So shalt thou find favour and <sup>c</sup>good understanding in the sight of God and man.

5 ¶ <sup>d</sup>Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and <sup>e</sup>lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and <sup>f</sup>he shall direct thy paths.

7 ¶ <sup>g</sup>Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

<sup>a</sup> ch. 10. 23. Jer. 11. 25. <sup>2</sup> Heb. medicine. <sup>b</sup> Rom. 1. 32. <sup>3</sup> Heb. watering, or, moistening. <sup>4</sup> Ps. 102. 9. <sup>5</sup> Job 21. 24. <sup>6</sup> Ps. 126. 5. <sup>7</sup> ch. 7. 5. <sup>8</sup> ch. 5. 3, 20 & 22. 14 & 23. 33. <sup>9</sup> ch. 5. 20 & 6. 24. <sup>10</sup> Jer. 3. 4. <sup>11</sup> Cited. <sup>12</sup> Heb. 12. 5, 6. <sup>13</sup> ch. 7. 27. <sup>14</sup> Deut. 8. 5. <sup>15</sup> 1 Cor. 11. 32. <sup>16</sup> ch. 8. 24. <sup>17</sup> Heb. the man that draweth out understanding. <sup>18</sup> Cp. ch. 10. 30. Ps. 37. 9. <sup>19</sup> Ps. 37. 38. <sup>20</sup> ch. 8. 11. <sup>21</sup> Or, plucked up. <sup>22</sup> ver. 2. <sup>23</sup> ch. 8. 18. <sup>24</sup> Cp. Mat. 11. 29, 30. <sup>25</sup> Gen. 2. 9 & 3. 22. <sup>26</sup> Deut. 8. 1 & 30. 16, 20. <sup>27</sup> ver. 16. <sup>28</sup> Ps. 91. 16. <sup>29</sup> Heb. years of life. <sup>30</sup> Ps. 119. 105. <sup>31</sup> ch. 8. 27. <sup>32</sup> Ps. 104. 5, 24. <sup>33</sup> Ps. 136. 5. <sup>34</sup> Jer. 10. 12. <sup>35</sup> 2 Sam. 15. 20. <sup>36</sup> Or, prepared. <sup>37</sup> ch. 6. 22 & 7. 3. <sup>38</sup> ch. 7. 3. <sup>39</sup> Cp. Gen. 1. 9. <sup>40</sup> Job 26. 28. <sup>41</sup> 1 Sam. 2. 26. <sup>42</sup> Or, good success. <sup>43</sup> ch. 4. 22. <sup>44</sup> Ps. 37. 3, 5. <sup>45</sup> Job 5. 12. <sup>46</sup> Jer. 9. 23. <sup>47</sup> Deut. 32. <sup>48</sup> Cp. Jer. 10. 23. <sup>49</sup> Ps. 37. 24. <sup>50</sup> Cited. <sup>51</sup> Rom. 12. 16. <sup>52</sup> ch. 6. 22. <sup>53</sup> Job 11. 19.

8 It shall be <sup>h</sup>health to thy navel, and <sup>i</sup>marrow to thy bones.

9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase:

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

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

12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even <sup>k</sup>as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

13 ¶ <sup>l</sup>Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and <sup>m</sup>the man that getteth understanding.

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 <sup>n</sup>all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

16 <sup>o</sup>Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand <sup>p</sup>riches and honour.

17 <sup>q</sup>Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

18 She is <sup>r</sup>a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

19 <sup>s</sup>The LORD <sup>t</sup>by wisdom hath founded the earth; <sup>u</sup>by understanding hath he <sup>v</sup>established the heavens.

20 By his knowledge <sup>w</sup>the depths are broken up, and <sup>x</sup>the clouds drop down the dew.

21 ¶ <sup>y</sup>My son, <sup>z</sup>let not them depart from thine eyes: keep <sup>a</sup>sound wisdom and discretion:

22 So shall they be <sup>b</sup>life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.

23 <sup>c</sup>Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

24 <sup>d</sup>When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea,

**VERB** FINDETH TO ATTAIN TO - OR TO COME TO WE CAN ONLY OBTAIN THIS WISDOM BY ONE PROCESS AS SHOWN IN PROVERBS LETTETH TO FURNISH ONESELF WITH UNDERSTANDING. **VERB** MERCHANDISE TO PROFIT BY TRADING. **VERB** MERCHANDISE A MART OR AN EMPORIUM THE WISDOM OF GOD HAS GREATER PROFIT THAN THE GOLD & SILVER MART. **VERB** GAIN = INCOME. **VERB** PRECIOUS & VALUABLE. **VERB** DESIRE THE PLEASURE OF VALUABLE THINGS. **VERB** COMPARED TO BE LEVEL OR EQUAL WITH. THE VALUE OF GODS WISDOM CANNOT BE COMPARED WITH ANY WEALTH OF MAN. **VERB** LENGTH OF DAYS THIS WISDOM OF GOD IS ABLE TO GIVE ETERNAL LIFE. **VERB** RICHES THE GREAT RICHES OF AGE TO COME WHEN WE WILL BE HEIRS OF WORD MATTHEW 6:30. **VERB** HONOUR MAJESTY, GLORY & SPLENDOR WHICH WILL BE GIVEN TO US IN KINGDOM. **VERB** LAY A PATH OR ROADWAY A LIFE PLEASANTNESS AGREEABLE, DELIGHTFUL. **VERB** PATHS A WELL TRADDED WAY. THIS IS REFERRING TO THIS LIFE NOT TO AGE TO COME. **VERB** TREE OF LIFE A MEANS OF OBTAINING EVERLASTING LIFE. WISDOM OF GODS WORD CAN GIVE LIFE. **VERB** TO FASTEN OR SEIZE UPON STRONGLY. **VERB** RETAINETH TO SUSTAIN TO KEEP UP THE EFFORT OF ACQUIRING WISDOM.