

Ecclesiastes or, The Preacher

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1The words of Kohelet¹, the son of David king in Jerusalem:

2“Vanity of vanities,” says Kohelet² ;
“Vanity of vanities,”
all is vanity.”³
What does man gain
from all his labour
in which he labours
under the sun?⁴
One generation goes,
and another generation comes;
but the earth remains forever.
⁵ The sun also rises
and sets,
and hurries to its place
where it rises.
The wind goes towards
the south, and turns
the north. It turns
continually as it goes,
and the wind returns
to its courses.
All the rivers run
into the sea,
yet the sea is
not full.
To the place
where the rivers flow,
there they flow
again.⁸ All things

¹ + 1:1 the Preacher (or, Assembler)

² + 1:2 the Preacher (or, Assembler)

are|strong = "H0376" full|strong = "H4390" of|strong = "H0376" weariness
 beyond|strong = "H3808" uttering. The|strong = "H3605"
 eye|strong = "H5869" is|strong = "H0376" not|strong = "H3808"
 satisfied|strong = "H7646" with|strong = "H4390" seeing|strong = "H7200",
 nor|strong = "H3808" the|strong = "H3605" ear|strong = "H0241"
 filled|strong = "H4390" with|strong = "H4390" hearing|strong = "H0241". ⁹
 That|strong = "H3605" which|strong = "H1931" has|strong = "H0369"
 been|strong = "H1961" is|strong = "H0369" that|strong = "H3605"
 which|strong = "H1931" shall|strong = "H1931" be|strong = "H1961",
 and|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3605" which|strong = "H1931"
 has|strong = "H0369" been|strong = "H1961" done|strong = "H6213"
 is|strong = "H0369" that|strong = "H3605" which|strong = "H1931"
 shall|strong = "H1931" be|strong = "H1961" done|strong = "H6213";
 and|strong = "H3605" there|strong = "H0369" is|strong = "H0369"
 no|strong = "H0369" new|strong = "H2319" thing|strong = "H1931"
 under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3605" sun|strong = "H8121". ¹⁰
 Is|strong = "H0834" there|strong = "H3426" a|strong = "H1961"
 thing|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H1697" which|strong = "H0834"
 it|strong = "H1931" may|strong = "H1961" be|strong = "H1961"
 said|strong = "H0559", "Behold|strong = "H7200", ³ this|strong = "H2088"
 is|strong = "H0834" new|strong = "H2319"? It|strong = "H1931"
 has|strong = "H0834" been|strong = "H1961" long|strong = "H5769"
 ago|strong = "H5769", in|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H0559"
 ages|strong = "H5769" which|strong = "H0834" were|strong = "H0834"
 before|strong = "H6440" us|strong = "H6440". ¹¹ There|strong = "H0369"
 is|strong = "H0369" no|strong = "H3808" memory of|strong = "H0369"
 the|strong = "H1961" former|strong = "H7223"; neither|strong = "H3808"
 shall|strong = "H3808" there|strong = "H0369" be|strong = "H1961"
 any|strong = "H0369" memory of|strong = "H0369" the|strong = "H1961"
 latter|strong = "H0314" that|strong = "H3808" are|strong = "H1992"
 to|strong = "H1961" come|strong = "H1961", amongst those|strong = "H1992"
 that|strong = "H3808" shall|strong = "H3808" come|strong = "H1961"
 after|strong = "H1961".

12I|strong = "H0589", Kohelet ⁴, was|strong = "H1961"
 king|strong = "H4428" over|strong = "H5921" Israel|strong = "H3478"
 in|strong = "H5921" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389". ¹³ I|strong = "H0834"
 applied|strong = "H5414" my|strong = "H3605" heart|strong = "H3820"
 to|strong = "H5921" seek|strong = "H1875" and|strong = "H1121"
 to|strong = "H5921" search|strong = "H1875" out|strong = "H5921"
 by|strong = "H5921" wisdom|strong = "H2451" concerning|strong = "H5921"
 all|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834"

³ + 1:10 "Behold", from , "□□□□□□" means look at, take notice, observe, see, or gaze at. It is often used as an interjection.

⁴ + 1:12 the Preacher (or, Assembler)

done|strong = "H6213" under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3605"
 sky|strong = "H8064". It|strong = "H5414" is|strong = "H0834"
 a|strong = "H5414" heavy burden that|strong = "H0834"
 God|strong = "H0430"⁵ has|strong = "H0430" given|strong = "H5414"
 to|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" sons|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" men|strong = "H0120" to|strong = "H5921"
 be|strong = "H1121" afflicted|strong = "H1121" with|strong = "H5921".¹⁴
 I|strong = "H2009" have|strong = "H7200" seen|strong = "H7200"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" works|strong = "H4639"
 that|strong = "H3605" are|strong = "H4639" done|strong = "H6213"
 under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3605" sun|strong = "H8121";
 and|strong = "H7200" behold|strong = "H2009", all|strong = "H3605"
 is|strong = "H2009" vanity|strong = "H1892" and|strong = "H7200"
 a|strong = "H7200" chasing|strong = "H7469" after|strong = "H7469"
 wind|strong = "H7307".¹⁵ That|strong = "H3808" which
 is|strong = "H3808" crooked|strong = "H5791" can't|strong = "H3808"
 be|strong = "H3808" made straight; and|strong = "H3808"
 that|strong = "H3808" which is|strong = "H3808" lacking|strong = "H2642"
 can't|strong = "H3808" be|strong = "H3808" counted|strong = "H4487".¹⁶
 I|strong = "H0589" said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559"
 myself|strong = "H0589", "Behold|strong = "H2009", I|strong = "H0589"
 have|strong = "H1961" obtained for|strong = "H5921"
 myself|strong = "H0589" great|strong = "H1431" wisdom|strong = "H2451"
 above|strong = "H5921" all|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H0834"
 were|strong = "H0834" before|strong = "H6440" me|strong = "H6440"
 in|strong = "H5921" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389". Yes|strong = "H2009",
 my|strong = "H3605" heart|strong = "H3820" has|strong = "H0834"
 had|strong = "H0834" great|strong = "H1431" experience|strong = "H7200"
 of|strong = "H6440" wisdom|strong = "H2451" and|strong = "H3389"
 knowledge|strong = "H1847".¹⁷ I|strong = "H5414"
 applied|strong = "H5414" my|strong = "H5414" heart|strong = "H3820"
 to|strong = "H5414" know|strong = "H3045" wisdom|strong = "H2451",
 and|strong = "H2451" to|strong = "H5414" know|strong = "H3045"
 madness|strong = "H1947" and|strong = "H2451" folly|strong = "H5531".
 I|strong = "H5414" perceived|strong = "H3045" that|strong = "H3045"
 this|strong = "H2088" also|strong = "H1571" was|strong = "H1931"
 a|strong = "H5414" chasing|strong = "H7475" after|strong = "H7475"
 wind|strong = "H7307".¹⁸ For|strong = "H3588" in|strong = "H2451"
 much|strong = "H7230" wisdom|strong = "H2451" is|strong = "H2451"
 much|strong = "H7230" grief; and|strong = "H2451" he|strong = "H3588"
 who|strong = "H3588" increases|strong = "H3254"
 knowledge|strong = "H1847" increases|strong = "H3254"
 sorrow|strong = "H4341".

⁵ + 1:13 The Hebrew word rendered "God" is "Elohim".

2I|strong = "H0589" said|strong = "H0559" in|strong = "H1571"
 my|strong = "H7200" heart|strong = "H3820", "Come|strong = "H4994"
 now|strong = "H4994", I|strong = "H0589" will|strong = "H1571"
 test|strong = "H5254" you|strong = "H7200" with|strong = "H3820"
 mirth|strong = "H8057"; therefore|strong = "H1571" enjoy|strong = "H7200"
 pleasure|strong = "H8057";" and|strong = "H7200" behold|strong = "H2009",
 this|strong = "H1931" also|strong = "H1571" was|strong = "H1931"
 vanity|strong = "H1892". ² I|strong = "H0559" said|strong = "H0559"
 of|strong = "H0559" laughter|strong = "H7814", "It|strong = "H6213"
 is|strong = "H4100" foolishness;" and|strong = "H8057" of|strong = "H0559"
 mirth|strong = "H8057", "What|strong = "H4100" does|strong = "H6213"
 it|strong = "H6213" accomplish|strong = "H6213"?"

3I|strong = "H0834" searched in|strong = "H3117" my|strong = "H7200"
 heart|strong = "H3820" how|strong = "H0834" to|strong = "H5704" cheer
 my|strong = "H7200" flesh|strong = "H1320" with|strong = "H3117"
 wine|strong = "H3196", my|strong = "H7200" heart|strong = "H3820"
 yet|strong = "H2451" guiding me|strong = "H7200" with|strong = "H3117"
 wisdom|strong = "H2451", and|strong = "H1121" how|strong = "H0834"
 to|strong = "H5704" lay|strong = "H1121" hold|strong = "H0270"
 of|strong = "H1121" folly|strong = "H5531", until|strong = "H5704"
 I|strong = "H0834" might|strong = "H1121" see|strong = "H7200"
 what|strong = "H0834" it|strong = "H5704" was|strong = "H0834"
 good|strong = "H2896" for|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H0853"
 sons|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" men|strong = "H0120"
 that|strong = "H0834" they|strong = "H0834" should|strong = "H0120"
 do|strong = "H6213" under|strong = "H8478" heaven|strong = "H8064"
 all|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H0853" days|strong = "H3117"
 of|strong = "H1121" their|strong = "H7200" lives|strong = "H2416". ⁴ I
 made|strong = "H4639" myself great|strong = "H1431"
 works|strong = "H4639". I built|strong = "H1129" myself
 houses|strong = "H1004". I planted|strong = "H5193" myself
 vineyards|strong = "H3754". ⁵ I made|strong = "H6213" myself
 gardens|strong = "H1593" and|strong = "H6086" parks|strong = "H6508",
 and|strong = "H6086" I planted|strong = "H5193" trees|strong = "H6086"
 in|strong = "H6086" them|strong = "H6213" of|strong = "H3605"
 all|strong = "H3605" kinds|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H3605"
 fruit|strong = "H6529". ⁶ I|strong = "H6779" made|strong = "H6213" myself
 pools|strong = "H1295" of|strong = "H4325" water|strong = "H4325",
 to|strong = "H4325" water|strong = "H4325" the|strong = "H8248"
 forest|strong = "H3293" where trees|strong = "H6086" were|strong = "H1992"
 grown|strong = "H6779". ⁷ I|strong = "H5650" bought|strong = "H7069"
 male|strong = "H5650" servants|strong = "H5650" and|strong = "H1121"
 female|strong = "H8198" servants|strong = "H5650", and|strong = "H1121"
 had|strong = "H1961" servants|strong = "H5650" born|strong = "H1121"

in|strong = "H1004" my|strong = "H3605" house|strong = "H1004".
 I|strong = "H5650" also|strong = "H1571" had|strong = "H1961" great
 possessions|strong = "H4735" of|strong = "H1121" herds|strong = "H1241"
 and|strong = "H1121" flocks|strong = "H6629", above|strong = "H6440"
 all|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H1961"
 before|strong = "H6440" me|strong = "H6440" in|strong = "H1004"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389". ⁸ I|strong = "H1571" also|strong = "H1571"
 gathered|strong = "H3664" silver|strong = "H3701" and|strong = "H1121"
 gold|strong = "H2091" for|strong = "H4428" myself|strong = "H1571",
 and|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H1571" treasure|strong = "H5459"
 of|strong = "H1121" kings|strong = "H4428" and|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H1571" provinces|strong = "H4082".
 I|strong = "H1571" got myself|strong = "H1571" male|strong = "H1121"
 and|strong = "H1121" female singers|strong = "H7891", and|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H1571" delights of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H1571"
 sons|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" men|strong = "H0120": musical
 instruments of|strong = "H1121" all|strong = "H1571" sorts. ⁹
 So|strong = "H1961" I|strong = "H1961" was|strong = "H1961"
 great|strong = "H1431", and|strong = "H3389" increased|strong = "H3254"
 more|strong = "H3254" than|strong = "H3605" all|strong = "H3605"
 who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H1961" before|strong = "H6440"
 me|strong = "H6440" in|strong = "H5975" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389".
 My|strong = "H3605" wisdom|strong = "H2451" also|strong = "H0637"
 remained|strong = "H1961" with|strong = "H3389" me|strong = "H6440". ¹⁰
 Whatever|strong = "H0834" my|strong = "H3605" eyes|strong = "H5869"
 desired|strong = "H7592", I|strong = "H0834" didn't|strong = "H3808"
 keep|strong = "H4513" from|strong = "H1961" them|strong = "H1992".
 I|strong = "H0834" didn't|strong = "H3808" withhold|strong = "H4513"
 my|strong = "H3605" heart|strong = "H3820" from|strong = "H1961"
 any|strong = "H3605" joy|strong = "H8057", for|strong = "H3588"
 my|strong = "H3605" heart|strong = "H3820" rejoiced|strong = "H8055"
 because|strong = "H3588" of|strong = "H5869" all|strong = "H3605"
 my|strong = "H3605" labour, and|strong = "H5869" this|strong = "H2088"
 was|strong = "H1961" my|strong = "H3605" portion|strong = "H2506"
 from|strong = "H1961" all|strong = "H3605" my|strong = "H3605" labour. ¹¹
 Then|strong = "H2009" I|strong = "H0589" looked|strong = "H6437"
 at|strong = "H0369" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 works|strong = "H4639" that|strong = "H3605" my|strong = "H3605"
 hands|strong = "H3027" had|strong = "H0369" worked|strong = "H5998",
 and|strong = "H3027" at|strong = "H0369" the|strong = "H3605" labour
 that|strong = "H3605" I|strong = "H0589" had|strong = "H0369" laboured
 to|strong = "H0369" do|strong = "H6213"; and|strong = "H3027"
 behold|strong = "H2009", all|strong = "H3605" was|strong = "H0369"
 vanity|strong = "H1892" and|strong = "H3027" a|strong = "H0369"
 chasing|strong = "H7469" after|strong = "H7469" wind|strong = "H7307",
 and|strong = "H3027" there|strong = "H0369" was|strong = "H0369"

no|strong = "H0369" profit|strong = "H3504" under|strong = "H8478"
the|strong = "H3605" sun|strong = "H8121".

12I|strong = "H0589" turned|strong = "H6437" myself|strong = "H0589"
to|strong = "H0935" consider|strong = "H7200" wisdom|strong = "H2451",
madness|strong = "H1947", and|strong = "H0935" folly|strong = "H5531";
for|strong = "H3588" what|strong = "H4100" can|strong = "H4100"
the|strong = "H0853" king's|strong = "H4428" successor
do|strong = "H6213"? Just|strong = "H0834" that|strong = "H0834"
which|strong = "H0834" has|strong = "H0834" been|strong = "H3528"
done|strong = "H6213" long|strong = "H4100" ago. ¹³
Then|strong = "H7200" I|strong = "H0589" saw|strong = "H7200"
that|strong = "H7200" wisdom|strong = "H2451" excels|strong = "H3504"
folly|strong = "H5531", as|strong = "H0589" far as|strong = "H0589"
light|strong = "H0216" excels|strong = "H3504" darkness|strong = "H2822".
¹⁴ The|strong = "H3605" wise|strong = "H2450" man's|strong = "H2450"
eyes|strong = "H5869" are|strong = "H5869" in|strong = "H1980"
his|strong = "H3605" head|strong = "H7218", and|strong = "H1980"
the|strong = "H3605" fool|strong = "H3684" walks|strong = "H1980"
in|strong = "H1980" darkness|strong = "H2822"—and|strong = "H1980"
yet|strong = "H1571" I|strong = "H0589" perceived|strong = "H3045"
that|strong = "H3045" one|strong = "H0259" event happens|strong = "H7136"
to|strong = "H1980" them|strong = "H0853" all|strong = "H3605". ¹⁵
Then|strong = "H0227" I|strong = "H0589" said|strong = "H0559"
in|strong = "H1696" my|strong = "H1696" heart|strong = "H3820",
"As|strong = "H1571" it|strong = "H1696" happens|strong = "H7136"
to|strong = "H0559" the|strong = "H0559" fool|strong = "H3684",
so|strong = "H1571" will|strong = "H1571" it|strong = "H1696" happen
even|strong = "H1571" to|strong = "H0559" me|strong = "H0589";
and|strong = "H3820" why|strong = "H4100" was|strong = "H3820"
I|strong = "H0589" then|strong = "H0227" more|strong = "H3148"
wise|strong = "H2449"?" Then|strong = "H0227" I|strong = "H0589"
said|strong = "H0559" in|strong = "H1696" my|strong = "H1696"
heart|strong = "H3820" that|strong = "H2088" this|strong = "H2088"
also|strong = "H1571" is|strong = "H2088" vanity|strong = "H1892". ¹⁶
For|strong = "H3588" of|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605"
wise|strong = "H2450" man|strong = "H2450", even|strong = "H3588"
as|strong = "H0935" of|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605"
fool|strong = "H3684", there|strong = "H0369" is|strong = "H0369"
no|strong = "H0369" memory forever|strong = "H5769",
since|strong = "H3588" in|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H3605"
days|strong = "H3117" to|strong = "H0935" come|strong = "H0935"
all|strong = "H3605" will|strong = "H0369" have|strong = "H0369"
been|strong = "H5769" long|strong = "H3117" forgotten|strong = "H7911".
Indeed|strong = "H3588", the|strong = "H3605" wise|strong = "H2450"

man|strong = "H2450" must|strong = "H4191" die|strong = "H4191"
 just|strong = "H3605" like|strong = "H5973" the|strong = "H3605"
 fool|strong = "H3684"!

17So|strong = "H6213" I|strong = "H3588" hated|strong = "H8130"
 life|strong = "H2416", because|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3605"
 work|strong = "H4639" that|strong = "H3588" is|strong = "H3605"
 worked|strong = "H6213" under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3605"
 sun|strong = "H8121" was|strong = "H7307" grievous to|strong = "H5921"
 me|strong = "H5921"; for|strong = "H3588" all|strong = "H3605"
 is|strong = "H3605" vanity|strong = "H1892" and|strong = "H1892"
 a|strong = "H3588" chasing|strong = "H7469" after|strong = "H5921"
 wind|strong = "H7307". 18 I|strong = "H0589" hated|strong = "H8130"
 all|strong = "H3605" my|strong = "H3605" labour in|strong = "H1961" which
 I|strong = "H0589" laboured under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3605"
 sun|strong = "H8121", because|strong = "H8478" I|strong = "H0589"
 must|strong = "H0853" leave|strong = "H3240" it|strong = "H1961"
 to|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H3605" man|strong = "H0120"
 who|strong = "H3605" comes|strong = "H1961" after|strong = "H0310"
 me|strong = "H8130". 19 Who|strong = "H4310" knows|strong = "H3045"
 whether|strong = "H0176" he|strong = "H1571" will|strong = "H4310"
 be|strong = "H1961" a|strong = "H1961" wise|strong = "H2450"
 man|strong = "H2450" or|strong = "H0176" a|strong = "H1961"
 fool|strong = "H5530"? Yet|strong = "H1571" he|strong = "H1571"
 will|strong = "H4310" have|strong = "H1961" rule over|strong = "H7980"
 all|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H8478" my|strong = "H3605" labour
 in|strong = "H0176" which|strong = "H4310" I|strong = "H3045"
 have|strong = "H1961" laboured, and|strong = "H3045" in|strong = "H0176"
 which|strong = "H4310" I|strong = "H3045" have|strong = "H1961"
 shown|strong = "H3045" myself|strong = "H3045" wise|strong = "H2450"
 under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3605" sun|strong = "H8121".
 This|strong = "H2088" also|strong = "H1571" is|strong = "H2088"
 vanity|strong = "H1892".

20Therefore I|strong = "H0589" began to|strong = "H5921" cause
 my|strong = "H3605" heart|strong = "H3820" to|strong = "H5921"
 despair|strong = "H2976" concerning|strong = "H5921" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" labour in|strong = "H5921" which|strong = "H5998"
 I|strong = "H0589" had|strong = "H0853" laboured under|strong = "H8478"
 the|strong = "H3605" sun|strong = "H8121". 21 For|strong = "H3588"
 there|strong = "H3426" is|strong = "H2088" a|strong = "H3588"
 man|strong = "H0120" whose|strong = "H0120" labour is|strong = "H2088"
 with|strong = "H1571" wisdom|strong = "H2451", with|strong = "H1571"
 knowledge|strong = "H1847", and|strong = "H0120" with|strong = "H1571"
 skilfulness; yet|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588" shall|strong = "H3808"

leave it|strong = "H5414" for|strong = "H3588" his|strong = "H5414" portion|strong = "H2506" to|strong = "H5414" a|strong = "H3588" man|strong = "H0120" who|strong = "H0120" has|strong = "H1571" not|strong = "H3808" laboured for|strong = "H3588" it|strong = "H5414". This|strong = "H2088" also|strong = "H1571" is|strong = "H2088" vanity|strong = "H1892" and|strong = "H0120" a|strong = "H3588" great|strong = "H7227" evil|strong = "H7451". ²² For|strong = "H3588" what|strong = "H4100" does|strong = "H4100" a|strong = "H3588" man|strong = "H0120" have|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H8478" all|strong = "H3605" his|strong = "H3605" labour and|strong = "H0120" of|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3605" striving|strong = "H7475" of|strong = "H8478" his|strong = "H3605" heart|strong = "H3820", in|strong = "H5999" which|strong = "H1931" he|strong = "H1931" labours under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3605" sun|strong = "H8121"? ²³ For|strong = "H3588" all|strong = "H3605" his|strong = "H3605" days|strong = "H3117" are|strong = "H3117" sorrows|strong = "H4341", and|strong = "H3117" his|strong = "H3605" travail is|strong = "H2088" grief; yes|strong = "H3588", even|strong = "H1571" in|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605" night|strong = "H3915" his|strong = "H3605" heart|strong = "H3820" takes no|strong = "H3808" rest|strong = "H7901". This|strong = "H2088" also|strong = "H1571" is|strong = "H2088" vanity|strong = "H1892". ²⁴ There|strong = "H0369" is|strong = "H0369" nothing|strong = "H0369" better|strong = "H2896" for|strong = "H3588" a|strong = "H3588" man|strong = "H0120" than|strong = "H2896" that|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H1931" should|strong = "H3588" eat|strong = "H0398" and|strong = "H0430" drink|strong = "H8354", and|strong = "H0430" make|strong = "H7200" his|strong = "H7200" soul|strong = "H5315" enjoy|strong = "H7200" good|strong = "H2896" in|strong = "H0430" his|strong = "H7200" labour. This|strong = "H1931" also|strong = "H1571" I|strong = "H0589" saw|strong = "H7200", that|strong = "H3588" it|strong = "H1931" is|strong = "H0369" from|strong = "H5315" the|strong = "H0853" hand|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "H0430" God|strong = "H0430". ²⁵ For|strong = "H3588" who|strong = "H4310" can|strong = "H4310" eat|strong = "H0398", or|strong = "H4480" who|strong = "H4310" can|strong = "H4310" have|strong = "H3588" enjoyment, more|strong = "H4480" than|strong = "H4480" I|strong = "H3588"? ²⁶ For|strong = "H3588" to|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H6440" man|strong = "H0120" who|strong = "H0120" pleases him|strong = "H5414", God|strong = "H0430" gives|strong = "H5414" wisdom|strong = "H2451", knowledge|strong = "H1847", and|strong = "H0430" joy|strong = "H8057"; but|strong = "H3588" to|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H6440" sinner|strong = "H2398" he|strong = "H3588" gives|strong = "H5414" travail, to|strong = "H5414" gather|strong = "H0622" and|strong = "H0430" to|strong = "H5414" heap|strong = "H5414" up|strong = "H5414", that|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588" may|strong = "H0430"

give|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H5414" him|strong = "H5414"
 who|strong = "H0120" pleases God|strong = "H0430". This|strong = "H2088"
 also|strong = "H1571" is|strong = "H2088" vanity|strong = "H1892"
 and|strong = "H0430" a|strong = "H3588" chasing|strong = "H7469"
 after|strong = "H7469" wind|strong = "H7307".

3For|strong = "H8478" everything|strong = "H3605"
 there|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H3605" a|strong = "H8478"
 season|strong = "H6256", and|strong = "H8064" a|strong = "H8478"
 time|strong = "H6256" for|strong = "H8478" every|strong = "H3605"
 purpose|strong = "H2656" under|strong = "H8478" heaven|strong = "H8064":

2a|strong = "H3205" time|strong = "H6256" to|strong = "H4191"
 be|strong = "H4191" born|strong = "H3205",

a nd|strong = "H4191" a|strong = "H3205" time|strong = "H6256"
 to|strong = "H4191" die|strong = "H4191";

a |strong = "H3205" time|strong = "H6256" to|strong = "H4191"
 plant|strong = "H5193",

a nd|strong = "H4191" a|strong = "H3205" time|strong = "H6256"
 to|strong = "H4191" pluck up that|strong = "H6256" which
 is|strong = "H4191" planted|strong = "H5193";

3a|strong = "H1129" time|strong = "H6256" to|strong = "H6256"
 kill|strong = "H2026",

a nd|strong = "H1129" a|strong = "H1129" time|strong = "H6256"
 to|strong = "H6256" heal|strong = "H7495";

a |strong = "H1129" time|strong = "H6256" to|strong = "H6256"
 break|strong = "H6555" down|strong = "H6555",

a nd|strong = "H1129" a|strong = "H1129" time|strong = "H6256"
 to|strong = "H6256" build|strong = "H1129" up|strong = "H1129";

4a|strong = "H6256" time|strong = "H6256" to|strong = "H6256"
 weep|strong = "H1058",

a nd|strong = "H1058" a|strong = "H6256" time|strong = "H6256"
 to|strong = "H6256" laugh|strong = "H7832";

- a |strong="H6256" time|strong="H6256" to|strong="H6256"
mourn|strong="H5594",
- a nd|strong="H1058" a|strong="H6256" time|strong="H6256"
to|strong="H6256" dance|strong="H7540";
- 5a|strong="H7993" time|strong="H6256" to|strong="H6256"
cast|strong="H7993" away|strong="H7993" stones|strong="H0068",
- a nd|strong="H0068" a|strong="H7993" time|strong="H6256"
to|strong="H6256" gather|strong="H3664" stones|strong="H0068"
together;
- a |strong="H7993" time|strong="H6256" to|strong="H6256"
embrace|strong="H2263",
- a nd|strong="H0068" a|strong="H7993" time|strong="H6256"
to|strong="H6256" refrain from|strong="H0068"
embracing|strong="H2263";
- 6a|strong="H1245" time|strong="H6256" to|strong="H6256"
seek|strong="H1245",
- a nd|strong="H8104" a|strong="H1245" time|strong="H6256"
to|strong="H6256" lose;
- a |strong="H1245" time|strong="H6256" to|strong="H6256"
keep|strong="H8104",
- a nd|strong="H8104" a|strong="H1245" time|strong="H6256"
to|strong="H6256" cast|strong="H7993" away|strong="H7993";
- 7a|strong="H1696" time|strong="H6256" to|strong="H1696"
tear|strong="H7167",
- a nd|strong="H1696" a|strong="H1696" time|strong="H6256"
to|strong="H1696" sew|strong="H8609";
- a |strong="H1696" time|strong="H6256" to|strong="H1696"
keep|strong="H2814" silence,

a nd|strong = "H1696" a|strong = "H1696" time|strong = "H6256"
to|strong = "H1696" speak|strong = "H1696";

8a|strong = "H6256" time|strong = "H6256" to|strong = "H6256"
love|strong = "H0157",

a nd|strong = "H4421" a|strong = "H6256" time|strong = "H6256"
to|strong = "H6256" hate|strong = "H8130";

a |strong = "H6256" time|strong = "H6256" for|strong = "H6256"
war|strong = "H4421",

a nd|strong = "H4421" a|strong = "H6256" time|strong = "H6256"
for|strong = "H6256" peace|strong = "H7965".

9What|strong = "H4100" profit|strong = "H3504" has|strong = "H0834"
he|strong = "H0834" who|strong = "H0834" works|strong = "H6213"
in|strong = "H1931" that|strong = "H0834" in|strong = "H1931"
which|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" labours? ¹⁰
I|strong = "H0834" have|strong = "H0834" seen|strong = "H7200"
the|strong = "H0853" burden which|strong = "H0834" God|strong = "H0430"
has|strong = "H0430" given|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H5414"
the|strong = "H0853" sons|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
men|strong = "H0120" to|strong = "H5414" be|strong = "H1121"
afflicted|strong = "H1121" with|strong = "H0430". ¹¹ He|strong = "H0834"
has|strong = "H0430" made|strong = "H6213" everything|strong = "H3605"
beautiful|strong = "H3303" in|strong = "H0430" its|strong = "H3605"
time|strong = "H6256". He|strong = "H0834" has|strong = "H0430"
also|strong = "H1571" set|strong = "H5414" eternity|strong = "H5769"
in|strong = "H0430" their|strong = "H3605" hearts|strong = "H3820",
yet|strong = "H1571" so|strong = "H6213" that|strong = "H0834"
man|strong = "H0120" can't|strong = "H3808" find|strong = "H4672"
out|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" work|strong = "H4639"
that|strong = "H0834" God|strong = "H0430" has|strong = "H0430"
done|strong = "H6213" from|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H3605"
beginning|strong = "H7218" even|strong = "H1571" to|strong = "H5704"
the|strong = "H3605" end|strong = "H5490". ¹² I|strong = "H3588"
know|strong = "H3045" that|strong = "H3588" there|strong = "H0369"
is|strong = "H0369" nothing|strong = "H0369" better|strong = "H2896"
for|strong = "H3588" them|strong = "H8055" than|strong = "H2896"
to|strong = "H0369" rejoice|strong = "H8055", and|strong = "H3045"
to|strong = "H0369" do|strong = "H6213" good|strong = "H2896"
as|strong = "H3588" long as|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588"
live|strong = "H2416". ¹³ Also|strong = "H1571" that|strong = "H3605"

every|strong = "H3605" man|strong = "H0120" should|strong = "H0120" eat|strong = "H0398" and|strong = "H0430" drink|strong = "H8354", and|strong = "H0430" enjoy|strong = "H7200" good|strong = "H2896" in|strong = "H0430" all|strong = "H3605" his|strong = "H3605" labour, is|strong = "H1931" the|strong = "H3605" gift|strong = "H4991" of|strong = "H0430" God|strong = "H0430". ¹⁴ I|strong = "H0834" know|strong = "H3045" that|strong = "H0834" whatever|strong = "H0834" God|strong = "H0430" does|strong = "H6213", it|strong = "H1931" shall|strong = "H0834" be|strong = "H1961" forever|strong = "H5769". Nothing|strong = "H0369" can|strong = "H0834" be|strong = "H1961" added|strong = "H3254" to|strong = "H1961" it|strong = "H1931", nor|strong = "H0369" anything|strong = "H3605" taken|strong = "H1639" from|strong = "H4480" it|strong = "H1931"; and|strong = "H0430" God|strong = "H0430" has|strong = "H0430" done|strong = "H6213" it|strong = "H1931", that|strong = "H0834" men|strong = "H3605" should|strong = "H3588" fear|strong = "H3372" before|strong = "H6440" him|strong = "H5921". ¹⁵ That|strong = "H0834" which|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834" has|strong = "H0430" been|strong = "H1961" long|strong = "H4100" ago, and|strong = "H0430" that|strong = "H0834" which|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834" to|strong = "H1961" be|strong = "H1961" has|strong = "H0430" been|strong = "H1961" long|strong = "H4100" ago. God|strong = "H0430" seeks|strong = "H1245" again|strong = "H1961" that|strong = "H0834" which|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834" passed|strong = "H1961" away.

16 Moreover|strong = "H5750" I|strong = "H7200" saw|strong = "H7200" under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H7200" sun|strong = "H8121", in|strong = "H5750" the|strong = "H7200" place|strong = "H4725" of|strong = "H8478" justice|strong = "H4941", that|strong = "H7200" wickedness|strong = "H7562" was|strong = "H4725" there|strong = "H8033"; and|strong = "H4941" in|strong = "H5750" the|strong = "H7200" place|strong = "H4725" of|strong = "H8478" righteousness|strong = "H6664", that|strong = "H7200" wickedness|strong = "H7562" was|strong = "H4725" there|strong = "H8033". ¹⁷ I|strong = "H0589" said|strong = "H0559" in|strong = "H5921" my|strong = "H3605" heart|strong = "H3820", "God|strong = "H0430" will|strong = "H0430" judge|strong = "H8199" the|strong = "H3605" righteous|strong = "H6662" and|strong = "H0430" the|strong = "H3605" wicked|strong = "H7563"; for|strong = "H3588" there|strong = "H8033" is|strong = "H0430" a|strong = "H3588" time|strong = "H6256" there|strong = "H8033" for|strong = "H3588" every|strong = "H3605" purpose|strong = "H3820" and|strong = "H0430" for|strong = "H3588" every|strong = "H3605" work|strong = "H4639". ¹⁸ I|strong = "H0589" said|strong = "H0559" in|strong = "H5921" my|strong = "H5921" heart|strong = "H3820", "As|strong = "H1121" for|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0559" sons|strong = "H1121"

of|strong = "H1121" men|strong = "H0120", God|strong = "H0430" tests them|strong = "H1992", so|strong = "H0589" that|strong = "H7200" they|strong = "H1992" may|strong = "H0430" see|strong = "H7200" that|strong = "H7200" they|strong = "H1992" themselves|strong = "H1992" are|strong = "H1992" like|strong = "H1121" animals|strong = "H0929". ¹⁹ For|strong = "H3588" that|strong = "H3588" which|strong = "H2088" happens to|strong = "H0369" the|strong = "H3605" sons|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" men|strong = "H0120" happens to|strong = "H0369" animals|strong = "H0929". Even|strong = "H3588" one|strong = "H0259" thing|strong = "H2088" happens to|strong = "H0369" them|strong = "H4480". As|strong = "H3651" the|strong = "H3605" one|strong = "H0259" dies|strong = "H4194", so|strong = "H3651" the|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H0259" dies|strong = "H4194". Yes|strong = "H3588", they|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H0369" all|strong = "H3605" one|strong = "H0259" breath|strong = "H7307"; and|strong = "H1121" man|strong = "H0120" has|strong = "H0369" no|strong = "H0369" advantage|strong = "H4195" over|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H3605" animals|strong = "H0929", for|strong = "H3588" all|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H0369" vanity|strong = "H1892". ²⁰ All|strong = "H3605" go|strong = "H1980" to|strong = "H0413" one|strong = "H0259" place|strong = "H4725". All|strong = "H3605" are|strong = "H1961" from|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H3605" dust|strong = "H6083", and|strong = "H1980" all|strong = "H3605" turn|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H0413" dust|strong = "H6083" again|strong = "H7725". ²¹ Who|strong = "H4310" knows|strong = "H3045" the|strong = "H3045" spirit|strong = "H7307" of|strong = "H1121" man|strong = "H0120", whether it|strong = "H1931" goes|strong = "H5927" upward|strong = "H4605", and|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3045" spirit|strong = "H7307" of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3045" animal|strong = "H0929", whether it|strong = "H1931" goes|strong = "H5927" downward|strong = "H4295" to|strong = "H3381" the|strong = "H3045" earth|strong = "H0776"?"

22Therefore|strong = "H1961" I|strong = "H0834" saw|strong = "H7200" that|strong = "H0834" there|strong = "H0369" is|strong = "H0369" nothing|strong = "H0369" better|strong = "H2896" than|strong = "H2896" that|strong = "H0834" a|strong = "H1961" man|strong = "H0120" should|strong = "H4100" rejoice|strong = "H8055" in|strong = "H0935" his|strong = "H0834" works|strong = "H4639", for|strong = "H3588" that|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0369" his|strong = "H0834" portion|strong = "H2506"; for|strong = "H3588" who|strong = "H0834" can|strong = "H4310" bring|strong = "H0935" him|strong = "H0310" to|strong = "H0935" see|strong = "H7200" what|strong = "H4100" will|strong = "H4310" be|strong = "H1961" after|strong = "H0310" him|strong = "H0310"?"

4Then I returned and saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of those who were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and the side of the oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter. ² Therefore I praised the dead who have been long dead more than the living who are yet alive. ³ Yes, better than them both is him who has not yet been seen, who has not the evil work that is done under the sun. ⁴ Then I saw all the labour and achievement that is of a man's neighbour. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

5The fool folds his hands together and ruins himself. ⁶ Better is a handful, with quietness, than two handfuls with labour and chasing after wind.

7 Then I returned and saw under the sun that there is one who is alone, and he has neither son nor brother. There is no end to his labour, and he is not satisfied with his wealth. "For whom then do I labour and of whom enjoyment?" This also is vanity. Yes, it is vanity, a

9 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labour. ¹⁰ For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow; but who falls alone, woe to him; but who falls with another, he doesn't have another to lift him up. ¹¹ Again, if two lie together, they will be warm; but if alone, they will be cold. ¹² If a man prevails against one who is alone, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

13 Better is a poor youth and wise than an old and foolish king who doesn't know how any more. ¹⁴ For he out of prison he to be king; yes, even in his kingdom was born poor. ¹⁵ I saw all the living who walk under the sun were youth, the other, who succeeded him. ¹⁶ There was no end of the people, even of all them over whom he was—yet those who shall rejoice in him. Surely this vanity and chasing after wind.

5 Guard your steps when you go God's house; for draw near to listen is better than to give the sacrifice of fools, for don't know that do evil. ² Don't be rash with your mouth, and don't let your heart be hasty to utter anything before God;

for|strong = "H3588" God is|strong = "H1697" in|strong = "H0935" heaven,
 and|strong = "H0935" you|strong = "H3588" on|strong = "H0935" earth.
 Therefore|strong = "H3588" let your|strong = "H0935"
 words|strong = "H1697" be|strong = "H1697" few. ³ For|strong = "H3588"
 as|strong = "H0834" a|strong = "H3588" dream comes with|strong = "H0430"
 a|strong = "H3588" multitude of|strong = "H0430" cares, so|strong = "H0834"
 a|strong = "H3588" fool's|strong = "H3684" speech with|strong = "H0430"
 a|strong = "H3588" multitude of|strong = "H0430" words. ⁴
 When|strong = "H0834" you|strong = "H0834" vow|strong = "H5087"
 a|strong = "H0834" vow|strong = "H5087" to|strong = "H0834"
 God|strong = "H3808", don't|strong = "H3808" defer to|strong = "H0834"
 pay|strong = "H7999" it|strong = "H3808"; for|strong = "H3808"
 he|strong = "H0834" has|strong = "H0834" no|strong = "H3808" pleasure
 in|strong = "H3808" fools. Pay|strong = "H7999" that|strong = "H0834"
 which|strong = "H0834" you|strong = "H0834" vow|strong = "H5087". ⁵
 It|strong = "H5414" is|strong = "H1931" better|strong = "H3027"
 that|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588" should|strong = "H4100"
 not|strong = "H0408" vow|strong = "H3027", than|strong = "H5921"
 that|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588" should|strong = "H4100"
 vow|strong = "H3027" and|strong = "H0430" not|strong = "H0408"
 pay|strong = "H5414". ⁶ Don't allow your|strong = "H3588" mouth
 to|strong = "H0430" lead you|strong = "H3588" into sin. Don't protest
 before|strong = "H0430" the|strong = "H0853" messenger
 that|strong = "H3588" this|strong = "H3588" was|strong = "H0430"
 a|strong = "H3588" mistake. Why|strong = "H3588" should|strong = "H3588"
 God|strong = "H0430" be|strong = "H1697" angry at|strong = "H0430"
 your|strong = "H3588" voice, and|strong = "H0430" destroy
 the|strong = "H0853" work|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H0430"
 your|strong = "H3588" hands? ⁷ For|strong = "H3588" in|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" multitude of|strong = "H5921" dreams there
 are|strong = "H4941" vanities, as|strong = "H3588" well as|strong = "H3588"
 in|strong = "H5921" many words; but|strong = "H3588"
 you|strong = "H3588" must|strong = "H0518" fear God.

8 If|strong = "H1931" you|strong = "H3605" see the|strong = "H3605"
 oppression of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" poor,
 and|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H3605" violent taking
 away|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H4428" justice and|strong = "H0776"
 righteousness in|strong = "H0776" a|strong = "H0776" district, don't marvel
 at|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" matter, for|strong = "H0776"
 one|strong = "H3605" official is|strong = "H1931" eyed by|strong = "H3605"
 a|strong = "H0776" higher one|strong = "H3605", and|strong = "H0776"
 there|strong = "H3605" are|strong = "H0776" officials over|strong = "H4428"
 them|strong = "H5647". ⁹ Moreover|strong = "H1571" the|strong = "H1571"
 profit of|strong = "H1995" the|strong = "H1571" earth is|strong = "H2088"

for|strong = "H3808" all|strong = "H1571". The|strong = "H1571" king profits from|strong = "H1571" the|strong = "H1571" field.

10He|strong = "H3588" who|strong = "H4100" loves silver shall|strong = "H4100" not|strong = "H0518" be|strong = "H3588" satisfied with|strong = "H0398" silver, nor|strong = "H0518" he|strong = "H3588" who|strong = "H4100" loves abundance|strong = "H7235", with|strong = "H0398" increase|strong = "H7235". This|strong = "H3588" also|strong = "H3588" is|strong = "H4100" vanity. ¹¹ When|strong = "H0518" goods increase|strong = "H7235", those|strong = "H0398" who|strong = "H0369" eat|strong = "H0398" them|strong = "H0398" are|strong = "H0369" increased|strong = "H7235"; and|strong = "H0398" what advantage is|strong = "H0369" there|strong = "H0369" to|strong = "H0369" its|strong = "H0398" owner, except|strong = "H0518" to|strong = "H0369" feast|strong = "H0398" on|strong = "H0369" them|strong = "H0398" with|strong = "H0398" his|strong = "H0518" eyes?

12The|strong = "H7200" sleep of|strong = "H8478" a|strong = "H7200" labouring man|strong = "H1167" is|strong = "H3426" sweet, whether|strong = "H7200" he|strong = "H3426" eats little or|strong = "H7200" much; but|strong = "H7200" the|strong = "H7200" abundance of|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H7200" rich|strong = "H6239" will|strong = "H8121" not allow him|strong = "H7200" to|strong = "H8104" sleep.

13There|strong = "H0369" is|strong = "H0369" a|strong = "H3205" grievous evil|strong = "H7451" which|strong = "H1931" I|strong = "H1121" have|strong = "H0369" seen under|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H3205" sun: wealth|strong = "H6239" kept by|strong = "H3027" its|strong = "H0369" owner to|strong = "H0369" his|strong = "H3027" harm|strong = "H7451". ¹⁴ Those|strong = "H0834" riches perish by|strong = "H3027" misfortune, and|strong = "H0935" if|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" has|strong = "H0834" fathered a|strong = "H5375" son, there|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834" nothing|strong = "H3808" in|strong = "H0935" his|strong = "H5375" hand|strong = "H3027". ¹⁵ As|strong = "H0935" he|strong = "H3651" came|strong = "H0935" out|strong = "H4100" of|strong = "H7307" his|strong = "H3605" mother's womb, naked shall|strong = "H1571" he|strong = "H3651" go|strong = "H0935" again as|strong = "H0935" he|strong = "H3651" came|strong = "H0935", and|strong = "H0935" shall|strong = "H1571" take|strong = "H0935" nothing|strong = "H3605" for|strong = "H3605" his|strong = "H3605" labour, which|strong = "H7307" he|strong = "H3651" may|strong = "H1571" carry|strong = "H0935" away|strong = "H3605" in|strong = "H0935" his|strong = "H3605" hand. ¹⁶ This|strong = "H3117"

also **"H1571"** is **"H1571"** a **"H1571"** grievous evil, that **"H3605"** in **"H3117"** all **"H3605"** points as **"H1571"** he **"H3117"** came, so **"H1571"** shall **"H3117"** he **"H3117"** go. And **"H0398"** what **"H1571"** profit does **"H1571"** he **"H3117"** have **"H1571"** who **"H3605"** labours for **"H3605"** the **"H3605"** wind? ¹⁷ All **"H3605"** his **"H3605"** days **"H3117"** he **"H0834"** also **"H0430"** eats **"H0398"** in **"H0430"** darkness, he **"H0834"** is **"H0834"** frustrated, and **"H0430"** has **"H0430"** sickness and **"H0430"** wrath.

¹⁸ Behold, that **"H0834"** which **"H0834"** I **"H0834"** have **"H0834"** seen to **"H5414"** be **"H1571"** good and **"H0430"** proper is **"H0834"** for **"H3605"** one **"H3605"** to **"H5414"** eat **"H0398"** and **"H0430"** to **"H5414"** drink, and **"H0430"** to **"H5414"** enjoy good in **"H0430"** all **"H3605"** his **"H3605"** labour, in **"H0430"** which **"H0834"** he **"H0834"** labours under **"H4480"** the **"H3605"** sun, all **"H3605"** the **"H3605"** days of **"H0430"** his **"H3605"** life which **"H0834"** God **"H0430"** has **"H0430"** given **"H5414"** him **"H5414"**; for **"H3605"** this **"H1931"** is **"H0834"** his **"H3605"** portion **"H2506"**. ¹⁹ Every **"H3117"** man also **"H0853"** to **"H3117"** whom God **"H0430"** has **"H0430"** given riches and **"H0430"** wealth **"H3808"**, and **"H0430"** has **"H0430"** given him **"H0853"** power to **"H3117"** eat of **"H0430"** it **"H3588"**, and **"H0430"** to **"H3117"** take **"H2142"** his **"H3588"** portion, and **"H0430"** to **"H3117"** rejoice **"H8057"** in **"H0430"** his **"H3588"** labour—this **"H3588"** is **"H0430"** the **"H0853"** gift of **"H0430"** God **"H0430"**. ²⁰ For he shall not often reflect on the days of his life, because God occupies him with the joy of his heart.

⁶ There **"H3426"** is **"H0834"** an **"H7200"** evil **"H7451"** which **"H0834"** I **"H0834"** have **"H0834"** seen **"H7200"** under **"H8478"** the **"H0834"** sun **"H8121"**, and **"H0120"** it **"H1931"** is **"H0834"** heavy on **"H5921"** men **"H0120"**: ² a **"H3588"** man **"H0376"** to **"H0369"** whom **"H0834"** God **"H0430"** gives **"H5414"** riches **"H6239"**, wealth **"H6239"**,

and|strong = "H0430" honour, so|strong = "H4480" that|strong = "H0834"
 he|strong = "H0834" lacks|strong = "H2638" nothing|strong = "H3808"
 for|strong = "H3588" his|strong = "H3605" soul|strong = "H5315"
 of|strong = "H0376" all|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H0834"
 he|strong = "H0834" desires|strong = "H0183", yet|strong = "H3588"
 God|strong = "H0430" gives|strong = "H5414" him|strong = "H5414"
 no|strong = "H3808" power to|strong = "H0369" eat|strong = "H0398"
 of|strong = "H0376" it|strong = "H5414", but|strong = "H3588"
 an|strong = "H5414" alien|strong = "H5237" eats|strong = "H0398"
 it|strong = "H5414". This|strong = "H2088" is|strong = "H0369"
 vanity|strong = "H1892", and|strong = "H0430" it|strong = "H5414"
 is|strong = "H0369" an|strong = "H5414" evil|strong = "H7451"
 disease|strong = "H2483".

3 If|strong = "H0518" a|strong = "H1961" man|strong = "H0376"
 fathers|strong = "H3205" a|strong = "H1961" hundred|strong = "H3967"
 children|strong = "H3205", and|strong = "H3967" lives|strong = "H5315"
 many|strong = "H7227" years|strong = "H8141", so|strong = "H4480"
 that|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0559" days|strong = "H3117"
 of|strong = "H0376" his|strong = "H1961" years|strong = "H8141"
 are|strong = "H3117" many|strong = "H7227", but|strong = "H0518"
 his|strong = "H1961" soul|strong = "H5315" is|strong = "H1571"
 not|strong = "H3808" filled|strong = "H7646" with|strong = "H7646"
 good|strong = "H2896", and|strong = "H3967" moreover|strong = "H1571"
 he|strong = "H0518" has|strong = "H1961" no|strong = "H3808"
 burial|strong = "H6900", I|strong = "H0518" say|strong = "H0559"
 that|strong = "H3117" a|strong = "H1961" stillborn|strong = "H5309"
 child|strong = "H3205" is|strong = "H1571" better|strong = "H2896"
 than|strong = "H4480" he|strong = "H0518"; ⁴ for|strong = "H3588"
 it|strong = "H3588" comes|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H0935"
 vanity|strong = "H1892", and|strong = "H0935" departs in|strong = "H0935"
 darkness|strong = "H2822", and|strong = "H0935" its|strong = "H0935"
 name|strong = "H8034" is|strong = "H8034" covered|strong = "H3680"
 with|strong = "H0935" darkness|strong = "H2822". ⁵
 Moreover|strong = "H1571" it|strong = "H3045" has|strong = "H1571"
 not|strong = "H3808" seen|strong = "H7200" the|strong = "H7200"
 sun|strong = "H8121" nor|strong = "H3808" known|strong = "H3045"
 it|strong = "H3045". This|strong = "H2088" has|strong = "H1571" rest
 rather|strong = "H3808" than|strong = "H3808" the|strong = "H7200"
 other|strong = "H2088". ⁶ Yes|strong = "H7200", though
 he|strong = "H3808" live|strong = "H2421" a|strong = "H7200"
 thousand|strong = "H0505" years|strong = "H8141" twice|strong = "H6471"
 told|strong = "H0413", and|strong = "H1980" yet|strong = "H3808" fails
 to|strong = "H0413" enjoy|strong = "H7200" good|strong = "H2896",
 don't|strong = "H3808" all|strong = "H3605" go|strong = "H1980"

to|strong="H0413" one|strong="H0259" place|strong="H4725"? ⁷
 All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" labour of|strong="H6310"
 man|strong="H0120" is|strong="H1571" for|strong="H3605"
 his|strong="H3605" mouth|strong="H6310", and|strong="H0120"
 yet|strong="H1571" the|strong="H3605" appetite|strong="H5315"
 is|strong="H1571" not|strong="H3808" filled|strong="H4390". ⁸
 For|strong="H3588" what|strong="H4100" advantage|strong="H3148"
 has|strong="H4100" the|strong="H3588" wise|strong="H2450"
 more|strong="H4480" than|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3588"
 fool|strong="H3684"? What|strong="H4100" has|strong="H4100"
 the|strong="H3588" poor|strong="H6041" man|strong="H2450",
 that|strong="H3588" knows|strong="H3045" how|strong="H4100"
 to|strong="H1980" walk|strong="H1980" before|strong="H5048"
 the|strong="H3588" living|strong="H2416"? ⁹ Better|strong="H2896"
 is|strong="H2088" the|strong="H1571" sight|strong="H5869"
 of|strong="H5869" the|strong="H1571" eyes|strong="H5869"
 than|strong="H2896" the|strong="H1571" wandering of|strong="H5869"
 the|strong="H1571" desire|strong="H5315". This|strong="H2088"
 also|strong="H1571" is|strong="H2088" vanity|strong="H1892"
 and|strong="H1980" a|strong="H2088" chasing|strong="H7469"
 after|strong="H7469" wind|strong="H7307". ¹⁰
 Whatever|strong="H0834" has|strong="H0834" been|strong="H1961",
 its|strong="H3045" name|strong="H8034" was|strong="H8034"
 given|strong="H7121" long|strong="H4100" ago; and|strong="H0120"
 it|strong="H1931" is|strong="H0834" known|strong="H3045"
 what|strong="H4100" man|strong="H0120" is|strong="H0834";
 neither|strong="H3808" can|strong="H3201" he|strong="H0834" contend
 with|strong="H5973" him|strong="H5973" who|strong="H0834"
 is|strong="H0834" mightier than|strong="H4480" he|strong="H0834".
¹¹ For|strong="H3588" there|strong="H3426" are|strong="H4100"
 many|strong="H7235" words|strong="H1697" that|strong="H3588" create
 vanity|strong="H1892". What|strong="H4100" does|strong="H4100"
 that|strong="H3588" profit man|strong="H0120"? ¹²
 For|strong="H3588" who|strong="H0834" knows|strong="H3045"
 what|strong="H4100" is|strong="H0834" good|strong="H2896"
 for|strong="H3588" man|strong="H0120" in|strong="H3117"
 life|strong="H3117", all|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0834"
 days|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" his|strong="H1961"
 vain|strong="H1892" life|strong="H3117" which|strong="H0834"
 he|strong="H0834" spends like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961"
 shadow|strong="H6738"? For|strong="H3588" who|strong="H0834"
 can|strong="H4310" tell|strong="H5046" a|strong="H1961"
 man|strong="H0120" what|strong="H4100" will|strong="H4310"
 be|strong="H1961" after|strong="H0310" him|strong="H0310"
 under|strong="H8478" the|strong="H0834" sun|strong="H8121"?

7A **H3205** good **H2896** name **H8034** is **H8034** better **H2896** than **H2896** fine perfume; and **H3117** the **H3205** day **H3117** of **H3117** death **H4194** better **H2896** than **H2896** the **H3205** day **H3117** of **H3117** one's birth **H3205**. ² It **H5414** is **H0834** better **H2896** to **H0413** go to **H0413** the **H3605** house **H1004** of **H1004** mourning **H0060** than **H2896** to **H0413** go to **H0413** the **H3605** house **H1004** of **H1004** feasting **H4960**; for **H0413** that **H0834** is **H0834** the **H3605** end **H5490** of **H1004** all **H3605** men **H0120**, and **H1004** the **H3605** living **H2416** should **H0120** take **H5414** this **H1931** to **H0413** heart **H3820**. ³ Sorrow **H2896** is **H3820** better **H2896** than **H2896** laughter **H7814**; for **H3588** by **H6440** the **H6440** sadness **H7455** of **H6440** the **H6440** face **H6440** the **H6440** heart **H3820** is **H3820** made **H3190** good **H2896**. ⁴ The **H1004** heart **H3820** of **H1004** the **H1004** wise **H2450** is **H3820** in **H1004** the **H1004** house **H1004** of **H1004** mourning **H0060**; but **H3820** the **H1004** heart **H3820** of **H1004** fools **H3684** is **H3820** in **H1004** the **H1004** house **H1004** of **H1004** mirth **H8057**. ⁵ It **H2896** is **H0376** better **H2896** to **H8085** hear **H8085** the **H8085** rebuke **H1606** of **H0376** the **H8085** wise **H2450** than **H2896** for **H0376** a **H8085** man **H0376** to **H8085** hear **H8085** the **H8085** song **H7892** of **H0376** fools **H3684**. ⁶ For **H3588** as **H3651** the **H3588** crackling **H6963** of **H6963** thorns under **H8478** a **H3588** pot **H5518**, so **H3651** is **H2088** the **H3588** laughter **H7814** of **H6963** the **H3588** fool **H3684**. This **H2088** also **H1571** is **H2088** vanity **H1892**. ⁷ Surely **H3588** extortion **H6233** makes **H0006** the **H0853** wise **H2450** man **H2450** foolish; and **H3820** a **H3588** bribe **H4979** destroys **H0006**

the|strong = "H0853" understanding|strong = "H3820". ⁸
 Better|strong = "H2896" is|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H1697"
 end|strong = "H0319" of|strong = "H1697" a|strong = "H7307"
 thing|strong = "H1697" than|strong = "H2896" its
 beginning|strong = "H7225".

T he|strong = "H1697" patient|strong = "H0750" in|strong = "H1697"
 spirit|strong = "H7307" is|strong = "H1697" better|strong = "H2896"
 than|strong = "H2896" the|strong = "H1697" proud in|strong = "H1697"
 spirit|strong = "H7307". ⁹ Don't|strong = "H0408" be|strong = "H0408"
 hasty in|strong = "H5117" your|strong = "H3588" spirit|strong = "H7307"
 to|strong = "H7307" be|strong = "H0408" angry|strong = "H3707",
 for|strong = "H3588" anger|strong = "H3707" rests|strong = "H5117"
 in|strong = "H5117" the|strong = "H3588" bosom|strong = "H2436"
 of|strong = "H7307" fools|strong = "H3684". ¹⁰ Don't|strong = "H0408"
 say|strong = "H0559", "Why|strong = "H4100" were|strong = "H1961"
 the|strong = "H0559" former|strong = "H7223" days|strong = "H3117"
 better|strong = "H2896" than|strong = "H3808" these|strong = "H0428"?"
 For|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588" do|strong = "H0408"
 not|strong = "H3808" ask|strong = "H7592" wisely|strong = "H2451"
 about|strong = "H1961" this|strong = "H2088".

11 Wisdom|strong = "H2451" is|strong = "H2451" as|strong = "H5159"
 good|strong = "H2896" as|strong = "H5159" an|strong = "H7200"
 inheritance|strong = "H5159". Yes|strong = "H7200", it|strong = "H7200"
 is|strong = "H2451" more|strong = "H3148" excellent for|strong = "H8121"
 those|strong = "H5973" who see|strong = "H7200" the|strong = "H7200"
 sun|strong = "H8121". ¹² For|strong = "H3588" wisdom|strong = "H2451"
 is|strong = "H2451" a|strong = "H3588" defence, even|strong = "H3588"
 as|strong = "H3588" money|strong = "H3701" is|strong = "H2451"
 a|strong = "H3588" defence; but|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588"
 excellency of|strong = "H1167" knowledge|strong = "H1847"
 is|strong = "H2451" that|strong = "H3588" wisdom|strong = "H2451"
 preserves|strong = "H2421" the|strong = "H3588" life|strong = "H2421"
 of|strong = "H1167" him|strong = "H3588" who|strong = "H3588"
 has|strong = "H3588" it|strong = "H3588".

13 Consider|strong = "H7200" the|strong = "H0853" work|strong = "H4639"
 of|strong = "H0430" God|strong = "H0430", for|strong = "H3588"
 who|strong = "H0834" can|strong = "H4310" make|strong = "H7200"
 that|strong = "H0834" straight which|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834"
 has|strong = "H0430" made|strong = "H4639" crooked|strong = "H5791"? ¹⁴
 In|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853" day|strong = "H3117"
 of|strong = "H0430" prosperity|strong = "H2896" be|strong = "H1961" joyful,
 and|strong = "H0430" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853"

day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H0430" adversity
 consider|strong = "H7200"; yes|strong = "H1571", God|strong = "H0430"
 has|strong = "H0430" made|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H0853"
 one|strong = "H2088" side|strong = "H2088" by|strong = "H5921"
 side|strong = "H2088" with|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853"
 other|strong = "H2088", to|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H0853"
 end|strong = "H0310" that|strong = "H3117" man|strong = "H0120"
 should|strong = "H0120" not|strong = "H3808" find|strong = "H4672"
 out|strong = "H5921" anything|strong = "H3972" after|strong = "H0310"
 him|strong = "H5921".

15 All|strong = "H3605" this|strong = "H3117" I|strong = "H3117"
 have|strong = "H3426" seen|strong = "H7200" in|strong = "H3117"
 my|strong = "H3605" days|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117"
 vanity|strong = "H1892": there|strong = "H3426" is|strong = "H3426"
 a|strong = "H7200" righteous|strong = "H6662" man|strong = "H7563"
 who|strong = "H3605" perishes|strong = "H0006" in|strong = "H3117"
 his|strong = "H3605" righteousness|strong = "H6664", and|strong = "H3117"
 there|strong = "H3426" is|strong = "H3426" a|strong = "H7200"
 wicked|strong = "H7563" man|strong = "H7563" who|strong = "H3605" lives
 long|strong = "H3117" in|strong = "H3117" his|strong = "H3605" evil doing.
¹⁶ Don't|strong = "H0408" be|strong = "H1961" overly|strong = "H3148"
 righteous|strong = "H6662", neither|strong = "H0408"
 make|strong = "H8074" yourself overly|strong = "H3148"
 wise|strong = "H2449". Why|strong = "H4100" should|strong = "H4100"
 you|strong = "H4100" destroy|strong = "H8074" yourself? ¹⁷
 Don't|strong = "H0408" be|strong = "H1961" too|strong = "H3808"
 wicked|strong = "H7561", neither|strong = "H3808" be|strong = "H1961"
 foolish|strong = "H5530". Why|strong = "H4100" should|strong = "H4100"
 you|strong = "H3808" die|strong = "H4191" before|strong = "H3808"
 your|strong = "H1961" time|strong = "H6256"? ¹⁸ It|strong = "H3588"
 is|strong = "H0834" good|strong = "H2896" that|strong = "H0834"
 you|strong = "H0834" should|strong = "H3588" take|strong = "H0270"
 hold|strong = "H0270" of|strong = "H0430" this|strong = "H2088".
 Yes|strong = "H3588", also|strong = "H1571" don't|strong = "H0408"
 withdraw your|strong = "H3605" hand|strong = "H3027"
 from|strong = "H3318" that|strong = "H0834"; for|strong = "H3588"
 he|strong = "H0834" who|strong = "H0834" fears|strong = "H3373"
 God|strong = "H0430" will|strong = "H0430" come|strong = "H3318"
 out|strong = "H3318" of|strong = "H0430" them|strong = "H0853"
 all|strong = "H3605". ¹⁹ Wisdom|strong = "H2451" is|strong = "H0834"
 a|strong = "H1961" strength to|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H0834"
 wise|strong = "H2450" man|strong = "H2450" more than
 ten|strong = "H6235" rulers|strong = "H7989" who|strong = "H0834"
 are|strong = "H0834" in|strong = "H1961" a|strong = "H1961"

city|strong = "H5892". ²⁰ Surely|strong = "H3588" there|strong = "H0369" is|strong = "H0369" not|strong = "H3808" a|strong = "H3588" righteous|strong = "H6662" man|strong = "H0120" on|strong = "H0776" earth|strong = "H0776" who|strong = "H0834" does|strong = "H6213" good|strong = "H2896" and|strong = "H0776" doesn't|strong = "H3808" sin|strong = "H2398". ²¹ Also|strong = "H1571" don't|strong = "H0408" take|strong = "H5414" heed|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H1696" all|strong = "H3605" words|strong = "H1697" that|strong = "H0834" are|strong = "H0834" spoken|strong = "H1696", lest you|strong = "H0834" hear|strong = "H8085" your|strong = "H3605" servant|strong = "H5650" curse|strong = "H7043" you|strong = "H0834"; ²² for|strong = "H3588" often you|strong = "H0834" own heart|strong = "H3820" knows|strong = "H3045" that|strong = "H0834" you|strong = "H0859" yourself|strong = "H0859" have|strong = "H0834" likewise|strong = "H1571" cursed|strong = "H7043" others|strong = "H0312". ²³ All|strong = "H3605" this|strong = "H1931" I|strong = "H0559" have|strong = "H3605" proved|strong = "H5254" in|strong = "H0559" wisdom|strong = "H2451". I|strong = "H0559" said|strong = "H0559", "I|strong = "H0559" will|strong = "H1931" be|strong = "H1931" wise|strong = "H2449";" but|strong = "H0559" it|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H1931" far|strong = "H7350" from|strong = "H4480" me|strong = "H4480". ²⁴ That|strong = "H1961" which|strong = "H4310" is|strong = "H4310", is|strong = "H4310" far|strong = "H7350" off|strong = "H7350" and|strong = "H1961" exceedingly|strong = "H6013" deep|strong = "H6013". Who|strong = "H4310" can|strong = "H4310" find|strong = "H4672" it|strong = "H1961" out|strong = "H4100"? ²⁵ I|strong = "H0589" turned|strong = "H5437" around|strong = "H5437", and|strong = "H2451" my|strong = "H1245" heart|strong = "H3820" sought|strong = "H1245" to|strong = "H3820" know|strong = "H3045" and|strong = "H2451" to|strong = "H3820" search|strong = "H1245" out|strong = "H3045", and|strong = "H2451" to|strong = "H3820" seek|strong = "H1245" wisdom|strong = "H2451" and|strong = "H2451" the|strong = "H0589" scheme of|strong = "H3820" things, and|strong = "H2451" to|strong = "H3820" know|strong = "H3045" that|strong = "H3045" wickedness|strong = "H7562" is|strong = "H3820" stupidity, and|strong = "H2451" that|strong = "H3045" foolishness|strong = "H3689" is|strong = "H3820" madness|strong = "H1947".

26I|strong = "H0589" find|strong = "H4672" more|strong = "H4480" bitter|strong = "H4751" than|strong = "H4480" death|strong = "H4194" the|strong = "H0853" woman|strong = "H0802" whose|strong = "H0834" heart|strong = "H3820" is|strong = "H0834" snares and|strong = "H0430" traps, whose|strong = "H0834" hands|strong = "H3027" are|strong = "H0834" chains|strong = "H0612". Whoever|strong = "H0834" pleases God|strong = "H0430" shall|strong = "H0802" escape|strong = "H4422"

from|strong = "H4480" her|strong = "H0802"; but|strong = "H0834"
 the|strong = "H0853" sinner|strong = "H2398" will|strong = "H0430"
 be|strong = "H3820" ensnared by|strong = "H3027" her|strong = "H0802".

27“Behold|strong = "H7200", I|strong = "H7200" have|strong = "H7200"
 found|strong = "H4672" this|strong = "H2088",” says|strong = "H0559"
 Kohelet ⁶, “to|strong = "H0559" one|strong = "H0259"
 another|strong = "H0259", to|strong = "H0559" find|strong = "H4672"
 an|strong = "H7200" explanation|strong = "H2808” ²⁸
 which|strong = "H0834" my|strong = "H3605" soul|strong = "H5315"
 still|strong = "H5750" seeks|strong = "H1245”, but|strong = "H3808"
 I|strong = "H0834" have|strong = "H0834" not|strong = "H3808"
 found|strong = "H4672”. I|strong = "H0834" have|strong = "H0834"
 found|strong = "H4672" one|strong = "H0259" man|strong = "H0120"
 amongst a|strong = "H4672" thousand|strong = "H0505”,
 but|strong = "H3808" I|strong = "H0834" have|strong = "H0834"
 not|strong = "H3808" found|strong = "H4672" a|strong = "H4672"
 woman|strong = "H0802" amongst all|strong = "H3605"
 those|strong = "H0428”. ²⁹ Behold|strong = "H7200", I|strong = "H0834"
 have|strong = "H0834" only|strong = "H0905" found|strong = "H4672"
 this|strong = "H2088”: that|strong = "H0834" God|strong = "H0430"
 made|strong = "H6213" mankind|strong = "H0120" upright|strong = "H3477”;
 but|strong = "H7200" they|strong = "H1992" search|strong = "H1245"
 for|strong = "H0430" many|strong = "H7227" inventions.”

8Who|strong = "H4310" is|strong = "H4310" like|strong = "H1697"
 the|strong = "H6440" wise|strong = "H2450" man|strong = "H0120"?
 And|strong = "H0120" who|strong = "H4310" knows|strong = "H3045"
 the|strong = "H6440" interpretation|strong = "H6592" of|strong = "H1697"
 a|strong = "H6440" thing|strong = "H1697”? A|strong = "H6440"
 man’s|strong = "H0120" wisdom|strong = "H2451" makes|strong = "H6440"
 his|strong = "H6440" face|strong = "H6440" shine|strong = "H0215”,
 and|strong = "H0120" the|strong = "H6440" hardness of|strong = "H1697"
 his|strong = "H6440" face|strong = "H6440" is|strong = "H4310"
 changed|strong = "H8132”.

2I|strong = "H0589" say|strong = "H6310”, “Keep|strong = "H8104"
 the|strong = "H5921" king’s|strong = "H4428" command|strong = "H6310”!
 because|strong = "H5921" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5921"
 oath|strong = "H7621" to|strong = "H5921" God|strong = "H0430”. ³
 Don’t|strong = "H0408" be|strong = "H0408" hasty to|strong = "H6440" go
 out|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H1697" his|strong = "H3605"
 presence|strong = "H6440”. Don’t|strong = "H0408" persist|strong = "H5975”

⁶ + 7:27 the Preacher (or, Assembler)

in|strong = "H5975" an|strong = "H3588" evil|strong = "H7451"
 thing|strong = "H1697", for|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H0834"
 does|strong = "H6213" whatever|strong = "H0834" pleases|strong = "H2654"
 him|strong = "H6440", ⁴ for|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0559"
 king's|strong = "H4428" word|strong = "H1697" is|strong = "H0834" supreme.
 Who|strong = "H0834" can|strong = "H4310" say|strong = "H0559"
 to|strong = "H0559" him|strong = "H0559", "What|strong = "H4100"
 are|strong = "H0834" you|strong = "H0834" doing|strong = "H6213"?" ⁵
 Whoever|strong = "H8104" keeps|strong = "H8104" the|strong = "H3045"
 commandment|strong = "H4687" shall|strong = "H3808"
 not|strong = "H3808" come to|strong = "H6256" harm|strong = "H7451",
 and|strong = "H4941" his|strong = "H8104" wise|strong = "H2450"
 heart|strong = "H3820" will|strong = "H1697" know|strong = "H3045"
 the|strong = "H3045" time|strong = "H6256" and|strong = "H4941"
 procedure|strong = "H4941". ⁶ For|strong = "H3588"
 there|strong = "H3426" is|strong = "H3426" a|strong = "H3588"
 time|strong = "H6256" and|strong = "H4941" procedure|strong = "H4941"
 for|strong = "H3588" every|strong = "H3605" purpose|strong = "H2656",
 although|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3605" misery of|strong = "H5921"
 man|strong = "H0120" is|strong = "H3426" heavy on|strong = "H5921"
 him|strong = "H5921". ⁷ For|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H0834" doesn't
 know|strong = "H3045" that|strong = "H0834" which|strong = "H0834"
 will|strong = "H4310" be|strong = "H1961"; for|strong = "H3588"
 who|strong = "H0834" can|strong = "H4310" tell|strong = "H5046"
 him|strong = "H5046" how|strong = "H4100" it|strong = "H3588"
 will|strong = "H4310" be|strong = "H1961"? ⁸ There|strong = "H0369"
 is|strong = "H0369" no|strong = "H3808" man|strong = "H0120"
 who|strong = "H0369" has|strong = "H0369" power over|strong = "H0853"
 the|strong = "H0853" spirit|strong = "H7307" to|strong = "H0369" contain
 the|strong = "H0853" spirit|strong = "H7307"; neither|strong = "H3808"
 does|strong = "H3808" he|strong = "H3117" have|strong = "H0369" power
 over|strong = "H0853" the|strong = "H0853" day|strong = "H3117"
 of|strong = "H3117" death|strong = "H4194". There|strong = "H0369"
 is|strong = "H0369" no|strong = "H3808" discharge|strong = "H4917"
 in|strong = "H3117" war|strong = "H4421"; neither|strong = "H3808"
 shall|strong = "H3808" wickedness|strong = "H7562"
 deliver|strong = "H4422" those|strong = "H0853" who|strong = "H0369"
 practise it|strong = "H3808".

⁹All|strong = "H3605" this|strong = "H2088" I|strong = "H0834"
 have|strong = "H0834" seen|strong = "H7200", and|strong = "H0120"
 applied|strong = "H5414" my|strong = "H3605" mind|strong = "H3820"
 to|strong = "H5414" every|strong = "H3605" work|strong = "H4639"
 that|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834" done|strong = "H6213"
 under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3605" sun|strong = "H8121".

There is a time in which another man has power over his hurt. ¹⁰ So I saw the wicked buried. Indeed they came also from holiness. They went and in where they did this is vanity. ¹¹ Because sentence against evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. ¹² Though a sinner commits crimes a hundred times, and lives long, yet surely I know will be better with those who fear God, who are reverent before him shall not be well with wicked, neither shall he lengthen days like a shadow, because he doesn't fear God.

¹⁴ There is vanity done on the earth, that

are|strong="H0834" righteous|strong="H6662" men|strong="H7563"
to|strong="H0413" whom|strong="H0834" it|strong="H5921"
happens|strong="H6213" according|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0413"
the|strong="H0559" work|strong="H4639" of|strong="H0776"
the|strong="H0559" wicked|strong="H7563". Again,
there|strong="H3426" are|strong="H0834" wicked|strong="H7563"
men|strong="H7563" to|strong="H0413" whom|strong="H0834"
it|strong="H5921" happens|strong="H6213" according|strong="H5921"
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" work|strong="H4639"
of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0559" righteous|strong="H6662".
I|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559" that|strong="H0834"
this|strong="H2088" also|strong="H1571" is|strong="H0834"
vanity|strong="H1892". ¹⁵ Then|strong="H0853" I|strong="H0589"
commended mirth|strong="H8057", because|strong="H3588"
a|strong="H3588" man|strong="H0120" has|strong="H0430"
no|strong="H0369" better|strong="H2896" thing|strong="H3588"
under|strong="H8478" the|strong="H0853" sun|strong="H8121"
than|strong="H2896" to|strong="H0369" eat|strong="H0398",
to|strong="H0369" drink|strong="H8354", and|strong="H0430"
to|strong="H0369" be|strong="H0430" joyful|strong="H8055":
for|strong="H3588" that|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430"
accompany him|strong="H5414" in|strong="H0430" his|strong="H5414"
labour all|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" days|strong="H3117"
of|strong="H0430" his|strong="H5414" life|strong="H3117"
which|strong="H0834" God|strong="H0430" has|strong="H0430"
given|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414" under|strong="H8478"
the|strong="H0853" sun|strong="H8121".

16When|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0834" applied|strong="H5414"
my|strong="H5414" heart|strong="H3820" to|strong="H5921"
know|strong="H3045" wisdom|strong="H2451", and|strong="H0776"
to|strong="H5921" see|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" business
that|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0369" done|strong="H6213"
on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" earth|strong="H0776"
(even|strong="H1571" though|strong="H3588" eyes|strong="H5869"
see|strong="H7200" no|strong="H0369" sleep|strong="H8142"
day|strong="H3117" or|strong="H0369" night|strong="H3915"), ¹⁷
then|strong="H0853" I|strong="H0834" saw|strong="H7200"
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" work|strong="H4639"
of|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430", that|strong="H0834"
man|strong="H0120" can't|strong="H3808" find|strong="H4672"
out|strong="H3045" the|strong="H3605" work|strong="H4639"
that|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213"
under|strong="H8478" the|strong="H3605" sun|strong="H8121",
because|strong="H3588" however|strong="H0518" much|strong="H0834"

a|strong = "H3588" man|strong = "H0120" labours to|strong = "H0559" seek|strong = "H1245" it|strong = "H0518" out|strong = "H3045", yet|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H0834" won't|strong = "H3808" find|strong = "H4672" it|strong = "H0518". Yes|strong = "H3588" even|strong = "H1571" though|strong = "H3588" a|strong = "H3588" wise|strong = "H2450" man|strong = "H0120" thinks he|strong = "H0834" can|strong = "H3201" comprehend|strong = "H3045" it|strong = "H0518", he|strong = "H0834" won't|strong = "H3808" be|strong = "H3808" able|strong = "H3201" to|strong = "H0559" find|strong = "H4672" it|strong = "H0518".

9For|strong = "H3588" all|strong = "H3605" this|strong = "H2088" I|strong = "H0834" laid|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H0413" my|strong = "H3605" heart|strong = "H3820", even|strong = "H1571" to|strong = "H0413" explore all|strong = "H3605" this|strong = "H2088": that|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H3605" righteous|strong = "H6662", and|strong = "H0430" the|strong = "H3605" wise|strong = "H2450", and|strong = "H0430" their|strong = "H3605" works, are|strong = "H0834" in|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" hand|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "H0430" God|strong = "H0430"; whether|strong = "H1571" it|strong = "H5414" is|strong = "H0369" love|strong = "H0160" or|strong = "H0369" hatred|strong = "H8135", man|strong = "H0120" doesn't know|strong = "H3045" it|strong = "H5414"; all|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H0369" before|strong = "H6440" them|strong = "H0413". ² All|strong = "H3605" things|strong = "H3605" come alike|strong = "H0259" to|strong = "H0369" all|strong = "H3605". There|strong = "H0369" is|strong = "H0369" one|strong = "H0259" event to|strong = "H0369" the|strong = "H3605" righteous|strong = "H6662" and|strong = "H2076" to|strong = "H0369" the|strong = "H3605" wicked|strong = "H7563"; to|strong = "H0369" the|strong = "H3605" good|strong = "H2896", to|strong = "H0369" the|strong = "H3605" clean|strong = "H2889", to|strong = "H0369" the|strong = "H3605" unclean|strong = "H2931", to|strong = "H0369" him|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H0834" sacrifices|strong = "H2076", and|strong = "H2076" to|strong = "H0369" him|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H0834" doesn't sacrifice|strong = "H2076". As|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0369" the|strong = "H3605" good|strong = "H2896", so|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0369" the|strong = "H3605" sinner|strong = "H2398"; he|strong = "H0834" who|strong = "H0834" takes|strong = "H7650" an|strong = "H7650" oath|strong = "H7621", as|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" who|strong = "H0834" fears|strong = "H3372" an|strong = "H7650" oath|strong = "H7621". ³ This|strong = "H2088" is|strong = "H0834" an|strong = "H3588" evil|strong = "H7451" in|strong = "H0413" all|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834" done|strong = "H6213" under|strong = "H8478"

the|strong="H3605" sun|strong="H8121", that|strong="H0834"
 there|strong="H2088" is|strong="H0834" one|strong="H0259" event
 to|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605". Yes|strong="H3588"
 also|strong="H1571", the|strong="H3605" heart|strong="H3820"
 of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121"
 of|strong="H1121" men|strong="H0120" is|strong="H0834"
 full|strong="H4390" of|strong="H1121" evil|strong="H7451",
 and|strong="H1121" madness|strong="H1947" is|strong="H0834"
 in|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3605" heart|strong="H3820"
 while|strong="H3588" they|strong="H0834" live|strong="H2416",
 and|strong="H1121" after|strong="H0310" that|strong="H0834"
 they|strong="H0834" go to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605"
 dead|strong="H4191". ⁴ For|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0413"
 him|strong="H0413" who|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" joined
 with|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605"
 living|strong="H2416" there|strong="H3426" is|strong="H0834"
 hope|strong="H0986"; for|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588"
 living|strong="H2416" dog|strong="H3611" is|strong="H0834"
 better|strong="H2896" than|strong="H4480" a|strong="H3588"
 dead|strong="H4191" lion|strong="H0738". ⁵ For|strong="H3588"
 the|strong="H3588" living|strong="H2416" know|strong="H3045"
 that|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0369"
 die|strong="H4191", but|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588"
 dead|strong="H4191" don't|strong="H0369" know|strong="H3045"
 anything|strong="H3972", neither|strong="H0369" do|strong="H0369"
 they|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0369" any|strong="H5750"
 more|strong="H5750" a|strong="H3588" reward|strong="H7939";
 for|strong="H3588" their|strong="H3588" memory|strong="H2143"
 is|strong="H0369" forgotten|strong="H7911". ⁶ Also|strong="H1571"
 their|strong="H3605" love|strong="H0160", their|strong="H3605"
 hatred|strong="H8135", and|strong="H5769" their|strong="H3605"
 envy|strong="H7068" has|strong="H0834" perished|strong="H0006"
 long|strong="H5769" ago|strong="H5769"; neither|strong="H0369"
 do|strong="H6213" they|strong="H1992" any|strong="H3605"
 longer|strong="H5750" have|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834"
 portion|strong="H2506" forever|strong="H5769" in|strong="H5750"
 anything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0369"
 done|strong="H6213" under|strong="H8478" the|strong="H3605"
 sun|strong="H8121".

7Go your|strong="H0398" way—eat|strong="H0398"
 your|strong="H0398" bread|strong="H3899" with|strong="H0854"
 joy|strong="H8057", and|strong="H0430" drink|strong="H8354"
 your|strong="H0398" wine|strong="H3196" with|strong="H0854"
 a|strong="H3588" merry heart|strong="H3820"; for|strong="H3588"

God|strong = "H0430" has|strong = "H0430" already|strong = "H3528" accepted|strong = "H7521" your|strong = "H0398" works|strong = "H4639".
⁸ Let|strong = "H0408" your|strong = "H3605" garments|strong = "H0899" be|strong = "H1961" always|strong = "H6256" white|strong = "H3836", and|strong = "H7218" don't|strong = "H0408" let|strong = "H0408" your|strong = "H3605" head|strong = "H7218" lack|strong = "H2637" oil|strong = "H8081". ⁹ Live|strong = "H2416" joyfully with|strong = "H5973" the|strong = "H3605" wife|strong = "H0802" whom|strong = "H0834" you|strong = "H0859" love|strong = "H0157" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" days|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117" your|strong = "H3605" life|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117" vanity|strong = "H1892", which|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" has|strong = "H0834" given|strong = "H5414" you|strong = "H0859" under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3605" sun|strong = "H8121", all|strong = "H3605" your|strong = "H3605" days|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117" vanity|strong = "H1892", for|strong = "H3588" that|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834" your|strong = "H3605" portion|strong = "H2506" in|strong = "H3117" life|strong = "H3117", and|strong = "H3117" in|strong = "H3117" your|strong = "H3605" labour in|strong = "H3117" which|strong = "H0834" you|strong = "H0859" labour under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3605" sun|strong = "H8121". ¹⁰ Whatever|strong = "H0834" your|strong = "H3605" hand|strong = "H3027" finds|strong = "H4672" to|strong = "H1980" do|strong = "H6213", do|strong = "H6213" it|strong = "H3588" with|strong = "H1980" your|strong = "H3605" might|strong = "H3581"; for|strong = "H3588" there|strong = "H8033" is|strong = "H0369" no|strong = "H0369" work|strong = "H4639", nor|strong = "H0369" plan, nor|strong = "H0369" knowledge|strong = "H1847", nor|strong = "H0369" wisdom|strong = "H2451", in|strong = "H1980" Sheol|strong = "H7585", ⁷ where|strong = "H0834" you|strong = "H0859" are|strong = "H0834" going|strong = "H1980".

11I|strong = "H3588" returned|strong = "H7725" and|strong = "H7725" saw|strong = "H7200" under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3605" sun|strong = "H8121" that|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3605" race|strong = "H4793" is|strong = "H1571" not|strong = "H3808" to|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H3605" swift|strong = "H7031", nor|strong = "H3808" the|strong = "H3605" battle|strong = "H4421" to|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H3605" strong|strong = "H1368", neither|strong = "H3808" yet|strong = "H3588" bread|strong = "H3899" to|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H3605" wise|strong = "H2450", nor|strong = "H3808" yet|strong = "H3588" riches|strong = "H6239" to|strong = "H7725" men|strong = "H1368" of|strong = "H8478" understanding|strong = "H0995", nor|strong = "H3808" yet|strong = "H3588"

⁷ + 9:10 Sheol is the place of the dead.

favour to|strong = "H7725" men|strong = "H1368" of|strong = "H8478" skill;
 but|strong = "H3588" time|strong = "H6256" and|strong = "H7725"
 chance|strong = "H6294" happen to|strong = "H7725" them|strong = "H0853"
 all|strong = "H3605". ¹² For|strong = "H3588" man|strong = "H0120"
 also|strong = "H1571" doesn't|strong = "H3808" know|strong = "H3045"
 his|strong = "H5921" time|strong = "H6256". As|strong = "H1571"
 the|strong = "H0853" fish|strong = "H1709" that|strong = "H3588"
 are|strong = "H1992" taken|strong = "H0270" in|strong = "H5921"
 an|strong = "H3588" evil|strong = "H7451" net, and|strong = "H1121"
 as|strong = "H1571" the|strong = "H0853" birds|strong = "H6833"
 that|strong = "H3588" are|strong = "H1992" caught|strong = "H0270"
 in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853" snare|strong = "H3369",
 even|strong = "H1571" so|strong = "H3808" are|strong = "H1992"
 the|strong = "H0853" sons|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 men|strong = "H0120" snared|strong = "H3369" in|strong = "H5921"
 an|strong = "H3588" evil|strong = "H7451" time|strong = "H6256",
 when|strong = "H3588" it|strong = "H5921" falls|strong = "H5307"
 suddenly|strong = "H6597" on|strong = "H5921" them|strong = "H1992".

13I|strong = "H7200" have|strong = "H1571" also|strong = "H1571"
 seen|strong = "H7200" wisdom|strong = "H2451" under|strong = "H8478"
 the|strong = "H0413" sun|strong = "H8121" in|strong = "H0413"
 this|strong = "H1931" way, and|strong = "H1419" it|strong = "H1931"
 seemed|strong = "H7200" great|strong = "H1419" to|strong = "H0413"
 me|strong = "H0413". ¹⁴ There was|strong = "H0376" a|strong = "H1129"
 little|strong = "H4592" city|strong = "H5892", and|strong = "H0935"
 few|strong = "H4592" men|strong = "H0376" within|strong = "H5921"
 it|strong = "H5921"; and|strong = "H0935" a|strong = "H1129"
 great|strong = "H1419" king|strong = "H4428" came|strong = "H0935"
 against|strong = "H5921" it|strong = "H5921", besieged it|strong = "H5921",
 and|strong = "H0935" built|strong = "H1129" great|strong = "H1419"
 bulwarks against|strong = "H5921" it|strong = "H5921". ¹⁵
 Now|strong = "H0120" a|strong = "H4672" poor|strong = "H4542"
 wise|strong = "H2450" man|strong = "H0376" was|strong = "H1931"
 found|strong = "H4672" in|strong = "H0376" it|strong = "H1931",
 and|strong = "H0376" he|strong = "H1931" by|strong = "H3808"
 his|strong = "H0376" wisdom|strong = "H2451" delivered|strong = "H4422"
 the|strong = "H0853" city|strong = "H5892"; yet|strong = "H4672"
 no|strong = "H3808" man|strong = "H0376" remembered|strong = "H2142"
 that|strong = "H1931" same|strong = "H1931" poor|strong = "H4542"
 man|strong = "H0376". ¹⁶ Then|strong = "H8085" I|strong = "H0589"
 said|strong = "H0559", "Wisdom|strong = "H2451" is|strong = "H0369"
 better|strong = "H2896" than|strong = "H2896" strength|strong = "H1369".
 Nevertheless the|strong = "H0559" poor|strong = "H4542" man's
 wisdom|strong = "H2451" is|strong = "H0369" despised|strong = "H0959",

and|strong = "H8085" his|strong = "H8085" words|strong = "H1697"
 are|strong = "H1697" not|strong = "H0369" heard|strong = "H8085". ¹⁷
 The|strong = "H8085" words|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H1697"
 the|strong = "H8085" wise|strong = "H2450" heard|strong = "H8085"
 in|strong = "H8085" quiet are|strong = "H1697" better than
 the|strong = "H8085" cry|strong = "H2201" of|strong = "H1697"
 him|strong = "H8085" who|strong = "H2450" rules|strong = "H4910" amongst
 fools|strong = "H3684". ¹⁸ Wisdom|strong = "H2451" is|strong = "H2451"
 better|strong = "H2896" than|strong = "H2896" weapons|strong = "H3627"
 of|strong = "H3627" war|strong = "H7128"; but one|strong = "H0259"
 sinner|strong = "H2398" destroys|strong = "H0006" much|strong = "H7235"
 good|strong = "H2896".

10Dead|strong = "H4194" flies|strong = "H2070" cause
 the|strong = "H3519" oil|strong = "H8081" of|strong = "H4194"
 the|strong = "H3519" perfumer|strong = "H7543" to|strong = "H0887"
 produce an evil odour;

s o|strong = "H4592" does a|strong = "H4592" little|strong = "H4592"
 folly|strong = "H5531" outweigh wisdom|strong = "H2451"
 and|strong = "H8081" honour.

2A wise|strong = "H2450" man's|strong = "H2450" heart|strong = "H3820"
 is|strong = "H3820" at his right|strong = "H3225" hand|strong = "H3225",

b ut|strong = "H3820" a fool's|strong = "H3684" heart|strong = "H3820" at
 his left|strong = "H8040". ³ Yes|strong = "H1571" also|strong = "H1571"
 when|strong = "H1980" the|strong = "H3605" fool|strong = "H5530"
 walks|strong = "H1980" by|strong = "H1870" the|strong = "H3605"
 way|strong = "H1870", his|strong = "H3605" understanding|strong = "H3820"
 fails him|strong = "H3605", and|strong = "H1980" he|strong = "H1931"
 says|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559" everyone|strong = "H3605"
 that|strong = "H3605" he|strong = "H1931" is|strong = "H1931"
 a|strong = "H1571" fool|strong = "H5530". ⁴ If|strong = "H0518"
 the|strong = "H5921" spirit|strong = "H7307" of|strong = "H7307"
 the|strong = "H5921" ruler|strong = "H4910" rises|strong = "H5927"
 up|strong = "H5927" against|strong = "H5921" you|strong = "H3588",
 don't|strong = "H0408" leave|strong = "H3240" your|strong = "H5921"
 place|strong = "H4725"; for|strong = "H3588" gentleness lays
 great|strong = "H1419" offences to|strong = "H5921" rest.

5There|strong = "H3426" is|strong = "H3426" an|strong = "H7200"
 evil|strong = "H7451" which I|strong = "H7200" have|strong = "H3426"
 seen|strong = "H7200" under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H6440"

sun|strong = "H8121", the|strong = "H6440" sort of|strong = "H6440"
 error|strong = "H7684" which proceeds|strong = "H3318"
 from|strong = "H3318" the|strong = "H6440" ruler|strong = "H7989". ⁶
 Folly|strong = "H5529" is|strong = "H5529" set|strong = "H5414"
 in|strong = "H3427" great|strong = "H7227" dignity, and|strong = "H3427"
 the|strong = "H5414" rich|strong = "H6223" sit|strong = "H3427"
 in|strong = "H3427" a|strong = "H5414" low|strong = "H8216"
 place|strong = "H5414". ⁷ I|strong = "H5650" have|strong = "H0776"
 seen|strong = "H7200" servants|strong = "H5650" on|strong = "H5921"
 horses|strong = "H5483", and|strong = "H1980" princes|strong = "H8269"
 walking|strong = "H1980" like|strong = "H0776" servants|strong = "H5650"
 on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" earth|strong = "H0776". ⁸ He
 who digs|strong = "H2658" a|strong = "H2658" pit|strong = "H1475"
 may|strong = "H1475" fall|strong = "H5307" into|strong = "H5307"
 it|strong = "H2658"; and|strong = "H5307" whoever breaks|strong = "H6555"
 through|strong = "H6555" a|strong = "H2658" wall|strong = "H1447"
 may|strong = "H1475" be bitten by|strong = "H5307" a|strong = "H2658"
 snake|strong = "H5175". ⁹ Whoever carves out|strong = "H5265"
 stones|strong = "H0068" may be|strong = "H6086" injured
 by|strong = "H5265" them. Whoever splits|strong = "H1234"
 wood|strong = "H6086" may be|strong = "H6086"
 endangered|strong = "H5533" by|strong = "H5265" it. ¹⁰
 If|strong = "H0518" the|strong = "H6440" axe|strong = "H1270"
 is|strong = "H1931" blunt, and|strong = "H6440" one|strong = "H3808"
 doesn't|strong = "H3808" sharpen|strong = "H7043" the|strong = "H6440"
 edge|strong = "H6440", then|strong = "H3808" he|strong = "H1931"
 must|strong = "H0518" use|strong = "H1931" more|strong = "H3808"
 strength|strong = "H2428"; but|strong = "H0518" skill|strong = "H2451"
 brings success|strong = "H3787".

11 If|strong = "H0518" the|strong = "H0518" snake|strong = "H5175" bites
 before|strong = "H3808" it|strong = "H0518" is|strong = "H0369"
 charmed|strong = "H3908", then|strong = "H3808" is|strong = "H0369"
 there|strong = "H0369" no|strong = "H3808" profit|strong = "H3504"
 for|strong = "H0518" the|strong = "H0518" charmer's
 tongue|strong = "H3956". ¹² The|strong = "H1697" words|strong = "H1697"
 of|strong = "H1697" a|strong = "H1697" wise|strong = "H2450"
 man's|strong = "H2450" mouth|strong = "H6310" are|strong = "H1697"
 gracious|strong = "H2580"; but|strong = "H1104" a|strong = "H1697"
 fool|strong = "H3684" is|strong = "H1697" swallowed|strong = "H1104"
 by|strong = "H8193" his|strong = "H6310" own lips|strong = "H8193". ¹³
 The|strong = "H1697" beginning|strong = "H8462" of|strong = "H1697"
 the|strong = "H1697" words|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H1697"
 his|strong = "H6310" mouth|strong = "H6310" is|strong = "H1697"
 foolishness|strong = "H5531"; and|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H1697"

end|strong = "H0319" of|strong = "H1697" his|strong = "H6310"
 talk|strong = "H1697" is|strong = "H1697" mischievous
 madness|strong = "H1948". ¹⁴ A|strong = "H1961" fool|strong = "H5530"
 also|strong = "H3045" multiplies words|strong = "H1697".

M an|strong = "H0120" doesn't|strong = "H3808" know|strong = "H3045"
 what|strong = "H4100" will|strong = "H4310" be|strong = "H1961";
 and|strong = "H0120" that|strong = "H0834" which|strong = "H0834"
 will|strong = "H4310" be|strong = "H1961" after|strong = "H0310"
 him|strong = "H0310", who|strong = "H0834" can|strong = "H4310"
 tell|strong = "H5046" him|strong = "H0310"? ¹⁵ The|strong = "H0834"
 labour of|strong = "H3045" fools|strong = "H3684" wearies|strong = "H3021"
 every one|strong = "H3808" of|strong = "H3045" them|strong = "H0413";
 for|strong = "H0413" he|strong = "H0834" doesn't|strong = "H3808"
 know|strong = "H3045" how|strong = "H0834" to|strong = "H0413" go
 to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H0834" city|strong = "H5892".

16Woe|strong = "H0337" to|strong = "H0776" you|strong = "H0398",
 land|strong = "H0776", when|strong = "H0776" your|strong = "H0398"
 king|strong = "H4428" is|strong = "H0776" a|strong = "H0776"
 child|strong = "H5288",

a nd|strong = "H0776" your|strong = "H0398" princes|strong = "H8269"
 eat|strong = "H0398" in|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H0398"
 morning|strong = "H1242"!

17Happy|strong = "H0835" are|strong = "H1121" you|strong = "H3808",
 land|strong = "H0776", when|strong = "H6256" your|strong = "H0398"
 king|strong = "H4428" is|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H0398"
 son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" nobles|strong = "H2715",

a nd|strong = "H1121" your|strong = "H0398" princes|strong = "H8269"
 eat|strong = "H0398" in|strong = "H0776" due season|strong = "H6256",

f or|strong = "H0776" strength|strong = "H1369", and|strong = "H1121"
 not|strong = "H3808" for|strong = "H0776" drunkenness|strong = "H8358"!

18By|strong = "H3027" slothfulness the|strong = "H3027" roof sinks
 in|strong = "H1004";

a nd|strong = "H3027" through|strong = "H3027" idleness
 of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3027" hands|strong = "H3027"
 the|strong = "H3027" house|strong = "H1004" leaks|strong = "H1811".

- 19A **made** **is** **feast** **for**,
laughter,
- and** **wine** **makes** **the** **life** **glad**;
- and** **money** **is** **the** **answer** **for** **all** **things**.
- 20 **Don't** **curse** **the** **king**, **no**, **not** **in** **your** **thoughts**;
- and** **don't** **curse** **the** **rich** **in** **your** **bedroom**,
- for** **a** **bird** **of** **the** **sky** **may** **carry** **your** **voice**,
- and** **that** **which** **has** **wings** **may** **tell** **the** **matter**.
- 11 **Cast** **your** **bread** **on** **the** **waters**;
- for** **you** **shall** **find** **it** **after** **many** **days**.
- 2 **Give** **a** **portion** **to** **seven**, **yes**, **even** **to** **eight**;
- for** **you** **don't** **know** **what** **evil** **will** **be** **on** **the** **earth**.

3If the clouds are full of rain, they themselves on earth;

and if a tree falls towards the south, or towards the north,

in the place where the tree falls, there shall it be.

4He who observes the wind won't sow;

and he who regards the clouds won't reap.

5As you don't know what is the way of the wind,

nor how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child;

even so you don't know the work of God who does all.

6In the morning sow your seed,

a nd in the evening
your hand

f or you don't know
which will prosper, whether
or that,

o r whether they both
will be equally good.

7 Truly the light is
sweet,

a nd it is
a pleasant thing for
the eyes to see
the sun.

8 Yes, if a man
lives many years,
let him rejoice
in them all;

b ut let him
remember the days
of darkness,
for they shall be
many.

A ll that comes
is vanity.

9 Rejoice, young man,
in your youth,

a nd|strong = "H1980" let|strong = "H8055" your|strong = "H3605"
heart|strong = "H3820" cheer|strong = "H3190" you|strong = "H3588"
in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" days|strong = "H3117"
of|strong = "H0430" your|strong = "H3605" youth|strong = "H0979",

a nd|strong = "H1980" walk|strong = "H1980" in|strong = "H5921"
the|strong = "H3605" ways|strong = "H1870" of|strong = "H0430"
your|strong = "H3605" heart|strong = "H3820",

a nd|strong = "H1980" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605"
sight|strong = "H5869" of|strong = "H0430" your|strong = "H3605"
eyes|strong = "H5869";

b ut|strong = "H3588" know|strong = "H3045" that|strong = "H3588"
for|strong = "H3588" all|strong = "H3605" these|strong = "H0428"
things|strong = "H0428" God|strong = "H0430" will|strong = "H0430"
bring|strong = "H0935" you|strong = "H3588" into|strong = "H0935"
judgement.

10Therefore|strong = "H3588" remove|strong = "H5493" sorrow
from|strong = "H5493" your|strong = "H3588" heart|strong = "H3820",

a nd|strong = "H3820" put|strong = "H5493" away|strong = "H5493"
evil|strong = "H7451" from|strong = "H5493" your|strong = "H3588"
flesh|strong = "H1320";

f or|strong = "H3588" youth|strong = "H3208" and|strong = "H3820"
the|strong = "H3588" dawn of|strong = "H3820" life|strong = "H3820"
are|strong = "H3820" vanity|strong = "H1892".

12Remember|strong = "H2142" also|strong = "H0853"
your|strong = "H0834" Creator in|strong = "H8141" the|strong = "H0853"
days|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117" your|strong = "H0834"
youth|strong = "H0979",

b efore|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H0853" evil|strong = "H7451"
days|strong = "H3117" come|strong = "H0935", and|strong = "H0935"
the|strong = "H0853" years|strong = "H8141" draw|strong = "H5060"
near|strong = "H5060",

when you will say, "I have no pleasure in them";

2Before the sun, the light, the moon, and the stars are darkened,

and the clouds return after the rain;

3in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble,

and the strong men shall bow themselves,

and the grinders cease because they are few,

and those who look out of the windows are darkened,

4and the doors shall be shut in the street;

when the sound of grinding is low,

and one shall rise up at the voice of a bird,

and all the daughters of music shall be brought low;

Yes, they shall be afraid of heights,

and terrors will be on the way;

and the almond tree shall blossom,

and the grasshopper shall be a burden,

and desire shall fail;

because man goes to his everlasting home,

and the mourners about the streets;

Before the silver cord is severed,

or the golden bowl is broken,

or the pitcher is broken at the spring,

or the wheel is broken at the cistern,

7and|strong = "H0430" the|strong = "H0834" dust|strong = "H6083"
 returns|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H0834"
 earth|strong = "H0776" as|strong = "H0834" it|strong = "H5414"
 was|strong = "H1961",

a nd|strong = "H0430" the|strong = "H0834" spirit|strong = "H7307"
 returns|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H0413" God|strong = "H0430"
 who|strong = "H0834" gave|strong = "H5414" it|strong = "H5414".

8“Vanity|strong = "H1892" of|strong = "H3605"
 vanities|strong = "H1892",” says|strong = "H0559" Kohelet ⁸ .

“ All|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H3605" vanity|strong = "H1892"! ”

9Further|strong = "H5750", because Kohelet ⁹ was|strong = "H1961"
 wise|strong = "H2450", he|strong = "H0853" still|strong = "H5750"
 taught|strong = "H3925" the|strong = "H0853" people|strong = "H5971"
 knowledge|strong = "H1847". Yes, he|strong = "H0853"
 pondered|strong = "H2713", sought out|strong = "H2713",
 and|strong = "H0853" set in|strong = "H5750" order many|strong = "H7235"
 proverbs|strong = "H4912". ¹⁰ The|strong = "H1697"
 Preacher|strong = "H6953" sought|strong = "H1245" to|strong = "H1697"
 find|strong = "H4672" out|strong = "H1245" acceptable
 words|strong = "H1697", and|strong = "H1697" that|strong = "H1697"
 which|strong = "H1697" was|strong = "H1697" written|strong = "H3789"
 blamelessly, words|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H1697"
 truth|strong = "H0571". ¹¹ The|strong = "H5414" words|strong = "H1697"
 of|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H5414" wise|strong = "H2450"
 are|strong = "H1697" like|strong = "H1697" goads; and|strong = "H1697"
 like|strong = "H1697" nails well fastened|strong = "H5414"
 are|strong = "H1697" words|strong = "H1697" from|strong = "H1697"
 the|strong = "H5414" masters|strong = "H1167" of|strong = "H1697"
 assemblies, which|strong = "H1697" are|strong = "H1697"
 given|strong = "H5414" from|strong = "H1697" one|strong = "H0259"
 shepherd|strong = "H7462". ¹² Furthermore, my|strong = "H1320"
 son|strong = "H1121", be|strong = "H1121" admonished: of|strong = "H1121"
 making|strong = "H0369" many|strong = "H7235" books|strong = "H5612"
 there|strong = "H0369" is|strong = "H0369" no|strong = "H0369"
 end|strong = "H7093"; and|strong = "H1121" much|strong = "H7235"
 study|strong = "H3854" is|strong = "H0369" a|strong = "H0369" weariness
 of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H6213" flesh|strong = "H1320".

⁸ + 12:8 the Preacher (or, Assembler)

⁹ + 12:9 the Preacher (or, Assembler)