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

2“Vanity of vanities,” says the Preacher; “Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.” 3 What man gains from all his labours under the sun? 4 One generation goes, and another comes; but the earth remains forever. 5 The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hurries to its place where it rises. 6 The wind goes towards the south, and turns north. It turns continually as it goes, and the wind returns to its courses. 7 All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full. To where the rivers flow, there again. 8 All things are full of weariness

beyond uttering. The eye is satisfied, nor filled. That which has been which and has is shall and no under. Is thing it said is has ago ages before the shall any latter that to that after.

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12I was Israel I heart and out concerning is the

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

is|strong = "H0834" a|strong = "H5414" heavy burden that|strong = "H0834" God|strong = "H0430"² 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".

2I|strong = "H0589" said|strong = "H0559" in|strong = "H1571" my|strong = "H7200" heart|strong = "H3820", "Come|strong = "H4994"

² + 1:13 The Hebrew word rendered "God" is "Elohim".

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"!

17 So I hated life, because that work I did under the sun was in vain; for all I did was vanity, chasing after wind and nothing. ¹⁸ I hated all my labour in which I laboured under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who comes after me. ¹⁹ Who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet will all of my labour have which I have shown under this vanity.

²⁰ Therefore I began to despair concerning all the labour I had done under the sun. ²¹ For there is a man whose wisdom, knowledge, and skilfulness; yet he shall leave it for a portion to a man who has not laboured for it.

This also is vanity and great what man all of of in under For days and the heart This nothing a that eat and soul in also that from of who or have than to who gives knowledge but sinner to to that give who also and

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|strong="H2009" I|strong="H0589" returned|strong="H7725" and|strong="H3027" saw|strong="H7200" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" oppressions|strong="H6217" that|strong="H0834"

are|strong = "H0834" done|strong = "H6213" under|strong = "H8478"
the|strong = "H3605" sun|strong = "H8121": and|strong = "H3027"
behold|strong = "H2009", the|strong = "H3605" tears|strong = "H1832"
of|strong = "H3027" those|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H0834"
were|strong = "H0834" oppressed|strong = "H6231", and|strong = "H3027"
they|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H0834" no|strong = "H0369"
comforter|strong = "H5162"; and|strong = "H3027" on|strong = "H7200"
the|strong = "H3605" side|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "H3027"
their|strong = "H3605" oppressors|strong = "H6231" there|strong = "H0369"
was|strong = "H0369" power|strong = "H3027"; but|strong = "H7200"
they|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H0834" no|strong = "H0369"
comforter|strong = "H5162". ² Therefore|strong = "H0834"
I|strong = "H0589" praised the|strong = "H0853" dead|strong = "H4191"
who|strong = "H0834" have|strong = "H0834" been|strong = "H3528" long
dead|strong = "H4191" more|strong = "H4480" than|strong = "H4480"
the|strong = "H0853" living|strong = "H2416" who|strong = "H0834"
are|strong = "H0834" yet alive|strong = "H2416". ³ Yes|strong = "H7200",
better|strong = "H2896" than|strong = "H3808" them|strong = "H0853"
both|strong = "H8147" is|strong = "H0834" him|strong = "H0853"
who|strong = "H0834" has|strong = "H0834" not|strong = "H3808"
yet|strong = "H3808" been|strong = "H1961", who|strong = "H0834"
has|strong = "H0834" not|strong = "H3808" seen|strong = "H7200"
the|strong = "H0853" evil|strong = "H7451" work|strong = "H4639"
that|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834" done|strong = "H6213"
under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H0853" sun|strong = "H8121". ⁴
Then|strong = "H2088" I|strong = "H0589" saw|strong = "H7200"
all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" labour and|strong = "H0376"
achievement that|strong = "H3588" is|strong = "H2088" the|strong = "H3605"
envy|strong = "H7068" of|strong = "H0376" a|strong = "H3588"
man's|strong = "H0376" neighbour. This|strong = "H2088"
also|strong = "H1571" is|strong = "H2088" vanity|strong = "H1892"
and|strong = "H0376" a|strong = "H3588" striving|strong = "H7469"
after|strong = "H7469" wind|strong = "H7307".

⁵The|strong = "H0853" fool|strong = "H3684" folds|strong = "H2263"
his|strong = "H3027" hands|strong = "H3027" together and|strong = "H3027"
ruins himself|strong = "H3027". ⁶ Better|strong = "H2896"
is|strong = "H7307" a|strong = "H7307" handful, with|strong = "H3709"
quietness, than|strong = "H2896" two handfuls|strong = "H2651"
with|strong = "H3709" labour and|strong = "H3709"
chasing|strong = "H7469" after|strong = "H7469" wind|strong = "H7307".

⁷Then|strong = "H7725" I|strong = "H0589" returned|strong = "H7725"
and|strong = "H7725" saw|strong = "H7200" vanity|strong = "H1892"
under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H7200" sun|strong = "H8121". ⁸

There is one who is alone, and he has neither son nor brother. There is no end to all of his labour, neither eyes satisfied with wealth then do I deprive my soul of enjoyment also. Yes, it is a miserable business.

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labour. ¹⁰ For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him who is alone when he falls, and another to lift him up. ¹¹ Again, if two lie together, then they have warmth; but how can one alone keep warm alone? 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 man and wise

youth|strong = "H3206" than|strong = "H3808" an old|strong = "H2205"
 and|strong = "H4428" foolish|strong = "H3684" king|strong = "H4428"
 who|strong = "H0834" doesn't|strong = "H3808" know|strong = "H3045"
 how|strong = "H0834" to|strong = "H4428" receive admonition
 any|strong = "H5750" more|strong = "H5750". ¹⁴ For|strong = "H3588"
 out|strong = "H3318" of|strong = "H1004" prison|strong = "H1004"
 he|strong = "H3588" came|strong = "H3318" out|strong = "H3318"
 to|strong = "H3205" be|strong = "H1571" king|strong = "H4427";
 yes|strong = "H3588", even|strong = "H1571" in|strong = "H1004"
 his|strong = "H3588" kingdom|strong = "H4438" he|strong = "H3588"
 was|strong = "H1004" born|strong = "H3205" poor|strong = "H7326". ¹⁵
 I|strong = "H0834" saw|strong = "H7200" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" living|strong = "H2416" who|strong = "H0834"
 walk|strong = "H1980" under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3605"
 sun|strong = "H8121", that|strong = "H0834" they|strong = "H0834"
 were|strong = "H0834" with|strong = "H5973" the|strong = "H3605"
 youth|strong = "H3206", the|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H8145",
 who|strong = "H0834" succeeded|strong = "H8478" him|strong = "H0853".
¹⁶ There|strong = "H0369" was|strong = "H0369" no|strong = "H3808"
 end|strong = "H7093" of|strong = "H7307" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971", even|strong = "H1571"
 of|strong = "H7307" all|strong = "H3605" them|strong = "H6440"
 over|strong = "H6440" whom|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834"
 was|strong = "H0369"—yet|strong = "H3588" those|strong = "H3605"
 who|strong = "H0834" come|strong = "H1961" after|strong = "H7093"
 shall|strong = "H3808" not|strong = "H3808" rejoice|strong = "H8055"
 in|strong = "H8055" him|strong = "H6440". Surely|strong = "H3588"
 this|strong = "H2088" also|strong = "H1571" is|strong = "H0369"
 vanity|strong = "H1892" and|strong = "H6440" a|strong = "H1961"
 chasing|strong = "H7475" after|strong = "H7093" wind|strong = "H7307".

⁵Guard your|strong = "H5921" steps when|strong = "H3588"
 you|strong = "H0859" go|strong = "H3318" to|strong = "H1961"
 God's|strong = "H0430" house; for|strong = "H3588" to|strong = "H1961"
 draw|strong = "H3318" near|strong = "H6440" to|strong = "H1961" listen
 is|strong = "H0776" better|strong = "H5921" than|strong = "H5921"
 to|strong = "H1961" give|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H6440" sacrifice
 of|strong = "H0776" fools, for|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588"
 don't|strong = "H0408" know that|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588"
 do|strong = "H0408" evil. ² Don't be|strong = "H1697" rash
 with|strong = "H0935" your|strong = "H0935" mouth, and|strong = "H0935"
 don't let your|strong = "H0935" heart be|strong = "H1697" hasty
 to|strong = "H0935" utter anything|strong = "H1697" before God;
 for|strong = "H3588" God is|strong = "H1697" in|strong = "H0935" heaven,
 and|strong = "H0935" you|strong = "H3588" on|strong = "H0935" earth.

Therefore let your words as a multitude of a fool's a multitude of words. ³ For as a dream comes with a multitude of cares, so a multitude of fool's speech with a multitude of words. ⁴

When you vow God, don't pay heed to him; for he is pleased in fools. Pay that which you vow. ⁵

It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. ⁶ Don't allow your mouth to lead you into sin. Don't protest before the messenger that this was your mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice, and destroy the work of your hands? ⁷ For in the multitude of dreams there are vanities, as well as in many words; but you must fear God.

8 If you see the oppression of the poor, and the violent taking away of justice and righteousness in a district, don't marvel at the matter, for one official is eyed by a higher one, and there are officials over them. ⁹ Moreover the earth is for profit for all. The king profits from the field.

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

12The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not allow him to sleep.

13There is a grievous evil which I have seen under the sun: wealth kept by its owner to his harm. ¹⁴
 Those riches perish, and if he has fathered a son, there is nothing in his hand. ¹⁵
 As he came out of his mother's womb, naked shall he go again, and shall take nothing for his labour, which he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶ This also is a grievous evil, that in all points as he came, so

shall|strong = "H3117" he|strong = "H3117" go. And|strong = "H0398"
 what|strong = "H1571" profit does|strong = "H1571" he|strong = "H3117"
 have|strong = "H1571" who|strong = "H3605" labours for|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" wind? ¹⁷ All|strong = "H3605" his|strong = "H3605"
 days|strong = "H3117" he|strong = "H0834" also|strong = "H0430"
 eats|strong = "H0398" in|strong = "H0430" darkness, he|strong = "H0834"
 is|strong = "H0834" frustrated, and|strong = "H0430" has|strong = "H0430"
 sickness and|strong = "H0430" wrath.

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

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

3If|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|strong = "H3205" good|strong = "H2896" name|strong = "H8034"
is|strong = "H8034" better|strong = "H2896" than|strong = "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 **"H0853"** understanding **"H3820"**. ⁸
 Better **"H2896"** is **"H1697"** the **"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".

15All|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" evildoing.
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
 your|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"
the|strong = "H0559" Preacher|strong = "H6953", “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"
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 word is supreme.
 Who can say
 to him, "What are you doing?"⁵
 Whoever keeps the
 commandment shall
 not come to harm,
 and his wise heart
 will know the
 time and procedure.⁶ For
 there is a
 time and procedure
 for every purpose,
 although the misery of
 man is heavy on
 him.⁷ For he doesn't
 know that which
 will be; for
 who can tell
 him how it
 will be?⁸ There
 is no man
 who has power over
 the spirit to contain
 the spirit; neither
 does he have power
 over the day
 of death.⁹ There
 is no discharge
 in war; neither
 shall wickedness
 deliver those who
 practise it.

⁹All this I
 have seen, and
 applied my mind
 to every work
 that is done
 under the sun.

There is a
 time in which
 one man has power
 over another to

his|strong = "H3605" hurt. ¹⁰ So|strong = "H3651" I|strong = "H0834" saw|strong = "H7200" the|strong = "H0834" wicked|strong = "H7563" buried|strong = "H6912". Indeed|strong = "H1571" they|strong = "H0834" came|strong = "H0935" also|strong = "H1571" from|strong = "H0935" holiness. They|strong = "H0834" went|strong = "H1980" and|strong = "H1980" were|strong = "H0834" forgotten|strong = "H7911" in|strong = "H1980" the|strong = "H0834" city|strong = "H5892" where|strong = "H0834" they|strong = "H0834" did|strong = "H6213" this|strong = "H2088". This|strong = "H2088" also|strong = "H1571" is|strong = "H0834" vanity|strong = "H1892". ¹¹ Because|strong = "H5921" sentence|strong = "H6599" against|strong = "H5921" an|strong = "H5921" evil|strong = "H7451" work|strong = "H4639" is|strong = "H0369" not|strong = "H0369" executed|strong = "H7451" speedily|strong = "H4120", therefore|strong = "H3651" the|strong = "H0834" heart|strong = "H3820" of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H0834" sons|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" men|strong = "H0120" is|strong = "H0369" fully|strong = "H4390" set|strong = "H4390" in|strong = "H5921" them|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H5921" do|strong = "H6213" evil|strong = "H7451". ¹² Though|strong = "H3588" a|strong = "H1961" sinner|strong = "H2398" commits|strong = "H6213" crimes|strong = "H7451" a|strong = "H1961" hundred|strong = "H3967" times|strong = "H6440", and|strong = "H3967" lives|strong = "H1961" long|strong = "H0748", yet|strong = "H3588" surely|strong = "H3588" I|strong = "H0589" know|strong = "H3045" that|strong = "H0834" it|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H0430" be|strong = "H1961" better|strong = "H2896" with|strong = "H3045" those|strong = "H0834" who|strong = "H0834" fear|strong = "H3372" God|strong = "H0430", who|strong = "H0834" are|strong = "H0834" reverent before|strong = "H6440" him|strong = "H6440". ¹³ But|strong = "H3808" it|strong = "H1961" shall|strong = "H3808" not|strong = "H3808" be|strong = "H1961" well|strong = "H2896" with|strong = "H0430" the|strong = "H6440" wicked|strong = "H7563", neither|strong = "H3808" shall|strong = "H3808" he|strong = "H0834" lengthen|strong = "H0748" days|strong = "H3117" like|strong = "H1961" a|strong = "H1961" shadow|strong = "H6738", because|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" doesn't|strong = "H3808" fear|strong = "H3373" God|strong = "H0430".

14 There|strong = "H3426" is|strong = "H0834" a|strong = "H0834" vanity|strong = "H1892" which|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834" done|strong = "H6213" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0559" earth|strong = "H0776", that|strong = "H0834" there|strong = "H3426" 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", ³
 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"
 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"

³+ 9:10 Sheol is the place of the dead.

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".

13|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" wears|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|strong="H8055" feast is|strong="H3605" made|strong="H6213" for|strong="H3605" laughter|strong="H7814",

a nd|strong = "H3701" wine|strong = "H3196" makes|strong = "H8055"
the|strong = "H3605" life|strong = "H2416" glad|strong = "H8055";

a nd|strong = "H3701" money|strong = "H3701" is|strong = "H3605"
the|strong = "H3605" answer|strong = "H6030" for|strong = "H3605"
all|strong = "H3605" things|strong = "H3605".

20Don't|strong = "H0408" curse|strong = "H7043" the|strong = "H0853"
king|strong = "H4428", no|strong = "H0408", not|strong = "H0408"
in|strong = "H4428" your|strong = "H3588" thoughts|strong = "H1697";

a nd|strong = "H4428" don't|strong = "H0408" curse|strong = "H7043"
the|strong = "H0853" rich|strong = "H6223" in|strong = "H4428"
your|strong = "H3588" bedroom|strong = "H2315",

f or|strong = "H3588" a|strong = "H3588" bird|strong = "H5775"
of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853" sky|strong = "H8064"
may|strong = "H1571" carry your|strong = "H3588" voice|strong = "H6963",

a nd|strong = "H4428" that|strong = "H3588" which|strong = "H1697"
has|strong = "H4428" wings|strong = "H3671" may|strong = "H1571"
tell|strong = "H5046" the|strong = "H0853" matter|strong = "H1697".

11Cast|strong = "H7971" your|strong = "H5921" bread|strong = "H3899"
on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H6440" waters|strong = "H4325";

f or|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588" shall|strong = "H3117"
find|strong = "H4672" it|strong = "H5921" after|strong = "H5921"
many|strong = "H7230" days|strong = "H3117".

2Give|strong = "H5414" a|strong = "H1961" portion|strong = "H2506"
to|strong = "H1961" seven|strong = "H7651", yes|strong = "H3588",
even|strong = "H1571" to|strong = "H1961" eight|strong = "H8083";

f or|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588" don't|strong = "H3808"
know|strong = "H3045" what|strong = "H4100" evil|strong = "H7451"
will|strong = "H1961" be|strong = "H1961" on|strong = "H5921"
the|strong = "H5921" earth|strong = "H0776".

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 this or that,

o r whether they both
will be equally good.

Truly the light is
sweet,

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

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.

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" the|strong = "H3605"
 Preacher|strong = "H6953".

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

9Further|strong = "H5750", because the|strong = "H0853"
 Preacher|strong = "H6953" 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".

13 This is the end of the matter been heard God his this whole man will work with thing is whether
 14 For God will bring every work into judgement, with every hidden thing, whether it is good, or whether it is evil.