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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 also 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.
8 To the place where the rivers flow, there again.

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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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 are his eyes satisfied with wealth. "For whom then do I labour and deprive my soul of enjoyment?" This also is vanity. 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 his 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 has no pleasure 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 a 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 they 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 by misfortune, 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".

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|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".

¹¹Wisdom|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".

¹³Consider|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" 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 doesn't know his time. As the fish that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare, even the sons of men snared in an evil time, when suddenly on them

13I have also seen the sun in this way, and it seemed great to me. ¹⁴ There was a little city, and few men within it; and a great king came against it, besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it. ¹⁵ Now a poor wise man found in it, and his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man. ¹⁶ Then I said, "Wisdom is better than strength." Nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard. ¹⁷ The words of the wise heard

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".

3 If 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.

4 He who observes the wind won't sow;

and he who regards the clouds won't reap.

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

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.

6 In 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.

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";

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

and the clouds return after the rain;

In 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,

and 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".