



Ketouvim (hagiographes) - Proverbs

Chapter 4

- 4,1 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.
4,2 For I give you good doctrine; forsake ye not my teaching.
4,3 For I was a son unto my father, tender and an only one in the sight of my mother.
4,4 And he taught me, and said unto me: 'Let thy heart hold fast my words, keep my commandments, and live;
4,5 Get wisdom, get understanding; forget not, neither decline from the words of my mouth;
4,6 Forsake her not, and she will preserve thee; love her, and she will keep thee.
4,7 The beginning of wisdom is: Get wisdom; yea, with all thy getting get understanding.
4,8 Extol her, and she will exalt thee; she will bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.
4,9 She will give to thy head a chaplet of grace; a crown of glory will she bestow on thee.'
4,10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.
4,11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in paths of uprightness.
4,12 When thou goest, thy step shall not be straitened; and if thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.
4,13 Take fast hold of instruction, let her not go; keep her, for she is thy life.
4,14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, and walk not in the way of evil men.
4,15 Avoid it, pass not by it; turn from it, and pass on.
4,16 For they sleep not, except they have done evil; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.
4,17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.
4,18 But the path of the righteous is as the light of dawn, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.
4,19 The way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not at what they stumble.
4,20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.
4,21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thy heart.
4,22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.
4,23 Above all that thou guardest keep thy heart; for out of it are the issues of life.
4,24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.
4,25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.
4,26 Make plain the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.
4,27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left; remove thy foot from evil.