



Ketouvim (hagiographes) - Proverbs

Chapter 6

- 6,1 My son, if thou art become surety for thy neighbour, if thou hast struck thy hands for a stranger--
- 6,2 Thou art snared by the words of thy mouth, thou art caught by the words of thy mouth--
- 6,3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, seeing thou art come into the hand of thy neighbour; go, humble thyself, and urge thy neighbour.
- 6,4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.
- 6,5 Deliver thyself as a gazelle from the hand [of the hunter], and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.
- 6,6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise;
- 6,7 Which having no chief, overseer, or ruler,
- 6,8 Provideth her bread in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.
- 6,9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?
- 6,10 'Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep'--
- 6,11 So shall thy poverty come as a runner, and thy want as an armed man.
- 6,12 A base person, a man of iniquity, is he that walketh with a froward mouth;
- 6,13 That winketh with his eyes, that scrapeth with his feet, that pointeth with his fingers;
- 6,14 Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth evil continually; he soweth discord.
- 6,15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; on a sudden shall he be broken, and that without remedy.
- 6,16 There are six things which the Lord hateth, yea, seven which are an abomination unto Him:
- 6,17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood;
- 6,18 A heart that deviseth wicked thoughts, feet that are swift in running to evil;
- 6,19 A false witness that breatheth out lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.
- 6,20 My son, keep the commandment of thy father, and forsake not the teaching of thy mother;
- 6,21 Bind them continually upon thy heart, tie them about thy neck.
- 6,22 When thou walkest, it shall lead thee, when thou liest down, it shall watch over thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.
- 6,23 For the commandment is a lamp, and the teaching is light, and reproofs of instruction are the way of life;
- 6,24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the smoothness of the alien tongue.
- 6,25 Lust not after her beauty in thy heart; neither let her captivate thee with her eyelids.
- 6,26 For on account of a harlot a man is brought to a loaf of bread, but the adulteress hunteth for the precious life.
- 6,27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?
- 6,28 Or can one walk upon hot coals, and his feet not be scorched?
- 6,29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not go unpunished.
- 6,30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;
- 6,31 But if he be found, he must restore sevenfold, he must give all the substance of his house.
- 6,32 He that committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding; he doeth it that would destroy his own soul.



- 6,33 Wounds and dishonour shall he get, and his reproach shall not be wiped away.
6,34 For jealousy is the rage of a man, and he will not spare in the day of vengeance.
6,35 He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.