

Proverbs 5

Alte englische Darby-Übersetzung



1 My son, attend unto my wisdom, incline thine ear to my understanding; **2** that thou mayest keep reflection, and that thy lips may preserve knowledge. **3** For the lips of the strange woman drop honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil; **4** but her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. **5** Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on Sheol. **6** Lest she should ponder the path of life, her ways wander, she knoweth not whither. **7** And now, children, hearken unto me, and depart not from the words of my mouth. **8** Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house: **9** lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel; **10** lest strangers be filled with thy wealth, and the fruits of thy toil come into the house of a stranger; **11** and thou mourn in thine end, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed; **12** and thou say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof! **13** and I have not hearkened unto the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to those that instructed me; **14** I was well nigh in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well. **16** Thy fountains shall be poured forth, as water-brooks in the broadways. **17** Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. **18** Let thy fountain be blessed; and have joy of the wife of thy youth. **19** As a lovely hind and a graceful roe, let her breasts satisfy thee at all times: be thou ravished continually with her love. **20** And why shouldest thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger? **21** For the ways of man are before the eyes of Jehovah, and he pondereth all his paths. **22** His own iniquities shall take the wicked, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sin. **23** He shall die for want of discipline; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.