

Ecclesiasticus Chapter 25  
(Original 1611 KJV Bible)

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2 Three sorts of men my soule hateth, and I am greatly offended at their life: a poore man that is proud, a rich man that is a liar, and an olde adulterer that doteth.

3 If thou hast gathered nothing in thy youth, how canst thou finde any thing in thine age?

4 Oh how comely a thing is iudgement for gray haire, and for ancient men to know counsell:

God alone, and besides him there is no other Saviour.

<sup>Gen. 1. 11.</sup>

25 He filleth all things with his wisdom, as \* Phylon, and as Tigris in the time of the new fruits.

<sup>Iob. 3. 15.</sup>

26 He maketh the vnderstanding to abound like Euphrates, and as \* Jordan in the time of the harvest.

27 He maketh the doctrine of knowledge appeare as the light, and as Seon in the time of vintage.

28 The first man knew her not perfectly: no more shall the last finde her out.

29 For her thoughts are more then the Sea, and her counsels profounder then the great deepe.

<sup>Or, glorie  
or death.</sup>

30 I also came out as a brooke from a riuer, and as a conduit into a garden.

31 I said, I will water my best garden, and will water abundantly my garden bedde: and loe, my brooke became a riuer, and my riuer became a sea.

32 I will yet make doctrine to shine as the morning, and will send forth her light afarre off.

33 I will yet powre out doctrine as prophetic, and leaue it to all ages for euer.

<sup>Chap. 33.  
16.</sup>

34 \* Behold that I haue not laboured for my selfe onely, but for all them that seeke wisdom.

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7 There be nine things which I haue iudged in mine heart to be happy, and the tenth I will utter with my tongue: a man that hath toy of his children, and he that lueth to see the fall of his enemy.

8 Well is him that dwelleth with a wife of vnderstanding, and that hath not \* slipped with his tongue, and that hath not seduced a man more vnborthy then himselfe.

<sup>Cha. 14. 1.  
and 19. 16.  
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9 Well is him that hath found <sup>||</sup> prudence, and he that speaketh in the eares of him that will heare.

<sup>Or, friend</sup>

10 Oh how great is he that findeth wisdom: yet is there none about him that feareth the Lord.

11 But the loue of the Lord passeth all things for illumination: he that holdeth it, <sup>||</sup> whereto shall he be likened?

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vntom.</sup>

12 The feare of the Lord is the beginning of his loue: and faith is the beginning of cleauing vnto him.

13 <sup>[Gue mee]</sup> any plague, but the plague of the heart: and any wickednesse, but the wickednesse of a woman.

14 And any affliction, but the affliction from them that hate me: and any reuenge, but the reuenge of enemies.

15 There is no head about the head of a serpent, and there is no wrath about the wrath of an enemy.

<sup>Pro. 21. 19</sup>

16 I had rather dwell with a lyon and a dragon, then to keepe house with a wicked woman.

17 The wickednesse of a woman changeth her face, and darkeneth her countenance like <sup>||</sup> sackcloth.

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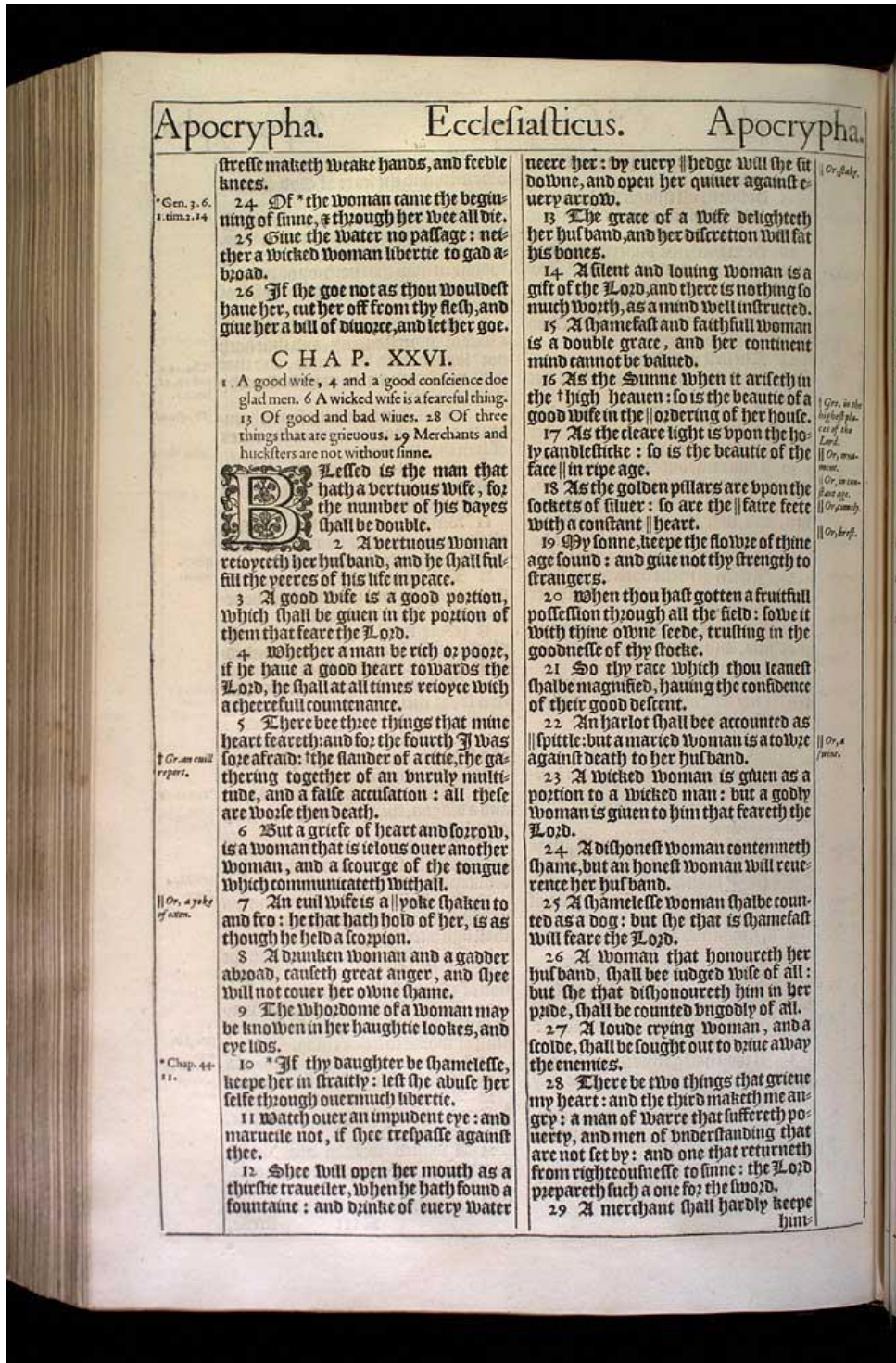
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2. chap.  
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23 A wicked woman abateth the courage, maketh a heaue countenance, and a wounded heart: a woman that will not comfort her husband in distress.



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- <sup>24</sup> Of the woman came the beginning of sinne, & through her wee all die.<sup>24</sup>
- <sup>25</sup> Giue the water no passage: neither a wicked woman libertie to gad abroad.
- <sup>26</sup> If she goe not as thou wouldest haue her, cut her off from thy flesh, and giue her a bill of diuorce, and let her goe.

#### **Ecclesiasticus Chapter 25 Sidenote References (from Original 1611 KJV Bible):**

<sup>1</sup> Or, gloried. , Gen.13. 2,5. rom. 12.10.

<sup>8</sup> Cha.14.1. and 19.16. iam.3.2.

<sup>9</sup> Or, a friend

<sup>11</sup> Or, to whom.

<sup>16</sup> Pro,21.19.

<sup>17</sup> Or, like a Beare.

<sup>20</sup> Or, scolding.

<sup>21</sup> 2.Sam. 11. 2 chap. 42.2.

<sup>24</sup> Gen. 3. 6. 1.tim.2.14

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