

|8| Beni (my son), hear the musar Avicha, and forsake not the Torat Immecha.

|9| For they shall be a garland of chen unto thy rosh, and a chain about thy neck.

|10| Beni (my son), if chatt'aim (sinners) entice thee, consent thou not.

|11| If they say, Come with us, let us lie in wait for dahm, let us lurk secretly for the naki (innocent, harmless) chinnom (without cause);

|12| Let us swallow them up chayyim (alive) like She'ol; and whole, as those that go down into the bor (pit);

|13| We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill bateinu (our houses) with plunder;

|14| Throw in thy goral (lot) among us; let all of us have kis echad (one pouch, purse).

|15| Beni (my son), walk not thou in the derech with them; refrain thy regel from their path;

|16| For their raglayim run to rah, and make haste for shefach dahm (shedding of blood).

|17| Surely in vain the reshet (net) is spread in the eyes of kol ba'al kanaf (all the birds, *i.e., lit. master of [the] wing*);

|18| And they lie in wait for their own dahm; they lurk secretly for their own nafshot.

|19| So are the ways of every one that is greedy for betza (ill-gotten gain); which taketh away the nefesh of the be'alim (owners) thereof.

|20| Chochmot crieth out in the street; she lifts up her voice in the rehovot (city squares);

|21| She crieth out in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the she'arim (gates); in the Ir (city) she uttereth her words, saying,

|22| Ad mosai, ye simple ones, will ye love being simpletons? And the

scoffers delight in their mockery, and kesilim (fools) hate da'as?

|23| Turn you at my tokhechah (reproof); hinei, I will pour out my ruach unto you, I will make known my devarim unto you.

|24| Because I have called, and ye refused, I have stretched out my yad, and no man regarded;

|25| But ye have disdained all my etza (counsel), and would have none of my tokhechah (reproof);

|26| I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your pachad (terror) cometh;

|27| When your pachad (terror) cometh like a storm, and your calamity cometh like a whirlwind; when tzarah (distress) and oppression cometh upon you.

|28| Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall look for me diligently, but they shall not find me;

|29| For that they hated da'as, and did not choose the Yirat Hashem;

|30| They would have none of my etza (counsel); they despised all my tokhechah (reproof).

|31| Therefore shall they eat of the p'ri (fruit) of their own derech, and be filled with their own mo'atzot (schemes, devices).

|32| For the waywardness of the simple shall slay them, and the complacent contentment of kesilim (fools) shall destroy them.

|33| But the one who payeth heed unto me [*Chochmat Hashem, i.e., the Redemptive Word, not only Hashem's creative agent (Ps 33:6; Prov 3:19) but the one who comes with a healing mission according to Ps 107:20, though Moshiach has to die in the midst of his healing Mission to*

accomplish our healing from guilt and punitive dread—Isa 53:5] shall dwell safely, and shall be secure from pachad ra'ah (terror of evil).

2 Beni (my son), if thou wilt receive my words, and treasure my mitzvot with thee;

|2| So that thou incline thine ear unto chochmah, and apply thine lev to tevunah (understanding);

|3| Yea, if thou criest out after binah, and liftest up thy voice for tevunah (understanding)

|4| If thou seekest her as kesef, and searchest for her as for matmonim (hidden treasures);

|5| Then shalt thou understand the Yirat Hashem, and find the Da'as Elohim.

|6| For Hashem giveth chochmah; out of His Peh (mouth) cometh da'as (knowledge) and tevunah (understanding).

|7| He layeth up tushiyyah (wise Torah counsel) for the yesharim (upright ones); He is a mogen (shield) to them that walk in blamelessness.

|8| He keepeth the orkhot mishpat, and is shomer over the derech of His Chasidim.

|9| Then shalt thou understand tzedek, and mishpat, and mesharim (equity, fairness) –every ma'agal tov (good path).

|10| When chochmah entereth into thine lev, and da'as (knowledge) is pleasant unto thy nefesh;

|11| Mezimah (discretion) shall be shomer over thee, tevunah (understanding) shall safeguard thee;

|12| To save thee from the derech rah, from the ish medaber tahpukhot (man speaking perverse things);

|13| Who leaving the orkhot yosher (paths of uprightness), walk in the drakhei choshech (ways of darkness);