

are overthrown in ra'ah.

|17| Gloat not when thine
oyev falleth, and let not thine
lev rejoice when he stumbleth,

|18| Lest Hashem see it, and
it is rah in His eyes, and He
turn away His wrath from
him.

|19| Fret not thyself because
of ra'im, neither be thou
envious of the resha'im,

|20| For there shall be no
acharit (latter end, future) to
the rah; the ner (light) of the
resha'im shall be put out.

|21| Beni (my son), fear thou
Hashem and the Melech, and
do not associate with them
that are otherwise disposed.

|22| For their calamity shall
arise suddenly; and who hath
da'as of ruin those two [*i.e.*,
Hashem and the Melech] can
bring?

|23| These things also belong
to chachamim: it is not tov to
show partiality in mishpat.

|24| He that saith unto the
rashah, Thou are tzaddik, him
shall the people curse, nations
shall detest him;

|25| But to them that rebuke
the wicked, it is well, and
birkat tov shall come upon
them.

|26| He that giveth an answer
that is nakhon (right, correct),
giveth a kiss on the sfatayim.

|27| Set in order thy outside
work, and make ready for
thyself in the sadeh; then
afterwards build thine bais.

|28| Be not an ed (witness)
against thy re'a without cause,
and deceive not with thy
sfatayim (lips).

|29| Say not, I will do so to
him as he hath done to me, I
will render to the ish
according to his work.

|30| I went by the sadeh of
the ish atzel (sluggard, lazy
one), and went past the kerem
(vineyard) of the adam chasar
lev (the man void of lev [*of*
understanding]),

|31| And, hinei, it was all
grown over with thorns, and
charullim (nettles) had
covered the surface thereof,
and the stone wall thereof was
broken down.

|32| Then I saw, and
considered it well in my lev; I
looked upon it, and received
musar.

|33| Yet a little shenot
(slumber), a little sleep, a little
folding of the yadayim to rest;

|34| So shall thy poverty
come like a prowler; and thy
want like an ish mogen (armed
warrior).

25 These are also
mishlei Sh'lomo,
which the anashim
of Chizkiyah Melech Yehudah
copied out:

|2| It is the Kavod Elohim to
conceal a thing, but the kavod
melachim is to search out a
matter.

|3| The Shomayim for height,
and Eretz for depth, so the lev
melachim is unsearchable.

|4| Take away the dross from
the kesef, and there shall come
forth a vessel for the tzoref
(silversmith);

|5| Take away the rasha from
before Melech, and his kisse
shall be established in tzedek.

|6| Do not exalt thyself in the
presence of Melech, and stand
not in the makom (place) of
gedolim;

|7| For better it is that it be
said unto thee, Come up here,
than that thou shouldst be
put lower in the presence of
the noble whom thine
eynayim have seen.

|8| Go not forth hastily to
bring a lawsuit, lest thou know

not what to do in the acharit
thereof, when thy re'a hath put
thee to shame.

|9| Plead thy cause with thy
re'a himself; and betray not a
sod (confidence) to another,

|10| Lest he that heareth it
put thee to shame, and the evil
report of thee never depart.

|11| A word aptly spoken is
like tapukhim (apples) of
zahav in settings of kesef.

|12| As a nezem (earring) of
zahav, and an ornament of
fine gold, so is a mochi'ach
chacham (a wise reprover)
upon an obedient ozen.

|13| As the cold of sheleg
(snow) in the yom katzir (day
of harvest), so is a tzir ne'eman
(faithful envoy) to them that
send him; for he refresheth
the nefesh of his adonim.

|14| He who boasteth falsely
of giving is like clouds and
ruach (wind) without geshem
(rain).

|15| By forbearance is a
katzin (ruler) persuaded, and
a gentle lashon breaketh the
bone.

|16| Hast thou found devash?
Eat only as much as is
sufficient for thee, lest thou be
filled therewith, and vomit it
out.

|17| Let thy regel (foot)
seldom be in thy neighbor's
bais; lest he be weary of thee,
and so hate thee.

|18| An ish that beareth ed
sheker (false witness) against
his re'a is a club, and a cherev,
and a sharp khetz (arrow).

|19| Confidence in a boged in
the yom tzarah is like a shen
ra'ah (bad tooth), and a regel
out of joint.

|20| As he that taketh away a
begeg (garment) on a cold day,
and as chometz (vinegar) upon
lye, so is he that singeth
shirim (songs) to a lev rah
(heavy heart, *i.e.*, *depressed*
person).