

⁸My son, **HEAR** the **instruction** of thy father, and

FORSAKE NOT the **law** of thy mother:

⁹for **they** shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head,
and
chains about thy neck.

¹⁰My son, if **sinners** entice thee, **CONSENT THOU NOT.**

¹¹If **they** say,
“Come with **us**,
Let **us** lay wait for blood,
Let **us** lurk privily for the innocent without cause:
¹²Let **us** swallow them up alive as the grave;
and whole, as those that go down
into the pit:

¹³**We** shall find all precious substance,
We shall fill our houses with spoil:

¹⁴Cast in thy lot among **us**;
Let **US** all have one purse.”

¹⁵My son, **WALK NOT THOU IN THE WAY WITH THEM;**

REFRAIN THY FOOT FROM THEIR PATH:

¹⁶For **their** feet run to evil,
and make haste to shed blood.

¹⁷Surely in vain the net is spread
in the sight of any bird.

¹⁸And **they lay wait** for **their own** blood;
they lurk privily for **their own** lives.

¹⁹So are the ways of every one that is **GREEDY OF GAIN;**
WHICH taketh away the life of the owners thereof.