O HEAR ye this, all ye people: ponder it with your ears, all ye that dwell in the world; 2. High and low, rich and poor: one with another. 3. My mouth shall speak of wisdom: and my heart shall muse of understanding.

4. I will incline mine ear to the parable: and shew my dark speech upon the harp. 5. Wherefore should I fear in the days of wickedness: and when the wickedness of my heels compasseth me round about? 6. There be some that put their trust in their goods: and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches. 7. But no man may deliver his brother: nor make agreement unto God for him; 8. For it cost more to redeem their souls: so that he must let that alone for ever; 9. Yea, though he live long: and see not the grave.10. For he seeth that wise men also die, and perish together: as well as the ignorant and foolish, and leave their riches for other. 11. And yet they think that their houses shall continue for ever: and that their dwelling-places shall endure
from one generation to another; and call the lands after their own names.

12. Nevertheless, man will not abide in honour: seeing he may be compared unto the beasts that perish; this is the way of them. 13. This is their foolishness:

and their posterity praise their saying. 14. They lie in the hell like sheep, *death gnaweth upon them, and the righteous shall have dominion over them in the morning: their beauty shall consume in the sepulchre out of their dwelling. 15. But God hath delivered my soul from the place of hell: for he shall receive me. 16. Be not thou afraid, though one be made rich: or if the glory of his house be increased; 17. For he shall carry nothing away with him when he dieth: neither shall his pomp follow him. 18. For while he liveth, he counted himself an happy man: and so long as thou dost well unto thyself, men will speak good of thee. 19. He shall follow the generation of his fathers: and shall never see light. 20. Man being in honour hath no
understanding: but is compared unto the beasts that per-ish. Glory be
to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the
beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be: world without end. Amen