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GREEK TEXT · TRANSLATION · INTERLINEAR · DISCOURSE STRUCTURE

The Wisdom of Sirach, Chapter 15

ΣΟΦΙΑ ΣΕΙΡΑΧ ΙΕ΄

Each verse opens with the running Greek, an English translation, and a **discourse note** (its connective, relation, and role in the argument). Below follows the word-by-word breakdown in six tiers: gloss, case (color), parsing, *syntax*, **semantic force**, and a **|** lexical note.

CASE ■ Nominative ■ Genitive ■ Dative ■ Accusative ■ Vocative ■ Verb (no case) ■ Indeclinable

Discourse notes head each verse: **relation** · connective · clause-flow. Indentation marks prominence — flush-left = main line of argument; indented = supporting / subordinate material.

Theme

God does not cause sin; life and death lie before human choice.

Translation & textual notes

The Greek text of Sirach 15 follows the standard critical text of the Septuagint as established in the Rahlfs-Hanhart edition (Septuaginta, rev. ed. 2006), an ancient and public-domain text; the critical apparatus is not reproduced. Falls into two closely joined movements. Verses 1-10 depict Wisdom as a maternal and bridal presence who nourishes, stabilizes, exalts, and gives an enduring name to the one who fears the Lord and holds fast the Law, while remaining inaccessible to the arrogant and morally false. Verses 11-20 then rebut any claim that the Lord is responsible for apostasy or deception: God hates abomination, created the human being with deliberative agency, sets life and death before

humanity, and never commands impiety or grants permission to sin.
Greek versification is followed here.

Discourse structure of the chapter

A · 15:1-6

Wisdom welcomes, feeds, and honors the one who fears the Lord

The law-keeper is portrayed as laying hold of personified Wisdom, who meets him like family, nourishes him with understanding, steadies him against shame, and publicly exalts his speech and reputation.

B · 15:7-10

Wisdom and fitting praise remain closed to the arrogant and sinful

Sirach contrasts the faithful seeker with senseless, proud, and deceitful people, insisting that true praise is beautiful only when it proceeds from wisdom and is authorized by the Lord.

C · 15:11-14

God is not the author of apostasy or moral corruption

Two prohibitions silence attempts to blame the Lord for defection or deception, grounding the argument in God's hatred of abomination and in his original creation of humanity with deliberative capacity.

D · 15:15-20

Human choice stands before God's all-seeing wisdom

The closing unit sets commandments, fire and water, life and death before the hearer, then frames that choice under the Lord's immense wisdom, omniscience, and refusal to license sin.

1 ὁ φοβούμενος κύριον ποιήσει αὐτό καὶ ὁ ἐγκρατὴς τοῦ νόμου καταλήμψεται αὐτήν

He who fears the Lord will do this, and the one who holds fast the law will lay hold of her.

Thesis ASYNDETON

The opening thesis ties reverence for the Lord and disciplined attachment to the Law directly to grasping personified Wisdom.

ὁ

the

RA NSM · ὁ

article marking and delimiting the noun phrase

→ participant or predicate prominence

ὁ: Greek definite article marking a noun phrase as definite and signaling case, gender, and number.

φοβούμενος

fearing

V2 · πμπνsm φοβέω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ participant characterization

φοβέω: lexical item rendered 'fearing' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

κύριον

the Lord

N2 ASM · κύριος

accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object focus or directional goal

κύριος: lexical item rendered 'the Lord' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ποιήσει

will do

VF FAI3S · ποιέω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ future projection or promised result

ποιέω: lexical item rendered 'do' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτό

it

RD ASN · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ object focus or directional goal

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'it' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καί

and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ὁ

the

RA NSM · ὁ

article marking and delimiting the noun phrase

→ participant or predicate prominence

ὁ: Greek definite article marking a noun phrase as definite and signaling case, gender, and number.

ἐγκρατής

self-controlled

A3H NSM · ἐγκρατής

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

ἐγκρατής: lexical item rendered 'self-controlled' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

τοῦ

the

RA GSM · ὁ

article marking and delimiting the noun phrase

→ qualification or source relation

ὁ: Greek definite article marking a noun phrase as definite and signaling case, gender, and number.

νόμου

of the law

N2 GSM · νόμος

genitive modifier qualifying relation, source, or possession

→ qualification or source relation

νόμος: lexical item rendered 'of the law' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καταλήμψεται

will lay hold of

VF FMI3S · λαμβάνω + κατα

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ future projection or promised result

λαμβάνω + κατα: lexical item rendered 'lay hold of' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτήν

her

RD ASF · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ object focus or directional goal

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'her' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

2 καὶ ὑπαντήσεται αὐτῷ ὡς μήτηρ καὶ ὡς γυνὴ παρθενίας προσδέξεται αὐτόν

And she will meet him like a mother, and like a virgin wife she will receive him.

Elaboration And

Wisdom is personified with maternal and bridal imagery to describe her intimate, life-giving welcome.

καὶ
and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ὑπαντήσεται
will meet

VF FMI3S · ἀντάω + ὑπο

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ future projection or promised result

ἀντάω + ὑπο: lexical item rendered 'meet' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτῷ
him

RD DSM · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ sphere or instrument reference

αὐτός: pronominal form rendered 'him' with reference supplied by the local context in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ὡς
as

C · ὡς

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

ὡς: lexical item rendered 'as' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

μήτηρ
mother

N3 NSF · μήτηρ

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

μήτηρ: lexical item rendered 'mother' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καὶ
and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ὡς
as

C · ὡς

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

ὡς: lexical item rendered 'as' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

γυνή
wife

N3K NSF · γυνή

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

γυνή: lexical item rendered 'wife' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

παρθενίας

of virginity

N1A GSF · παρθενία

genitive modifier qualifying relation, source, or possession

→ qualification or source relation

παρθενία: lexical item rendered 'of virginity' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

προσδέξεται

receive

VF FM13S · δέχομαι + προς

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ future projection or promised result

δέχομαι + προς: lexical item rendered 'receive' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτόν

him

RD ASM · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ object focus or directional goal

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'him' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

3 ψωμιεῖ αὐτόν ἄρτον συνέσεως καὶ ὕδωρ σοφίας ποτίσει αὐτόν

She will feed him with bread of understanding, and she will give him water of wisdom to drink.

Elaboration ASYNDETON

The imagery shifts from welcome to nourishment, presenting discernment and wisdom as sustaining food and drink.

ψωμιεῖ

feed

VF2 FAI3S · ψωμίζω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ future projection or promised result

ψωμίζω: lexical item rendered 'feed' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτόν

him

RD ASM · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ object focus or directional goal

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'him' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἄρτον

bread

N2 ASM · ἄρτος

accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object focus or directional goal

ἄρτος: lexical item rendered 'bread' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

συνέσεως

of understanding

N3I GSF · σύνεσις

genitive modifier qualifying relation, source, or possession

→ qualification or source relation

σύνεσις: lexical item rendered 'of understanding' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καὶ
and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ὕδωρ
water

N3 ASN · ὕδωρ

accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object focus or directional goal

ὕδωρ: lexical item rendered 'water' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

σοφίας
of wisdom

N1A GSF · σοφία

genitive modifier qualifying relation, source, or possession

→ qualification or source relation

σοφία: lexical item rendered 'of wisdom' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ποτίσει
give to drink

VF FAI3S · ποτίζω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ future projection or promised result

ποτίζω: lexical item rendered 'give to drink' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτόν
him

RD ASM · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ object focus or directional goal

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'him' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

4 στηριχθήσεται ἐπ' αὐτήν καὶ οὐ μὴ κλιθῇ καὶ ἐπ' αὐτῆς ἐφέξει καὶ οὐ μὴ καταισχυνθῇ

He will be supported by her and will never be shaken; he will cling to her and will never be put to shame.

Promise ASYNDETON

Wisdom's nourishment issues in stability and honor, negating both collapse and disgrace for the faithful adherent.

στηριχθήσεται

support

VQ FPI3S · στηρίζω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ future projection or promised result

στηρίζω: lexical item rendered 'support' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἐπ'

upon

P · ἐπί

preposition governing the following phrase

→ prepositional framing

ἐπί: lexical item rendered 'upon' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτήν

her

RD ASF · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ object focus or directional goal

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'her' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

οὐ

not

D · οὐ

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ negation or prohibition

οὐ: particle rendered 'not' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

μή

not

D · μή

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ negation or prohibition

μή: particle rendered 'not' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

κλιθῇ

bend

VC APS3S · κλίνω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ event or state assertion

κλίνω: lexical item rendered 'bend' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἐπ'

upon

P · ἐπί

preposition governing the following phrase

→ prepositional framing

ἐπί: lexical item rendered 'upon' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτῆς

her

RD GSF · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ qualification or source relation

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'her' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἐφέξει

cling

VF FAI3S · ἔχω + ἐπι

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ future projection or promised result

ἔχω + ἐπι: lexical item rendered 'cling' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

οὐ

not

D · οὐ

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ negation or prohibition

οὐ: particle rendered 'not' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

μὴ

not

D · μὴ

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ negation or prohibition

μὴ: particle rendered 'not' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καταισχυνθῇ

put to shame

VC APS3S · αἰσχύνω + κατα

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ event or state assertion

αἰσχύνω + κατα: lexical item rendered 'put to shame' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

5 καὶ ὑψώσει αὐτὸν παρὰ τοὺς πλησίον αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐν μέσῳ ἐκκλησίας ἀνοίξει τὸ στόμα αὐτοῦ

And she will exalt him above his neighbors, and in the midst of the assembly she will open his mouth.

Promise And

The wise person's private formation becomes public consequence as Wisdom grants social elevation and authoritative speech.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ὑψώσει

exalt

VF FAI3S · ὑψόω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ future projection or promised result

ὑψόω: lexical item rendered 'exalt' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτόν

him

RD ASM · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ object focus or directional goal

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'him' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

παρὰ

beside

P · παρά

preposition governing the following phrase

→ prepositional framing

παρά: lexical item rendered 'beside' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

τοὺς

the

RA APM · ὁ

article marking and delimiting the noun phrase

→ object focus or directional goal

ὁ: Greek definite article marking a noun phrase as definite and signaling case, gender, and number.

πλησίον

neighbors

D · πλησίον

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ local semantic contribution

πλησίον: lexical item rendered 'neighbors' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτοῦ

his

RD GSM · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ qualification or source relation

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'his' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἐν

in

P · ἐν

preposition governing the following phrase

→ prepositional framing

ἐν: lexical item rendered 'in' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

μέσω

μέσω

A1 DSN · μέσος

dative term marking sphere, instrument, or reference

→ sphere or instrument reference

μέσος: lexical item rendered 'μέσω' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἐκκλησίας

assembly

N1A GSF · ἐκκλησία

genitive modifier qualifying relation, source, or possession

→ qualification or source relation

ἐκκλησία: lexical item rendered 'assembly' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἀνοίξει

open

VF FAI3S · οἶγω + ἀνα

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ future projection or promised result

οἶγω + ἀνα: lexical item rendered 'open' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

τὸ

the

RA ASN · ὁ

article marking and delimiting the noun phrase

→ object focus or directional goal

ὁ: Greek definite article marking a noun phrase as definite and signaling case, gender, and number.

στόμα

mouth

N3M ASN · στόμα

accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object focus or directional goal

στόμα: lexical item rendered 'mouth' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτοῦ

his

RD GSM · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ qualification or source relation

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'his' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

6 εὐφροσύνην καὶ στέφανον ἀγαλλιάματος εὐρήσει καὶ ὄνομα αἰῶνος κατακληρονομήσει

He will find gladness and a crown of rejoicing, and he will inherit an everlasting name.

Promise

ASYNDETON

Joy, honor, and enduring reputation complete the portrait of Wisdom's reward.

εὐφροσύνην

gladness

N1 ASF · εὐφροσύνη

accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object focus or directional goal

εὐφροσύνη: lexical item rendered 'gladness' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

στέφανον

crown

N2 ASM · στέφανος

accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object focus or directional goal

στέφανος: lexical item rendered 'crown' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἀγαλλιάματος

of rejoicing

N3M GSN · ἀγαλλίαμα

genitive modifier qualifying relation, source, or possession

→ qualification or source relation

ἀγαλλίαμα: lexical item rendered 'of rejoicing' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

εὐρήσει

find

VF FAI3S · εὐρίσκω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ future projection or promised result

εὐρίσκω: lexical item rendered 'find' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ὄνομα

name

N3M ASN · ὄνομα

accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object focus or directional goal

ὄνομα: lexical item rendered 'name' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αἰῶνος

everlasting

N3W GSM · αἰών

genitive modifier qualifying relation, source, or possession

→ qualification or source relation

αἰών: lexical item rendered 'everlasting' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

κατακληρονομήσει

inherit

VF FAI3S · κληρονομέω + κατα

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ future projection or promised result

κληρονομέω + κατα: lexical item rendered 'inherit' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

7 οὐ μὴ καταλήμψονται αὐτήν ἄνθρωποι ἀσύνετοι καὶ ἄνδρες ἁμαρτωλοὶ οὐ μὴ ἴδωσιν αὐτήν

Senseless people will never lay hold of her, and sinful men will never see her.

Contrast ASYNDETON

A sharp exclusion marks Wisdom as inaccessible to those whose character is fundamentally disordered.

οὐ

not

D · οὐ

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ negation or prohibition

οὐ: particle rendered 'not' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

μὴ

not

D · μὴ

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ negation or prohibition

μὴ: particle rendered 'not' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καταλήμψονται

lay hold of

VF FMI3P · λαμβάνω + κατα

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ future projection or promised result

λαμβάνω + κατα: lexical item rendered 'lay hold of' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτήν

her

RD ASF · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ object focus or directional goal

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'her' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἄνθρωποι

people

N2 NPM · ἄνθρωπος

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

ἄνθρωπος: lexical item rendered 'people' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἄσύνετοι

senseless

A1B NPM · ἄσύνετος

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

ἄσύνετος: lexical item rendered 'senseless' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἄνδρες

men

N3 NPM · ἀνὴρ

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

ἀνὴρ: lexical item rendered 'men' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἁμαρτωλοὶ

sinful

A1B NPM · ἁμαρτωλός

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

ἁμαρτωλός: lexical item rendered 'sinful' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

οὐ

not

D · οὐ

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ negation or prohibition

οὐ: particle rendered 'not' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

μή

not

D · μή

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ negation or prohibition

μή: particle rendered 'not' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἴδωσιν

see

VB AAS3P · ὀράω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ aorist portrayal of the action as a whole

ὀράω: lexical item rendered 'see' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτήν

her

RD ASF · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ object focus or directional goal

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'her' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

8 μακράν ἔστιν ὑπερηφανίας καὶ ἄνδρες ψεῦσται οὐ μὴ μνησθήσονται αὐτῆς

She is far from pride, and liars will never remember her.

Contrast ASYNDETON

Pride and falsehood are named as dispositions incompatible with Wisdom's sphere.

μακράν

far

D · μακράν

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ local semantic contribution

μακράν: lexical item rendered 'far' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἔστιν

be

V9 PAI3S · εἰμί

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ event or state assertion

εἰμί: lexical item rendered 'be' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ὑπερηφανίας

pride

N1A GSF · ὑπερηφανία

genitive modifier qualifying relation, source, or possession

→ qualification or source relation

ὑπερηφανία: lexical item rendered 'pride' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἄνδρες

men

N3 NPM · ἀνὴρ

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

ἀνὴρ: lexical item rendered 'men' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ψεῦσται

liars

N1M NPM · ψεύστης

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

ψεύστης: lexical item rendered 'liars' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

οὐ

not

D · οὐ

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ negation or prohibition

οὐ: particle rendered 'not' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

μὴ

not

D · μὴ

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ negation or prohibition

μὴ: particle rendered 'not' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

μνησθήσονται

remember

VS FP13P · μιμνήσκω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ future projection or promised result

μιμνήσκω: lexical item rendered 'remember' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτῆς

her

RD GSF · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ qualification or source relation

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'her' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

9 οὐχ ὥραϊος αἶνος ἐν στόματι ἀμαρτωλοῦ ὅτι οὐ παρὰ κυρίου ἀπεστάλη

Praise is not fitting in the mouth of a sinner, for it has not been sent from the Lord.

Evaluation ASYNDETON

The verse judges praise by its moral source, refusing to treat worship language as neutral or detachable from the speaker's life.

οὐχ

not

D · οὐ

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ negation or prohibition

οὐ: particle rendered 'not' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ὥραϊος

fitting

A1A NSM · ὥραϊος

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

ὥραϊος: lexical item rendered 'fitting' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αἶνος

praise

N2 NSM · αἶνος

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

αἶνος: lexical item rendered 'praise' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἐν

in

P · ἐν

preposition governing the following phrase

→ prepositional framing

ἐν: lexical item rendered 'in' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

στόματι

mouth

N3M DSN · στόμα

dative term marking sphere, instrument, or reference

→ sphere or instrument reference

στόμα: lexical item rendered 'mouth' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἁμαρτωλοῦ

of a sinner

A1B GSM · ἁμαρτωλός

genitive modifier qualifying relation, source, or possession

→ qualification or source relation

ἁμαρτωλός: lexical item rendered 'of a sinner' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ὅτι

that

C · ὅτι

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

ὅτι: lexical item rendered 'that' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

οὐ

not

D · οὐ

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ negation or prohibition

οὐ: particle rendered 'not' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

παρά

beside

P · παρά

preposition governing the following phrase

→ prepositional framing

παρά: lexical item rendered 'beside' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

κυρίου

of the Lord

N2 GSM · κύριος

genitive modifier qualifying relation, source, or possession

→ qualification or source relation

κύριος: lexical item rendered 'of the Lord' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἀπεστάλη

send

VDI API3S · στέλλω + ἀπο

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ event or state assertion

στέλλω + ἀπο: lexical item rendered 'send' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

10 ἐν γὰρ σοφίᾳ ῥηθήσεται αἴνος καὶ ὁ κύριος εὐδοώσει αὐτόν

For praise will be spoken in wisdom, and the Lord will prosper it.

Ground For

The rationale for the previous judgment is positive: true praise is articulated within wisdom and receives divine establishment.

ἐν

in

P · ἐν

preposition governing the following phrase

→ prepositional framing

ἐν: lexical item rendered 'in' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

γάρ

for

X · γάρ

indeclinable element shaping the clause or discourse flow

→ local semantic contribution

γάρ: lexical item rendered 'for' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

σοφία

in wisdom

N1A DSF · σοφία

dative term marking sphere, instrument, or reference

→ sphere or instrument reference

σοφία: lexical item rendered 'in wisdom' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ρήθῆσεται

say

VC FPI3S · εἶπον

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ future projection or promised result

εἶπον: lexical item rendered 'say' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αἶνος

praise

N2 NSM · αἶνος

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

αἶνος: lexical item rendered 'praise' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καί

and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ὁ

the

RA NSM · ὁ

article marking and delimiting the noun phrase

→ participant or predicate prominence

ὁ: Greek definite article marking a noun phrase as definite and signaling case, gender, and number.

κύριος

Lord

N2 NSM · κύριος

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

κύριος: lexical item rendered 'Lord' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

εὐοδώσει

prosper

VF FAI3S · εὐοδώ

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ future projection or promised result

εὐοδώ: lexical item rendered 'prosper' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτόν

him

RD ASM · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ object focus or directional goal

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'him' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

11 μὴ εἴπῃς ὅτι διὰ κύριον ἀπέστην ἃ γὰρ ἐμίσησεν οὐ ποιήσει

Do not say, “It was because of the Lord that I fell away,” for he will not do what he hates.

Prohibition ASYNDETON

Sirach directly forbids theological self-excuse by denying that the Lord acts in contradiction to his own moral hatred.

μὴ

not

D · μή

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ negation or prohibition

μή: particle rendered 'not' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

εἴπῃς

say

VB AAS2S · εἶπον

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ aorist portrayal of the action as a whole

εἶπον: lexical item rendered 'say' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ὅτι

that

C · ὅτι

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

ὅτι: lexical item rendered 'that' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

διὰ

because of

P · διὰ

preposition governing the following phrase

→ prepositional framing

διὰ: lexical item rendered 'because of' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

κύριον

the Lord

N2 ASM · κύριος

accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object focus or directional goal

κύριος: lexical item rendered 'the Lord' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἀπέστην

fall away

VHI AA11S · ἵστημι + ἀπο

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ aorist portrayal of the action as a whole

ἵστημι + ἀπο: lexical item rendered 'fall away' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἃ

ἃ

RR APN · ὅς

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ object focus or directional goal

ὅς: lexical item rendered 'ἃ' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

γάρ

for

X · γάρ

indeclinable element shaping the clause or discourse flow

→ local semantic contribution

γάρ: lexical item rendered 'for' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἐμίσησεν

hate

VAI AAI3S · μισέω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ aorist portrayal of the action as a whole

μισέω: lexical item rendered 'hate' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

οὐ

not

D · οὐ

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ negation or prohibition

οὐ: particle rendered 'not' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ποιήσει

will do

VF FAI3S · ποιέω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ future projection or promised result

ποιέω: lexical item rendered 'do' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

12 μὴ εἴπῃς ὅτι αὐτός με ἐπλάνησεν οὐ γὰρ χρειάν ἔχει ἀνδρὸς ἀμαρτωλοῦ

Do not say, "He himself led me astray," for he has no need of a sinful man.

Prohibition ASYNDETON

The second prohibition presses the same point more personally: divine sovereignty does not require human wickedness as its instrument.

μὴ

not

D · μὴ

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ negation or prohibition

μὴ: particle rendered 'not' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

εἴπῃς

say

VB AAS2S · εἶπον

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ aorist portrayal of the action as a whole

εἶπον: lexical item rendered 'say' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ὅτι

that

C · ὅτι

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

ὅτι: lexical item rendered 'that' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτός

he

RD NSM · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ participant or predicate prominence

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'he' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

με me RP AS · ἐγώ <i>accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal</i> → object focus or directional goal ἐγώ: lexical item rendered 'me' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.	ἐπλάνησεν lead astray VAI AAI3S · πλανάω <i>verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause</i> → aorist portrayal of the action as a whole πλανάω: lexical item rendered 'lead astray' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.	οὐ not D · οὐ <i>particle shaping the clause or prohibition</i> → negation or prohibition οὐ: particle rendered 'not' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.	γὰρ for X · γάρ <i>indeclinable element shaping the clause or discourse flow</i> → local semantic contribution γάρ: lexical item rendered 'for' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.
χρεῖαν need N1A ASF · χρεία <i>accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal</i> → object focus or directional goal χρεία: lexical item rendered 'need' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.	ἔχει ἔχει V1 PAI3S · ἔχω <i>verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause</i> → event or state assertion ἔχω: lexical item rendered 'ἔχει' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.	ἀνδρός of a man N3 GSM · ἀνήρ <i>genitive modifier qualifying relation, source, or possession</i> → qualification or source relation ἀνήρ: lexical item rendered 'of a man' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.	ἁμαρτωλοῦ of a sinner A1B GSM · ἁμαρτωλός <i>genitive modifier qualifying relation, source, or possession</i> → qualification or source relation ἁμαρτωλός: lexical item rendered 'of a sinner' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

13 πᾶν βδέλυγμα ἐμίσησεν ὁ κύριος καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ἀγαπητὸν τοῖς φοβουμένοις αὐτόν

The Lord has hated every abomination, and it is not loved by those who fear him.

Ground ASYNDETON

The fearers of the Lord share God's moral revulsion, so abomination cannot be traced back to divine desire.

πάν

every

A3 ASN · πᾶς

accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object focus or directional goal

πᾶς: lexical item rendered 'every' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

βδέλυγμα

abomination

N3M ASN · βδέλυγμα

accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object focus or directional goal

βδέλυγμα: lexical item rendered 'abomination' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἐμίσησεν

hate

VAI AA13S · μισέω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ aorist portrayal of the action as a whole

μισέω: lexical item rendered 'hate' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ὁ

the

RA NSM · ὁ

article marking and delimiting the noun phrase

→ participant or predicate prominence

ὁ: Greek definite article marking a noun phrase as definite and signaling case, gender, and number.

κύριος

Lord

N2 NSM · κύριος

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

κύριος: lexical item rendered 'Lord' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καί

and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

οὐκ

not

D · οὐ

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ negation or prohibition

οὐ: particle rendered 'not' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἔστιν

be

V9 PA13S · εἰμί

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ event or state assertion

εἰμί: lexical item rendered 'be' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἀγαπητὸν

beloved

A1 NSN · ἀγαπητός

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

ἀγαπητός: lexical item rendered 'beloved' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

τοῖς

the

RA DPM · ὁ

article marking and delimiting the noun phrase

→ sphere or instrument reference

ὁ: Greek definite article marking a noun phrase as definite and signaling case, gender, and number.

φοβούμενοις

those fearing

V2 · πιπδπι φοβέω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ event or state assertion

φοβέω: lexical item rendered 'those fearing' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτόν

him

RD ASM · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ object focus or directional goal

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'him' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

14 αὐτὸς ἐξ ἀρχῆς ἐποίησεν ἄνθρωπον καὶ ἀφῆκεν αὐτὸν ἐν χειρὶ διαβουλίου αὐτοῦ

He himself made humankind from the beginning and left him in the hand of his own counsel.

Assertion ASYNDETON

Creation is described with deliberative agency intact, establishing the anthropological basis for moral responsibility.

αὐτός

he

RD NSM · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ participant or predicate prominence

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'he' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἐξ

from

P · ἐκ

preposition governing the following phrase

→ prepositional framing

ἐκ: lexical item rendered 'from' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἀρχῆς

ἀρχῆς

N1 GSF · ἀρχή

genitive modifier qualifying relation, source, or possession

→ qualification or source relation

ἀρχή: lexical item rendered 'ἀρχῆς' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἐποίησεν

do

VAI AAI3S · ποιέω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ aorist portrayal of the action as a whole

ποιέω: lexical item rendered 'do' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἄνθρωπον

humankind

N2 ASM · ἄνθρωπος

accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object focus or directional goal

ἄνθρωπος: lexical item rendered 'humankind' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἀφῆκεν

ἀφῆκεν

VAI AAI3S · ἵημι + ἀπο

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ aorist portrayal of the action as a whole

ἵημι + ἀπο: lexical item rendered 'ἀφῆκεν' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτὸν

him

RD ASM · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ object focus or directional goal

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'him' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἐν

in

P · ἐν

preposition governing the following phrase

→ *prepositional framing*

ἐν: lexical item rendered 'in' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

χειρὶ

hand

N3 DSF · χεῖρ

dative term marking sphere, instrument, or reference

→ *sphere or instrument reference*

χεῖρ: lexical item rendered 'hand' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

διαβουλίου

counsel

N2N GSN · διαβούλιον

genitive modifier qualifying relation, source, or possession

→ *qualification or source relation*

διαβούλιον: lexical item rendered 'counsel' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτοῦ

his

RD GSM · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ *qualification or source relation*

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'his' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

15 ἔὰν θέλῃς συντηρήσεις ἐντολὰς καὶ πίστιν ποιῆσαι εὐδοκίας

If you will, you can keep the commandments, and faithful obedience lies within your choosing.

Conditional Exhortation ASYNDETON

The conditional form underscores that obedience is neither coerced nor impossible but genuinely placed before the hearer.

ἐὰν

if

C · ἐάν

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ *discourse linkage*

ἐάν: particle rendered 'if' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

θέλῃς

θέλῃς

V1 PAS2S · θέλω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ *event or state assertion*

θέλω: lexical item rendered 'θέλῃς' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

συντηρήσεις

keep

VF FAI2S · τηρέω + συν

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ *future projection or promised result*

τηρέω + συν: lexical item rendered 'keep' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἐντολὰς

commandments

N1A APF · ἐντολή

accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ *object focus or directional goal*

ἐντολή: lexical item rendered 'commandments' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καὶ
and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

πίστιν
faithfulness

N3I ASF · πίστις

accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object focus or directional goal

πίστις: lexical item rendered 'faithfulness' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ποιῆσαι
do

VA AAN · ποιέω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ aorist portrayal of the action as a whole

ποιέω: lexical item rendered 'do' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

εὐδοκίας
good pleasure

N1A GSF · εὐδοκία

genitive modifier qualifying relation, source, or possession

→ qualification or source relation

εὐδοκία: lexical item rendered 'good pleasure' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

16 παρέθηκεν σοι πῦρ καὶ ὕδωρ οὗ ἔαν θέλῃς ἐκτενεῖς τὴν χεῖρά σου

He has set before you fire and water; whichever you choose, stretch out your hand.

Choice ASYNDETON

The stark alternatives dramatize moral agency through concrete, elemental imagery.

παρέθηκεν
set before

VAI AAI3S · τίθημι + παρὰ

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ aorist portrayal of the action as a whole

τίθημι + παρὰ: lexical item rendered 'set before' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

σοι
you

RP DS · σύ

dative term marking sphere, instrument, or reference

→ sphere or instrument reference

σύ: lexical item rendered 'you' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

πῦρ
fire

N3 ASN · πῦρ

accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object focus or directional goal

πῦρ: lexical item rendered 'fire' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καὶ
and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ὕδωρ water N3 ASN · ὕδωρ <i>accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal</i> → object focus or directional goal ὕδωρ: lexical item rendered 'water' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.	οὔ which D · οὔ <i>particle shaping the clause or prohibition</i> → local semantic contribution οὔ: lexical item rendered 'which' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.	ἐάν if C · ἐάν <i>connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement</i> → discourse linkage ἐάν: particle rendered 'if' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.	θέλης θέλης V1 PAS2S · θέλω <i>verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause</i> → event or state assertion θέλω: lexical item rendered 'θέλης' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.
ἐκτενεῖς stretch out VF2 FAI2S · τείνω + ἐκ <i>verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause</i> → future projection or promised result τείνω + ἐκ: lexical item rendered 'stretch out' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.	τήν the RA ASF · ὁ <i>article marking and delimiting the noun phrase</i> → object focus or directional goal ὁ: Greek definite article marking a noun phrase as definite and signaling case, gender, and number.	χεῖρά hand N3 ASF · χεῖρ <i>accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal</i> → object focus or directional goal χεῖρ: lexical item rendered 'hand' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.	σου your RP GS · σύ <i>genitive modifier qualifying relation, source, or possession</i> → qualification or source relation σύ: lexical item rendered 'your' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

17 ἔναντι ἀνθρώπων ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ὁ θάνατος καὶ ὃ ἐὰν εὐδοκήσῃ δοθήσεται αὐτῷ

Before human beings are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given to him.

Antithesis ASYNDETON

The elemental picture is restated as the ultimate polarity of destiny, with outcome corresponding to chosen desire.

ἔναντι

before

D · ἔναντι

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ local semantic contribution

ἔναντι: lexical item rendered 'before' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἄνθρωπων

of human beings

N2 GPM · ἄνθρωπος

genitive modifier qualifying relation, source, or possession

→ qualification or source relation

ἄνθρωπος: lexical item rendered 'of human beings' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἡ

ἡ

RA NSF · ὁ

article marking and delimiting the noun phrase

→ participant or predicate prominence

ὁ: Greek definite article marking a noun phrase as definite and signaling case, gender, and number.

ζωή

life

N1 NSF · ζωή

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

ζωή: lexical item rendered 'life' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ὁ

the

RA NSM · ὁ

article marking and delimiting the noun phrase

→ participant or predicate prominence

ὁ: Greek definite article marking a noun phrase as definite and signaling case, gender, and number.

θάνατος

death

N2 NSM · θάνατος

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

θάνατος: lexical item rendered 'death' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ὅ

which

RR ASN · ὅς

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ object focus or directional goal

ὅς: lexical item rendered 'which' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἐάν

if

C · ἐάν

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

ἐάν: particle rendered 'if' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

εὐδοκῆση

choose

VA AAS3S · εὐδοκέω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ aorist portrayal of the action as a whole

εὐδοκέω: lexical item rendered 'choose' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

δοθήσεται

give

VC FPI3S · δίδωμι

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ future projection or promised result

δίδωμι: lexical item rendered 'give' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτῷ

him

RD DSM · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ sphere or instrument reference

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'him' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

18 ὅτι πολλὴ ἡ σοφία τοῦ κυρίου ἰσχυρὸς ἐν δυναστείᾳ καὶ βλέπων τὰ πάντα

For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in dominion and sees all things.

Ground For

Human choice is not autonomous independence but unfolds before the Lord's immeasurable wisdom and sovereign power.

ὅτι

that

C · ὅτι

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

ὅτι: lexical item rendered 'that' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

πολλή

great

A1 NSF · πολὺς

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

πολύς: lexical item rendered 'great' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἡ

ἡ

RA NSF · ὁ

article marking and delimiting the noun phrase

→ participant or predicate prominence

ὁ: Greek definite article marking a noun phrase as definite and signaling case, gender, and number.

σοφία

wisdom

N1A NSF · σοφία

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

σοφία: lexical item rendered 'wisdom' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

τοῦ

the

RA GSM · ὁ

article marking and delimiting the noun phrase

→ qualification or source relation

ὁ: Greek definite article marking a noun phrase as definite and signaling case, gender, and number.

κυρίου

of the Lord

N2 GSM · κύριος

genitive modifier qualifying relation, source, or possession

→ qualification or source relation

κύριος: lexical item rendered 'of the Lord' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἰσχυρὸς

ἰσχυρὸς

A1A NSM · ἰσχυρός

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

ἰσχυρός: lexical item rendered 'ἰσχυρὸς' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἐν

in

P · ἐν

preposition governing the following phrase

→ prepositional framing

ἐν: lexical item rendered 'in' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

δυναστεία

dominion

N1A DSF · δυναστεία

dative term marking sphere, instrument, or reference

→ sphere or instrument reference

δυναστεία: lexical item rendered 'dominion' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

βλέπων

see

V1 · παπνσμ βλέπω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ event or state assertion

βλέπω: lexical item rendered 'see' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

τὰ

the

RA APN · ὁ

article marking and delimiting the noun phrase

→ object focus or directional goal

ὁ: Greek definite article marking a noun phrase as definite and signaling case, gender, and number.

πάντα

all things

A3 APN · πᾶς

accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object focus or directional goal

πᾶς: lexical item rendered 'all things' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

19 καὶ οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τοὺς φοβουμένους αὐτόν καὶ αὐτὸς ἐπιγνώσεται πᾶν ἔργον ἀνθρώπου

And his eyes are upon those who fear him, and he himself knows every work of a human being.

Elaboration And

Divine omniscience narrows from all things to the particular moral life of human agents.

καὶ
and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

οἱ
the

RA NPM · ὁ

article marking and delimiting the noun phrase

→ participant or predicate prominence

ὁ: Greek definite article marking a noun phrase as definite and signaling case, gender, and number.

ὀφθαλμοὶ
eyes

N2 NPM · ὀφθαλμός

nominative term functioning as subject, predicate, or highlighted descriptor

→ participant or predicate prominence

ὀφθαλμός: lexical item rendered 'eyes' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτοῦ
his

RD GSM · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ qualification or source relation

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'his' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἐπὶ
upon

P · ἐπί

preposition governing the following phrase

→ prepositional framing

ἐπί: lexical item rendered 'upon' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

τοὺς
the

RA APM · ὁ

article marking and delimiting the noun phrase

→ object focus or directional goal

ὁ: Greek definite article marking a noun phrase as definite and signaling case, gender, and number.

φοβουμένους
those fearing

V2 · πιπαπμ φοβέω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ event or state assertion

φοβέω: lexical item rendered 'those fearing' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτόν
him

RD ASM · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ object focus or directional goal

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'him' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καὶ
and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

αὐτός
he

RD NSM · αὐτός

pronominal or relative form functioning within the clause

→ participant or predicate prominence

αὐτός: lexical item rendered 'he' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἐπιγνώσεται
know

VF FMI3S · γινώσκω + ἐπι

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ future projection or promised result

γινώσκω + ἐπι: lexical item rendered 'know' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

πάν
every

A3 ASN · πᾶς

accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object focus or directional goal

πᾶς: lexical item rendered 'every' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἔργον
work

N2N ASN · ἔργον

accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object focus or directional goal

ἔργον: lexical item rendered 'work' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἀνθρώπου
of a human being

N2 GSM · ἄνθρωπος

genitive modifier qualifying relation, source, or possession

→ qualification or source relation

ἄνθρωπος: lexical item rendered 'of a human being' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

20 οὐκ ἐνετείλατο οὐδενὶ ἀσεβεῖν καὶ οὐκ ἔδωκεν ἄνεσιν οὐδενὶ ἀμαρτάνειν

He has commanded no one to be ungodly, and he has given no one permission to sin.

Conclusion ASYNDETON

Closes by restating its thesis in uncompromising form: sin has no divine authorization.

οὐκ

not

D · οὐ

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ negation or prohibition

οὐ: particle rendered 'not' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἐνετείλατο

speak

VAI AMI3S · τέλλομαι + ἐν

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ event or state assertion

τέλλομαι + ἐν: lexical item rendered 'speak' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

οὐδενὶ

no one

A3 DSM · οὐδεὶς

dative term marking sphere, instrument, or reference

→ sphere or instrument reference

οὐδεὶς: lexical item rendered 'no one' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἀσεβεῖν

be ungodly

V2 PAN · ἀσεβέω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ event or state assertion

ἀσεβέω: lexical item rendered 'be ungodly' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective linking clauses, phrases, or logical movement

→ discourse linkage

καί: common coordinating conjunction, here linking the chapter's cumulative argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

οὐκ

not

D · οὐ

particle shaping the clause or prohibition

→ negation or prohibition

οὐ: particle rendered 'not' and shaping the local logical movement in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἔδωκεν

give

VAI AA13S · δίδωμι

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ aorist portrayal of the action as a whole

δίδωμι: lexical item rendered 'give' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἄνεσιν

ἄνεσιν

N3I ASF · ἄνεσις

accusative term functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object focus or directional goal

ἄνεσις: lexical item rendered 'ἄνεσιν' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

οὐδενὶ

no one

A3 DSM · οὐδεὶς

dative term marking sphere, instrument, or reference

→ sphere or instrument reference

οὐδεὶς: lexical item rendered 'no one' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

ἁμαρτάνειν

sin

V1 PAN · ἁμαρτάνω

verbal form carrying the action, assertion, or command of the clause

→ event or state assertion

ἁμαρτάνω: lexical item rendered 'sin' in this chapter's argument about Wisdom's welcome, moral agency, and the denial that God causes sin.

On the labels. Parsing gives Tense·Voice·Mood·Person·Number (+ Case·Number·Gender for participles) and lemma. The *syntactic-function* and **semantic-force** tiers follow standard intermediate-grammar categories (e.g. Wallace, *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics*); both involve interpretive judgment, and the majority reading has been chosen where opinions differ. Lexical notes condense commonly cited data (etymology, sense range, synonym contrasts, NT frequency, OT/LXX echoes) and are no substitute for a lexicon.

On the discourse tier. Discourse structure operates above the word, so it is shown at the clause/verse level (the connective, the relation it signals, and the role of the clause) and summarized in the chapter outline. Relation labels, any proposed chiasm, and the paragraph divisions reflect a common reading of the argument; other discourse analyses segment and label some relations differently.