

Sirach 15:15-20 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

- 15** If you choose, you can keep the commandments,
and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice.
- 16** He has placed before you fire and water;
stretch out your hand for whichever you choose.
- 17** Before each person are life and death,
and whichever one chooses will be given.
- 18** For great is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is mighty in power and sees everything;
- 19** his eyes are on those who fear him,
and he knows every human action.
- 20** He has not commanded anyone to be wicked,
and he has not given anyone permission to sin.