

## **PROVERBS 10 - Wise Sayings of Solomon!**

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### ***The Proverbs of Solomon***

***Pro 10:1 The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son makes a glad father, But a foolish son is the grief of his mother.***

- **We really do not get into many proverbs until we get to chapter ten.** In chapter one he gives us the purpose for proverbs. Proverbs are intended to give instruction, to bring you wisdom and understanding. Then Solomon encourages us to get understanding, to seek to be instructed. He extols wisdom in the next several chapters, and how important it is, and what wisdom will do for you. Having laid out this whole dissertation on the value and the importance of wisdom, now we begin the actual proverbs. Beginning with chapter ten each verse is a proverb. In these proverbs he is usually making contrast. So, you want to look for the contrast.
- ***A wise son makes a glad father.*** **How true that is** that fathers are proud of their sons when they display wisdom. You feel like you have accomplished your purpose as a father when your son is wise.
- ***But a foolish son*** (contrast) ***is the heaviness of his mother.*** Looking upon that foolish son, her heart becomes heavy at his foolishness. How true that is.

***Pro 10:2 Treasures of wickedness*** (wicked – 13x) ***profit nothing, But righteousness*** (righteous – 16x) ***delivers from death.***

- **If you have gained by wickedness then you are apt to lose** also by wickedness. That is basically, *the treasures of wickedness profit nothing.*” You know, it is going to pass on.
- ***But righteousness delivers from death.*** Righteousness becomes a part of the subject, and it is always contrasted with wickedness, or, and here it is with wickedness, wickedness profits nothing, or profits nothing. So, the contrast between wicked and righteousness.

***Pro 10:3 The LORD will not allow the righteous soul to famish, But He casts away the desire of the wicked.***

- **If you are living a righteous life, God is going to take care of you.** Jesus said, “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, what you are going to eat, what you are going to drink, what you are going to wear. Because your Father knows that you have need of these things.” So, The Lord will not allow the righteous to famish,”
- ***But He casts away the desire of the wicked.*** So, righteousness and wickedness again contrasted. Now, we have a contrast between laziness and diligence.

***Pro 10:4 He who has a slack hand becomes poor, But the hand of the diligent makes rich.***

- **If you are slack in your business**, if you are slack in your duties, it tends towards poverty. But, in contrast...
- **You get your interesting contrast.** Continuing with sort of that laziness and diligence makes rich.

***Pro 10:5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son; He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.***

- **That is, you take advantage of the harvest.** You are out working, and you are harvesting the crops.

***Pro 10:6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous, But violence covers the mouth (6x) of the wicked.***

- **Now the just or the righteous, compared to the wicked, and contrasted.** *Blessings are on the head of the righteous.* God’s blessings on your life if you are just, blessings of God.

***Pro 10:7 The memory of the righteous is blessed, But the name of the wicked will rot.***

- **Blessings are on the head of the righteous**, and the memory of the just are blessed. You think of a person who is fair and honest, you say, “Ah that fellow! He was so fair. He always did what was fair! The memories of those people are, are blessed! You remember those kind of things about people.
- ***But the name of the wicked will rot.*** You say, “That guy was so rotten! Through and through. It is good that he is dead!” The wise is contrasted with the fool.

***Pro 10:8 The wise in heart will receive commands, But a prating*** (the foolish of lips) ***fool will fall.***

- **“I know it! Leave me alone.** I know what I am doing, just leave me alone!” Wise in heart, you will take instructions. Say, “Well thank you, I appreciate that.”

***Pro 10:9 He who walks with integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will become known.***

- ***He who walks with integrity walks securely.*** This is the contrast, the one who walks uprightly, But in contrast with walking uprightly, you pervert your ways.

***Pro 10:10 He who winks with the eye causes trouble, But a prating fool will fall.***

- **This one is not a contrast, it is just sort of amplifying the first clause, *He that winks with the eye causes trouble, but a prating fool shall fall.*** That false guy is going around and just snowing everybody. You know, coming on strong.

***Pro 10:11 The mouth of the righteous is a well of life, But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.***

- ***The righteous and wicked contrasted, “the mouth of the righteous,” is a well of life.*** Life, again, is associated with righteousness. The things that they speak tend towards life.
- ***But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.*** Have you ever heard some people whose conversations are sort of like an open sewer? I mean there is nothing but filth that comes out. It is terrible to be around them, because they are pouring out that filth on you! It is terrible to plant that kind of filth in other people’s minds!

***Pro 10:12 Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.***

- **Here hatred and love are contrasted,** of course we know there is quite a contrast between hatred and love! “Hatred” *stirs up strife*. Just think of how much strife is stirred up by hatred? Think of how many things that have been stirred up by you, because you hated someone, or have been stirred up against you because someone hated you. *Hatred stirs up strife*, it creates strife. However,...*love covers all sins. (Ipe 4:8) And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "LOVE WILL COVER A MULTITUDE OF SINS."*

***Pro 10:13 Wisdom is found on the lips (5x) of him who has understanding, But a rod is for the back of him who is devoid of understanding.***

- **This proverb is contrasting understanding,** and those who are **devoid** of understanding. *The lips of him who has understanding in the lips, wisdom is found. The rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.* They end up being beaten. Again, contrasting wise men, and foolish men.

***Pro 10:14 Wise people store up knowledge, But the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.***

- **That is, the wise men preserve knowledge.** The foolish, destroyed. Near destruction. Rich men and poor men.

***Pro 10:15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city; The destruction of the poor is their poverty.***

- **By his wealth he fortifies himself,** but *the destruction of the poor is their poverty.* They are destroyed because of their poverty, they cannot afford to defend themselves. The righteous man, and the wicked again.

***Pro 10:16 The labor of the righteous leads to life, The wages of the wicked to sin.***

- **Again, life and righteousness are properly associated!** Because the way of righteousness is the way of life. So, “The labor of the righteous leads to life.” But *the wages of the wicked to sin.* So, there is a contrast here also between labor and fruit. The effects of sin or wickedness, the sin, the wages of wicked to sin.

***Pro 10:17 He who keeps instruction is in the way of life, But he who refuses correction goes astray.***

- **Now, those that keep instruction and those that refuse are contrasted.** *He is in the way of life that keeps instruction:* If you listen and you follow instruction, you are in the way, the path of life. *But he that refuses correction goes astray.* It is a mistake not to listen to correction.

***Pro 10:18 Whoever hides hatred has lying lips, And whoever spreads slander is a fool.***

- ***He that hides hatred has with lying lips.*** This is often done. You really try to deceive by trying to hide hatred with lying lips. “Oh, I didn’t say that.” *He that spreads slander is a fool.* To slander someone else, to repeat slander about someone else, fool. Here is a contrast between a person who talks all the time, and a person who refrains.

***Pro 10:19 In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise.***

- You talk enough and you are going to reveal sin, but he who restrains his lips is wise. Now there is another proverb that is similar to this, and I do not think it is in the bible. But It is better to keep your mouth shut and let men think you are a fool, than to open it and remove all doubts.”

***Pro 10:20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; The heart of the wicked is worth little.***

- Now the righteous is contrasted with the wicked. *The tongue of the righteous is choice silver. The heart of the wicked is of little value.*

***Pro 10:21 The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of wisdom.***

- How many people are fed from the lips of the righteous! But fools die for the lack of wisdom. Then, this one is righteous, just a declaration, and I love it!

***Pro 10:22 The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.***

- Oh, how rich are the blessings of the Lord, and they make you so rich! True riches are not measured by bank accounts. They are measured by the blessings of God that are upon your life! “*The blessings of the Lord make rich, He adds no sorrow with it.*” I think of the sorrow that some of those people are going through. Here I am just so blessed of the Lord, so rich.

***Pro 10:23 To do evil is like sport to a fool, But a man of understanding has wisdom.***

- The fool is contrasted with the man of understanding, probably applying to late teenage years, we looked for mischief, and why is that? I do not know. Guys used to come over at night and, “What are we going to do?,” you know, looking for mischief. Sport, as a sport to a fool. You are foolish.

***Pro 10:24 The fear of the wicked will come upon him, And the desire of the righteous will be granted.***

- Wicked and righteous contrasted. Interesting. If you are fearing something, you are wicked. It will usually come to pass.

***Pro 10:25 When the whirlwind passes by, the wicked is no more, But the righteous has an everlasting foundation.***

- Now again, wicked and righteous. As the whirlwind goes through, passes by, so the wicked, blown away. *but the righteous has an everlasting foundation.* The eternal, the life, eternal life.

***Pro 10:26 As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, So is the lazy man to those who send him.***

- I do not know what vinegar does to the teeth, but I do know what smoke does to the eyes. So is the lazy man to those who send him. I mean, you send a lazy guy to do a task, and that is just like smoke in your eyes. It just makes it smarts, it hurts!

***Pro 10:27 The fear of the LORD prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened.***

- The fear of the LORD prolongs! The years of the wicked will be shortened! Again, life is associated with righteousness. God will cut off the wicked.

***Pro 10:28 The hope of the righteous will be gladness, But the expectation of the wicked will perish.***

- Again, righteousness and wickedness contrasted, “the hope of the righteous will be gladness, *but the expectation of the wicked will perish.*”

***Pro 10:29 The way of the LORD is strength for the upright, But destruction will come to the workers of iniquity.***

- The upright are contrasted with the workers of iniquity. “The way of the Lord is strength to the upright, destruction shall come to the workers of iniquity.” Righteousness and wickedness.

***Pro 10:30 The righteous will never be removed, But the wicked will not inhabit the earth.***

- The righteous shall never be removed. They live forever. There is that eternal purpose and plan that God has for the righteous, they will never be removed!
- But the wicked shall not inhabit the earth. That is, that new earth that God created. “Behold,” God said, “I make all things new. Create a new heaven and a new earth. The old things will pass away and never be brought into mind.” It talks about how the wicked will not be there, not inhabit it.

***Pro 10:31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, But the perverse tongue will be cut out.***

***Pro 10:32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked what is perverse.***

- **So, several contrasts there between righteousness and wickedness.**

**KNOWING YOU -** *Graham Kendrick – Maranatha (4:13)*

*All I once held dear Built my life upon All this world reveres And wars to own  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss Spent and worthless now Compared to this  
Knowing You Jesus, knowing You There is no greater thing You're my all You're the best  
You're my joy my **righteousness** And I love You Lord  
Now my heart's desire Is to know You more To be found in You And known as Yours  
To possess by faith What I could not earn All surpassing gift of **righteousness**  
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You're my joy my **righteousness** And I love You Lord  
Oh to know the power of Your risen life And to know You in Your sufferings  
To become like You In Your death my Lord So with You to live and never die  
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And I love You Lord And I love You Lord And I love You Lord And I love You Lord*

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