

## **PROVERBS 18 - Wise Sayings of Solomon!**

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***Pro 18:1 A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment.***

- When a man separates himself to lust, or gives himself over to lust, to his own desires, he starts living after his own passions. That *he rages against all wise judgment*. A man who seeks only to fulfill his own passions, separates himself to a lustful life. He really is far from real wisdom. It isn't wise to live after your own passions. It isn't wise to live after your own lusts.

***Pro 18:2 A fool has no delight in understanding, But in expressing his own heart.***

- Now one of the real delights of life is to know, and to understand. To solve a problem, to figure out the solutions, to come to an understanding of a matter. "But *a fool has no delight*." He doesn't know that delight in understanding. Often as I'm reading the word of God, the Spirit of God will illuminate my heart, and give me an understanding of the scripture, and I'll see in it something I've never seen before. It's like finding a diamond, or a ruby. It's just a delight, it's a joy, I get thrilled! I just want to share it with someone! It's a tremendous delight, a joy, it's a thrill!

***Pro 18:3 When the wicked comes, contempt comes also; And with dishonor comes reproach.***

- If we could just get our friends to church, you know, surely if they would just sit, and hear the word of God, and be ministered to, surely God would speak to them. But so often when the wicked come, they just sit there with such total contempt that they won't hear a thing. They don't want to receive anything and they sit there contemptuously, reproaching everything.

***Pro 18:4 The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; The wellspring of wisdom is a flowing brook.***

- Deep waters are still, but they carry a lot of volume.
- *The wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook*. Isn't it wonderful to be around those people who have walked with the Lord, and as they speak, you can sit there and drink in. But it's a delight and a joy to associate, and to be around those who have walked with the Lord for many years. Who can share their experiences of walking with God. It's just a refreshing, a flowing brook, the refreshment that one gets from the flowing brook!

***Pro 18:5 It is not good to show partiality to the wicked, Or to overthrow the righteous in judgment.***

- Now sometimes, when a person is very influential, maybe very wealthy, there is a certain respect for that person, just because of their wealth, and they get special treatment.
- But Solomon here is saying that's not right. "*It's not right to show partiality to the wicked*," they need to be judged according to the crime that has been committed. Justice should be equal. Also, "*to overthrow the righteous in judgment*."

***Pro 18:6 A fool's lips enter into contention, And his mouth calls for blows.***

- *A fool's lips enter into contention*. Ready to spout off on any occasion, and get you into so much trouble. Ready to say your peace, let people know your mind. Well, that's sad.
- *And his mouth calls for blows*.. He gets himself into fights. His mouth opens the door for him to get into a fight, for blows. To get beat up and all, because you just can't keep your mouth shut!

***Pro 18:7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, And his lips are the snare of his soul.***

- He becomes entrapped by the things that he says. You trap yourself with your words. Your mouth becomes your destruction. James tells us that the tongue, just a small member of your body, but it can get you into more trouble than almost anything else! The power that is in the tongue, what kind of fires it can kindle! What kind of rages that it can embroil! So, "A soft answer turns away wrath."

***Pro 18:8 The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, And they go down into the inmost body.***

- Persons who go around spreading evil and, and stories about others. They may be true, but love will cover, love will seek to cover sin. But in opposition to that, there is the talebearer who loves to stir up strife, loves to get people opposed to each other. Loves to come and say, "Do you know what they said about you? I heard the other day, you know they were talking. They said this, they said that!," and

they love to get things, they love to stir things up. The talebearer loves to stir things up! I know people that are like this. The talebearer, he creates wounds.

- *They go down into the inmost body.* They're cutting, they're deep, they can hurt. Actually, they can destroy.

**Pro 18:9 *He who is slothful (lazy) in his work Is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.***

- There are two things that go together. A fellow who is a *great destroyer*, and a person who is lazy in his work, or *slothful*, is careless in his work. He does destroy. If you're careless in your waste, your work, you are wasting things. You have to do it over again, you've wasted all the time and the material.

**Pro 18:10 *The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.***

- Strong towers were placed as a defense. You're talking now about conflict, you're talking about war, when you speak about strong towers. They were built on the walls of the city as places of defense. High enough that the person from the ground cannot really throw his spear to the top of the tower. But from that high tower, man you can throw your javelin, or your spear down on those below. So, the high tower represented the strong place of the city. It would be their final bastion of defense against the enemy.
- Now Solomon said, "*The name of the LORD is a strong tower.*" We do have conflicts in life. If you are walking with the Lord Jesus Christ, you'll find yourself in conflict with the world. For the world is under the control, and power of darkness. Jesus, referring to Satan, called him, "the prince of this world." Paul calls him, "the god of this world." The god that the world serves. Thus, walking with Jesus, you're in conflict with this world. We realize that, as we seek to walk with the Lord that we're not in step with the world. That we are really going against the current, and the tide of the world. We're in conflict with those forces of darkness that are in control of the world.
- The name of Jesus has become a strong tower for us, and how many times we run into it! I mean, we're, we're full blast when I get there! Just flee into that name of Jesus, and the security, the strength, the power that I receive in Jesus' name. For God has given Him a name, that is above every name, that at the name of Jehovah-Shewa, Jesus, every knee shall bow, every tongue shall confess, that Jesus Christ is the Lord, to the glory of God the Father! Neither is there salvation in any other name, for there is no other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved! The strong tower, *the righteous run to it and are safe!*

**Pro 18:11 *The rich man's wealth is his strong city, And like a high wall in his own esteem.***

- The rich man trusts. He puts his trust in the strong city. That's his, that's his place of confidence, "as a high wall in his own esteem."

**Pro 18:12 *Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, And before honor is humility.***

- This one, again is sort of a sequel to that proverb, "Pride cometh before destruction." "He that exalted himself," the scripture said, "shall be abased." So, before destruction, there is this haughtiness, this pride in the heart of man.
- *And before honour is humility.* The scripture said, "Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord. He will lift you up." "He that exalts himself, shall be abased. He that humbles himself shall be exalted." These are spiritual laws.

**Pro 18:13 *He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him.***

- You know, there are people that have a quick answer. You, you haven't even told the whole story, and they, "Well, you ought to do this!", "Wait a minute! Let me finish the story!" They are, they are so quick to judge. I mean, they can spot a person coming down the road, and they've got them all pegged, and all worked out, and they don't even, haven't even heard the matter fully.
- Answering a matter before he hears it. "*It is folly, and a shame to him.*" A lot of times he'd end up apologizing to us, when he'd hear that you know, Bo was just screaming, nothing really wrong, but, it was too late at that point.

**Pro 18:14 *The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness, But who can bear a broken spirit?***

- Many times, illnesses do create a tremendous depth of character. Suffering, and I don't know why, but it seems that suffering has a way of developing a depth of character within a person, like nothing else. Some of the people that I have known through life who have had some of the deepest spiritual character, are those people that have gone through deep suffering, deep hurt. If you have that strong

spirit, it will, it will sustain you, and help you in overcoming the physical weakness that you might experience.

- *But who can bear a broken spirit?* A person's spirit, who has been wounded or destroyed, *can't bear it*. They are just broken, you know, if your spirit is wounded, you are a destroyed person.

***Pro 18:15 The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.***

- Now the greatest knowledge that any of us can attain and achieve, is the knowledge of God. You may have all of the knowledge of the world, you may know all about insects, and stars, and the sciences, but if you don't have the knowledge of God, you're missing the most important knowledge that a man can attain. "*The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge,*" knowledge of his Creator.

***Pro 18:16 A man's gift makes room for him, And brings him before great men.***

- This is an observation, it's not, it's not necessarily good. It's evil in some ways that people buy themselves into favor of others. "A man's gift makes room for him," and the gift here in the Hebrew, is the sense of a bribe. The gift is to buy favors, to get you into a good position. To open doors for you, "makes room for him, and it brings him before great men."

***Pro 18:17 The first one to plead his cause seems right, Until his neighbor comes and examines him.***

- When you hear the first person tell the story, you're convinced, "Well that's, that, yes! That's terrible that, that should happen!" You hear the guy's story, and you get all upset you know. The first story that you hear, you know, the first guy that gets a chance to tell the story, he can convince you that he's, but then someone else comes along, "Oh that's not the way! This is what was happening!" and the neighbor comes and cross-examines, and gives you the other side of it, and what a difference it makes, when you get the whole story! Thus, it's good not to react, or respond until you get the whole story. Hear the other side. There are two sides to every story. The wise person will listen to both sides of the story before he will make any judgment.

***Pro 18:18 Casting lots causes contentions to cease, And keeps the mighty apart.***

- A lot of times when there's an argument, "Well, what should we do?," "Well I want to do this!," "I want to do that!," "Well, let's flip a coin." It's amazing how many arguments can be settled with the flip of a coin. That was the casting of the lot, same idea. The flipping of a coin, or casting of lots, same idea. It settles the argument.

***Pro 18:19 A brother offended is harder to win than a strong city, And contentions are like the bars of a castle.***

- When you offend a brother, to try to win him back again, hard! So, it's better to try not to offend, because, "once a fellow has been offended, *he's harder to be won than a strong city.*"

***Pro 18:20 A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; From the produce of his lips he shall be filled.***

- Our words, and what they say, and the value that they can bring, and the help that they can bring. For the next proverb is tied to it.

***Pro 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.***

- The fruit of your mouth are the words that you speak, increase of your lips, for death and life are there in the power of the tongue.
- *Those who live it will eat its fruit.* Your words can tend towards death, destroy a person, destroy their spirit, destroy their courage and all. Or, by your words, you can lift up a person, someone who is just down, and discouraged. You can come along, and with your words, you can bring life, you can bring hope. The power of the tongue, to heal. The power of the tongue to destroy. How important that we use our tongues as instruments to lift up, to help, to strengthen!

***Pro 18:22 He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD.***

- Now, Solomon seems to be a little ambivalent in his feelings towards women. That's certainly understandable! A man who has a thousand wives, has surely experienced every kind of woman that has ever lived! And, Solomon's experiences were, some of them very good, and then with some of them, they were not so good. So, he speaks really out of both sides of his mouth probably, from two types of experiences with women.

- Some of his wives were a joy, “*good thing.*” They brought blessings of the Lord. But, some of those wives that he had were contentious, “they were like a continual dropping,” that is the Chinese torture. But, “*Who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD!*” How true that is!

***Pro 18:23 The poor man uses entreaties, But the rich answers roughly.***

- God does take up the cause of the poor. In (**Pro 19:17**) *He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, And He will pay back what he has given.* In other words, God considers what you’ve given to the poor, as a loan to Him. God will repay you. Now that’s pretty neat, to be able to lend to God. So, in giving to the poor, you’re lending to the Lord. The Lord will repay. So, God takes up the cause of the poor.
- So often as God was announcing the causes for His judgment, it was because of the oppression of the poor. How the wealthy were many times taking advantage of the poor. They were oppressing the poor and all, and thus God, in speaking up, and standing up for the poor, brought judgment because of their actions against the poor.

***Pro 18:24 A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.***

- We have that glorious friend Jesus Christ who said to His disciples, “You’ve not chosen me, I’ve chosen you.” He said, “I don’t call you servants anymore, because a servant doesn’t know what his master is doing. But I call you friends because I’m going to tell you what I am doing.” So, Jesus has chosen you to be His friend. He *is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*
- For when I am wrong, Jesus stands for me before the Father, and He pleads my case. He says, “Father, put that on my account. Charge that one to me.” For there is no condemnation to those that are in Christ Jesus. Who is he that condemns? It is Christ who has died, yes, rather who is risen again, even at the right hand of the Father, making intercession for me.”
- “Oh, how happy is the man to whom God does not impute iniquity!” *My Friend sticks closer to me than a brother.*

**CLOSING SONG**

***Pro 18:10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.***

**THE NAME OF THE LORD** by Clinton Utterbach, Gaither (2:40)

*Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Most High. (2x)*

*The name of the Lord is a strong tower The righteous run into it and they are saved (2x)*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Most High. (2x)*

*Jesus is the name of the Lord, Jesus is the name of the Lord  
Jesus is the name of the Lord Most High (2x)*

*Jesus is the name of the Lord Most High (2x)*

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