

PROVERBS 28 – More Proverbs of Solomon!

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More Proverbs of Solomon –

Pro 28 – 25x repeat of Prov; But – 18x; Poor-6x; Wicked 5x; Law 4x; Heart 3x; Evil 3x

Pro 28:1 *The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.*

- *The wicked flee when no one pursues.* A guilty conscience imagines accusers everywhere (*Num 32:23; Psa 53:5*), while a clear conscience has boldness to face everyone. Guilt is the parent of fear, *but the righteous are as bold as a lion.* They just go right on, they're not worried! They have nothing to hide.

Pro 28:2 *Because of the transgression (rebellious) of a land, many are its princes (instability); But by a man of understanding and knowledge Right will be prolonged (stability).*

- When the nation has deteriorated morally, spiritually, anarchy almost takes over. There are many princes. You don't have any really long reigning kings.
- *But by a man of understanding and knowledge Right will be prolonged.* When you have a good ruler, one who is diligent, fair, honest, then his state is prolonged. He rules over a period of time. Think of Joseph, Daniel.

Pro 28:3 *A poor man who oppresses the poor Is like a driving rain which leaves no food.*

- One of the problems in life is that poor people, when they get power or money, are often times more vicious and cruel than a normal person. They become like a driving rain, which leaves no food. They just devastate the soil, and there's a flood, there's a runoff, but there's nothing that really soaks in to nourish the ground. It just washes, and wipes things away, rather than bringing forth fruit.
- Felix, the governor that was appointed by the Roman emperor, who liked Felix's brother, so as a favor to his brother, he appointed Felix as the governor. Felix had been a slave, and now he is the governor, and he is corrupt. He uses his position just to enrich himself, living a very profane and corrupt life.

Pro 28:4 *Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, But such as keep the law contend with them.*

- The law of God condemns the wicked. When you forsake the law of God, you begin to praise the wicked.
- *Such as keep the law contend with them:* Those honoring and promoting the rule of law will resist and oppose *the wicked*, understanding the principle the Apostle Paul would later explain in *Rom 13:1-7*, that one reason God gives law and government to men is to restrain *the wicked*, to *contend* with them.

Pro 28:5 *Evil men do not understand justice, But those who seek the LORD understand all.*

- Paul gives us something like this in 2 Corinthians. Paul tells us that, "*The natural man doesn't understand the things of the Spirit, neither does he know them. For they are spiritually discerned. But he, which is spiritual, understands all things, though he is not understood.*" The natural man does not understand the things of God, judgment. But they that seek the Lord, they that walk in the Spirit, they do understand the spiritual things.

Pro 28:6 *Better is the poor who walks in his integrity Than one perverse in his ways, though he be rich.*

- It is *than* a perverse rich man. Let me say, that I would rather be the poorest man on the face of the earth, not have a dime to my name, but know Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour, and walk in fellowship with Him, than to be the richest man on earth, whoever he may be, and not know Jesus Christ. Eternity balances everything.

Pro 28:7 *Whoever keeps the law is a discerning (wise) son, But a companion of gluttons (riotous men) shames (disgraces) his father.*

Pro 28:8 *One who increases his possessions by usury and extortion Gathers it for him who will pity the poor.*

- That person who has gotten rich by dealing with cocaine. The government, when they catch you, will confiscate everything you have. You'll lose it all.
- *Gathers it for him who will pity the poor:* God will not allow these oppressive criminals to have the last word. In the resolution of God's judgment, the wealth of the wicked is simply gathered for those who pity the poor.

Pro 28:9 One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.

- We think of prayer as probably one of the highest forms of spiritual manifestation in our lives. God is interested in what's in your heart. Through the prophet Isaiah, God said, "When you lift up your hands to me, I will not listen to you, I will not hear you, because your hands are filled with blood."
- David said, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord doesn't hear me when I pray." Prayer becomes deceitful. Because people think, "Well I know I'm bad, but I'm not too bad because I still pray!," well, your prayer is an abomination. You're deceiving yourself if you think that your prayer is covering for you, and all of the evil that is in your heart.

Pro 28:10 Whoever causes the upright (righteous) to go astray in an evil way, He himself will fall into his own pit; But the blameless will inherit good.

- You set the trap for the righteous, but the Lord will let you fall in your own pit. I like this. The Lord is constantly in the Bible, turning the tables on, on the unrighteous.
- *But the blameless will inherit good.* You cause the righteous to go astray, and by evil devices, you're gonna fall in your own pit.

Pro 28:11 The rich man is wise in his own eyes, But the poor who has understanding searches him out.

- There are people who think they are very wise. "I mean, after all I've got so much money, I must be wise, you know, how could I have so much money?" Yet, you know their riches are really no fault of their own. But the poor man who is wise can, can search him out. That is, he can expose his ignorance, really

Pro 28:12 When the righteous rejoice, there is great glory; But when the wicked arise, men hide themselves.

- Oh, how wonderful it is when righteous men rejoice together in the Lord! What glory that is!
- *When the wicked arise, men hide themselves:* Even wicked men don't want to be ruled by other wicked men. A culture may have benefit from the inheritance of a previous *righteous* generation, but when the *wicked arise* those benefits and the freedoms righteousness brings will diminish.

Pro 28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

- Our first tendency is usually to try to cover sin. We try to cover our guilt. But the bible tells us here, you try to cover your sin, you're not gonna prosper. David, with his sin with Bathsheba, he first sought to cover it. He didn't prosper. It was not until he confessed his sin that he was forgiven. The only way your sin can be blotted out, or gotten rid of, is by confession. When you confess your sin, He's faithful and just to forgive and to cleanse. Confesses and forsakes! Covering - The blood of the Lamb versus fig leaves!

Pro 28:14 Happy is the man who is always reverent, But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity (evil).

- *Happy is the man who is always reverent:* Sadly, reverence and happiness are not commonly associated together. Many times the *reverent* man is thought to be sour and unpleasant. Nevertheless, to the degree that one can be *always reverent*, he can be genuinely *happy*.
- *He who hardens his heart will fall into calamity:* Here, reverence and hardness of heart are set as opposites. A man who *hardens his heart* will not be a truly reverent man, but he will *fall into calamity* either in this life or the life to come.

Pro 28:15 Like a roaring lion and a charging bear Is a wicked ruler over poor people.

- A wicked ruler is like a tyrant, always yelling at the people. Like a roaring lion and a charging bear: Solomon vividly described the effect of a wicked ruler over poor people. The wicked ruler treats those poor people with unpredictable, uncontrollable ferocity. He is dangerous toward them.

Pro 28:16 A ruler who lacks understanding is a great oppressor, But he who hates covetousness (for recognition, of pride) will prolong his days.

- A ruler who lacks understanding is a great oppressor: He lacks understanding and oppresses his people. His reign will be unhappy and insecure because of the foolish way he leads his people.
- He who hates covetousness will prolong his days: If a man is wise enough to hate covetousness, he will likely be wise in other responsibilities as a ruler. It is likely that his days as a ruler will be prolonged.

Pro 28:17 A man burdened with bloodshed (murderer) will flee into a pit; Let no one help him.

- A man burdened with bloodshed will flee into a pit: This may occur because the man burdened with bloodshed has a guilty mind that clouds and confuses his thinking, and he ends up in a pit. Or, it may happen because God's curse is on the man burdened with bloodshed.
- Let no one help him: As the man guilty of bloodshed falls into the consequences of his own actions, let no one help him. At times it is best to let people suffer the consequences of their sins..

Pro 28:18 Whoever walks blamelessly will be saved, But he who is perverse in his ways will suddenly fall.

- If you walk uprightly before the Lord, walking in righteousness, believing in Jesus Christ, you're going to be saved. But if you walk in perverseness, in sin, one day you're going to fall, suddenly it'll all be over.

Pro 28:19 He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, But he who follows frivolity will have poverty enough!

- Some men would be out there plowing the field, tilling the land. They're gonna have plenty of bread. There were other boys that liked to run around with the gangs, they're going to have poverty.

Pro 28:20 A faithful (reliable) man will abound with blessings, But he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

- "If it sounds too good to be true, it is!" There are so many get rich quick schemes, and people who are anxious to get rich quick, are suckers for these schemes. They end up in poverty because people take advantage of the greed that they have. They want to get rich quickly, also getting married quickly. But you can't do it and be innocent.

Pro 28:21 To show partiality (respect of persons) is not good, Because for a piece of bread a man will transgress.

- To show partiality is not good: In the court of law and in our daily dealings with people, we should not show partiality. We should be those who do not favor or condemn others based on their race, social standing, nationality, or influence.
- Because for a piece of bread a man will transgress: If you are, if you're used to just showing favors, you can be bribed for a piece of bread.

Pro 28:22 A man with an evil (stingy) eye hastens after riches, And does not consider that poverty will come upon him.

- The stingy, ungenerous man will run after riches with the same enthusiasm that he will use to selfishly hold on to what he has.
- And does not consider that poverty will come upon him: Because God's blessing does not rest on the stingy man, poverty will come unexpectedly upon him. Don't get involved in get rich quick schemes.

Pro 28:23 He who rebukes (not a "yes" man, but speak truth in love) a man will find more favor afterward Than he who flatters with the tongue.

- "Ah you look so nice! My you look so great!" Be honest say, "Hey you've got, something wrong here." Better to be honest than to be flattering. You come into greater favour in the end.

Pro 28:24 Whoever robs his father or his mother, And says, "It is no transgression," The same is companion to a destroyer.

- Jesus said that they were guilty of circumventing the law. Because the law said, "If a son would curse his father, he should be put to death," but they had developed a tradition and if you would preface your curse by saying, "Dad this is for your own good! Then you could curse him. Jesus said, "By your traditions you've circumvented the law. You've made the law of no effect. So, if a man robs his father and mother, and says, "Well, nothing wrong with that," he's a companion of a destroyer.

Pro 28:25 He who is of a proud heart (with anyone disagreeing) stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the LORD will be prospered.

Pro 28:26 He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

- "The heart is deceitful," the Bible tells us, "and desperately wicked, who can know it?" "My heart tells me," trust in your own heart man, you're a fool! But *He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But whoever walks wisely will be delivered*. There is a blessing there!

Pro 28:27 He who gives to the poor will not lack, But he who hides his eyes will have many curses.

Pro 28:28 When the wicked arise, men hide themselves; But when they perish, the righteous increase.

- When *wicked men* come to places of prominence and rule, it is bad for the community. Freedom and blessing to the community are much less present and in response, *men hide themselves*.
- *When they perish, the righteous increase*: When the *wicked* and their influence pass, *the righteous increase*, along with their influence. This is a blessing for a community or a nation.
- So great proverbs, great understanding of life, and the things of life. Guidance, wisdom, live by them!

Pro 28:5 Evil men do not understand justice, But those who seek the LORD understand all.

SEEK YE FIRST – David Huff Karen Lafferty – Marantha (3:04)

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God And His righteousness And all these things shall be added unto you
Hallelu, Hallelujah!*

*Man shall not live by bread alone But by every word That proceeds from the mouth of God
Hallelu, Hallelujah!*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you Seek and ye shall find knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Hallelu, Hallelujah!*

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God And His righteousness And all these things shall be added unto you
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