

PROVERBS 29 – More Proverbs of Solomon!

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More Proverbs of Solomon –

Pro 29 – 13x repeat of Prov; But – 13x- (Prov total – 244, the most); Righteous 5x; Wicked 5x; Poor-3x;

Pro 29:1 ***He who is often rebuked, and hardens (hears but rebels) his neck, Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.***

- God is very patient, God is very longsuffering, and as God deals with man, I marvel at the patience of God! Far more patient than I could ever be! But God is so patient in His dealing with man, so longsuffering! But if a person continues to harden his neck, God is dealing with you on an issue, and you only become stiff, you become rigid, you have become obdurate in your position, suddenly you will be destroyed, and that without remedy.
- As in the days of Noah, when God said, “My Spirit will not always strive with man.” Through the hundred years plus that Noah was building the ark, God was, speaking through Noah, speaking to the people, striving with them. But there came the day, God said, “It is enough Noah. Get in the ark. Get the animals in there.” God shut the door, and they were destroyed, and that without remedy. So it is, you harden your heart to God, to the things of God, to the Spirit of God, there will come a day when God will withdraw His Spirit from you. Then there is no remedy. Suddenly destroyed.

Pro 29:2 ***When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.***

- How great it is to have leaders of the nation who are righteous, who are God fearing men.
- *But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.* Because there is always that oppression, there is always that disintegrating of freedom when the wicked rule. For the wicked are ruling, or using their position of power for their own self-interest. They begin to oppress. Their purpose is the perpetuating of themselves in power, and the extending of their power. It is the cause of the people to mourn. It is perfectly right for a Christian to vote Biblically, and to run and to be in office. What I am privately is what I am in public.

Pro 29:3 ***Whoever loves wisdom makes his father rejoice, But a companion of harlots wastes his wealth.***

- The young fellow who, who loves wisdom, how the father’s heart rejoices in a wise son, in a prudent son, rejoices the heart of his father!
- *But in contrast, a companion of harlots wastes his wealth.* It is a heartache to the father to see his son going astray, and wasting his life, destroying his life.

Pro 29:4 ***The king establishes the land by justice, But he who receives bribes (receives pay-offs) overthrows it.***

- That is, a person who is open to bribes. A person who will receive bribes. They overthrow the land. A king by judgment, things are established by righteous judgment. But bribery causes the land to be overthrown. Justice produces stability!

Pro 29:5 ***A man who flatters his neighbor Spreads a net for his feet.***

- So often you have got to be careful of flattery. So often the purpose of flattery is to trip you up, to soften you up.
- Biblically, the Lord said, “When they say, Peace and safety! Then beware, because then comes sudden destruction. “A man that flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet.” I wonder if they are spreading a net for our feet. Flattery is something we need to watch.

Pro 29:6 ***By transgression an evil man is snared, But the righteous sings and rejoices.***

- Nobody sins to himself! Sin is always a snare. It is amazing how a person can become ensnared in sin. You start doing something, it is a lark, it is a sport, it is a laughing issue. But as time goes on, that thing begins to get a hold on you. You are bound by it. You find yourself enslaved to it. *But the*

righteous sings and rejoices. Sin is always a trap. Sin is not bad because it is forbidden. It is forbidden because it is bad!

Pro 29:7 *The righteous considers the cause of the poor, But the wicked does not understand (do not care) such knowledge.*

- *The righteous* takes up the cause of the poor, is actively interested in the poor, in helping the poor. *But the wicked* are taken up with their own ways, and ignore the poor. Poor people are always worse off under the wicked.

Pro 29:8 *Scoffers set a city aflame*, But wise men turn away wrath.

- Scornful leadership can bring a city into a snare, enflaming evil passions. It is amazing how that scorn can engender wrath, and can develop wrath. *But wise men turn away wrath*. People wanting violent solutions. They love to fight!

Pro 29:9 *If a wise man contends* (argues, fights) with a foolish man, Whether the fool rages or laughs, there is no peace.

- There is really nothing you can do for an arrogant, hardened fool. Raging at him, laughing at him, does not make any difference. You cannot win an argument with a purely emotional person.

Pro 29:10 *The bloodthirsty hate the blameless* (upright), But the upright seek his well-being.

- Bloodthirsty men, evil men, hate the upright person. They make fun, they laugh, they scorn, they deride a person for their honesty, their integrity. But the just person, they seek after them.

Pro 29:11 *A fool vents all his feelings*, But a wise man holds (timing is important) them back.

- We will get another one that is similar to this, and that is a person who speaks hastily. But a fool just right off, just utter his mind, all of his mind, saying, "Let me give you a piece of my mind!" Well, be careful, you may not have much to spare. A wise man just will wait before he makes his decision, or his judgment. Keeps it till afterwards. Self-control!

Pro 29:12 *If a ruler pays attention to lies*, All his servants become wicked.

- A corrupt leadership carries right on through, coming down to every level. A corrupt ruler corrupts servants. Corruption has a way of coming on down. A corrupt ministry, a corrupt priesthood, you have a corrupted religion. Birds of a feather flock together, reproducing after their kind!

Pro 29:13 *The poor man and the oppressor* (deceitful; take advantage of the poor) have this in common: The LORD gives light to the eyes of both.

- There is a common ground when we stand before God, rich, poor, sinner, saint, poor, deceitful, they meet together. One day both will stand in judgment!
- *The LORD gives light to the eyes of both*. We stand before God. He is the Judge of the earth. We all stand before Him, no matter what your position is.

Pro 29:14 *The king who judges the poor with truth*, His throne will be established forever.

- Solomon again expressed a tremendous interest in the needs of the poor people, which indicates really, a good king. He has a heart for the needy people within his kingdom. The king that faithfully judges the poor, God will establish, or his throne shall be established forever. The idea is, God will establish his throne. Will the poor receive the same treatment as the rich in today's courts of law? God has a heart for the poor.

Pro 29:15 *The rod and rebuke* (Targum - a stick and chastisement) give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

- Solomon told us that, "the foolishness of the world is bound in the heart of the child, but the rod of instruction drives it far from him." We do not like to admit it, but a child possesses a sinful nature. That nature manifests itself very early in the child's life.
- Now these frontiers of selfishness and all must be kept in check. A child has to be disciplined, a child has to be trained, has to be taught. "A child left to himself will bring his mother to shame." Those frontiers have to be driven back, held in check, or else you will find that child will become so destructive that he will bring shame to his mother. The rod and the rebuke both are necessary!

Pro 29:16 *When the wicked are multiplied*, transgression increases; But the righteous will see their fall.

- Presently the wicked are multiplied. Wickedness abounds, and we look at all of the evil that is resulting out of it. We see the gang wars drive by shootings on the streets. The lawlessness that does exist, and our inability to deal effectively with it.
- *But the righteous will see their fall.* The one neat thing about being right is that time will take care of it. If you wait long enough, you will see the wheels of justice. They grind slowly, but exceedingly fine, and you will see that it will come around. “The righteous will see their fall.” The day will come when we will see the results of that evil that a person has given himself over to. In time and eternity, the righteous win out!

Pro 29:17 Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.

- Correct him though. Do not let him just get by with it. Do not let him just do it, correct him! Otherwise, he will not give you, you will have, you know, he will just yell and scream, and you will have no rest. So, correct him, and he will become a delight, a joy to be around. Also vice a versa!

Pro 29:18 Where there is no revelation (vision, no prophecy, no work of the Spirit), the people cast off restraint (get out of control); But happy is he (the individual) who keeps the law.

- *Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint.* Where God is not really speaking to hearts, the people cast off restraint. Where there is no working of the Spirit of God in speaking to people, they cast off restraint. They want to remove the Ten Commandments from our culture! Think of Elijah on Carmel!
- *But happy is he who keeps the law.* The word “blessed” in the Hebrew is literally, “how happy,” how happy is the man who keeps the law of God, happy is he.

Pro 29:19 A servant will not be corrected by mere words; For though he understands, he will not respond.

- Solomon likely had problems with some of his servants. Words were not sufficient, so he had to take more stern measures for correction.

Pro 29:20 Do you see a man hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

- There are a couple of things that are worse than being a fool. One is a man who is hasty in his own words, and a man who is wise in his own conceit. More hope for a fool than a man who just spouts off, hasty in his words, hasty in his judgment.

Pro 29:21 He who pampers his servant from childhood Will have him as a son (a spoiled son) in the end.

- In the Hebrew, this gives a little more, a little different slant than what you get here in our translation. It is Solomon sort of speaking to the intent that you keep a servant in his place. If you allow him, or grant him too many privileges, he will begin to take liberties as a son, thinking and wanting preferential treatment. You have to be firm, keeping him in his place, lest he take liberties as a son.

Pro 29:22 An angry man stirs up strife, And a furious man abounds in transgression.

- Those, those stand by themselves, they need no exposition. They, we have seen plenty of illustrations of this how furious unbridled kind of emotional outbursts, a man abounds with transgressions, always crossing lines he should not cross.

Pro 29:23 A man's pride will bring him low (Isa 14 – I sill!), But the humble in spirit will retain honor.

- This is so similar to so many passages of scripture. “Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.” “He that exalts himself shall be abased. But he that humbles himself shall be exalted.” “Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.” A man’s pride will bring him down, it will bring him low, whereas honour shall uphold the humble in spirit. The man who is humble in spirit, he will be honored, he will be lifted up. Where the man who is proud will be brought down.

Pro 29:24 Whoever is a partner with a thief hates his own life; He swears to tell the truth, but reveals nothing.

- You hate yourself if you become a partner with a thief. Crime does not pay. God’s law says certain things about the thief.

Pro 29:25 The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe (lifted above all nonsense).

- How many people have been snared or trapped because of the fear of man? The fear of people's opinion. Wanting to please people, wanting them to think well of you.
- But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe from the snares of the enemy. Safe from the power of the enemy. Safe from the destruction of the enemy. Safe from the consequence of our sins. Putting your trust in the Lord. Obey His word in every circumstance!

Pro 29:26 Many seek the ruler's favor (fear of man), ***But justice for man comes from the LORD***.

- People seek the favor of man who is in rule, but really you should be seeking God's favor in your life, for the judgment ultimately will come with Him! Here is the way that it sort of turns around. To a righteous man, to the just man, a man who is unjust is an abomination. You cannot stand him. You hate the person who is unjust, if you are fair, if you are just. The unjust is an abomination.

Pro 29:27 An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous (the just), ***And he who is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked***.

- It goes both ways. The righteous man is an abomination to the wicked man. Whereas the wicked man is an abomination to the righteous man. You see how the camps are divided. There is this definite division between the righteous and the wicked. If you are truly a righteous person, then the wicked, and those that do wickedly, are an abomination to you. But you in turn, are an abomination to them.
- It is better to be an abomination to the ungodly, than to be an abomination to the Lord. I can handle whatever the ungodly want to throw at me, but I will tell you what, I would not want to be an abomination to God. You have to choose.

(Pro 29:2,6,7,16,27) "Righteous".

TAKE MY LIFE – Marantha (2:12)

***Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for
Righteousness is what I need
Righteousness, righteousness is what You want for me***

***Take my heart and form it
Take my mind; transform it
Take my will; conform it
To Yours, to Yours
Oh Lord (3x)***

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