

PROVERBS 27 – More Proverbs of Solomon!

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Pro 27:1 Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.

- The uncertainty of tomorrow. People often put off things that need to be done until tomorrow. “Tomorrow I’ll do it!” But, so many times, tomorrow never arrives. It is uncertain. Therefore, the importance really of doing things now, while the opportunity is there, not putting off until tomorrow. Today is always the day of salvation. You do not know what tomorrow will bring! (***Jas 4:14-15***) *whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. [15] Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.”*

Pro 27:2 Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.

- Now if you praise yourself, it’s called, “bragging.” People don’t like a bragger. Let other people say how wonderful you are, all of the kind things you’ve done, what a beautiful person you are. Let others say it, but don’t go around saying it yourself. Do not toot your own horn!

Pro 27:3 A stone is heavy and sand is weighty, But a fool's wrath is heavier than both of them.

- Watch out when a fool gets angry. I mean he’ll say anything, he’ll do anything, he has no governing inhibitions, a fool when he lets go, is crazy! A loud-mouthed fool can weigh more heavily on you than the back-breaking work of moving heavy sand and stone! Do not take it personally!

Pro 27:4 Wrath is cruel and anger a torrent, But who is able to stand before jealousy (old Adam nature)?

- Wrath and anger come and go, but the harm from jealousy seems constant, lasting forever. Wrath and anger are cruel, but the worst thing of all is jealousy. If a person envies you, the envy is manifested many times in such subtle ways, and it, it’s hurtful. *Who can stand before jealousy?* It is just difficult to stand before jealousy. Be careful not to let jealousy exist in your life!

Pro 27:5-6 Open rebuke is better Than love carefully concealed. [6] Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

- The openness of rebuke. A person is a better friend to you, who will say to your face what needs to be said. “Open rebuke.” Because “*faithful are The wounds of a friend.*”
- A surgeon only cuts to heal. The doctor may say, You are going to have to cut this off right now, right away. Immediately, not tomorrow, now. I know that it is painful, I know that it is going to hurt, but we have to do it now! Do you love another person enough to tell them, with humility, what needs to be said? Do you ever watch a friend drive off a cliff and you do nothing about it?
- Things in our lives that are destroying our spirits. They call for radical surgery. Yes, the process may be painful. Open rebuke often hurts us. We feel hurt, because they were open, and honest with us. But *faithful are the wounds of a friend*, for though they hurt, they are intended to heal.

Pro 27:7 A satisfied soul loathes the honeycomb, But to a hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

- When our life is either materially or physically *satisfied*, we find it easy to hate and reject things that would otherwise be greatly desired, such as *the honeycomb*.
- *To a hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet*: When a life is truly hungry, they will eat almost everything and consider it *sweet*. Those who are full do not appreciate anything, but those who are hungry appreciate everything! We must not take our blessings for granted and lose our thankfulness! May we appreciate everything from the Lord, not getting spoiled spiritually!

Pro 27:8 Like a bird that wanders from its nest Is a man who wanders from his place.

- Picturesque enough that you can tie it together. Remember the prodigal son! Settle down, guard against wanderlust! Appreciate the ordinary, day-to-day blessings from the Lord! Sit with Him by the streams of life for a while! Remember Solomon in Ecclesiastes.

Pro 27:9 Ointment and perfume delight the heart, And the sweetness of a man's friend gives delight by hearty counsel.

- That is, conversation with friends. It's just good to sit down and share with others. I've often said that really the joy of an experience is the ability to share it! Because, beauty is to be shared, and with a friend. Conversation, it's just as, it's like sweet perfume, it's like a good balm, ointment, they rejoice the heart. The being able to share with a friend. Loving counsel from a friend is so good!

Pro 27:10 Do not forsake your own friend or your father's friend, Nor go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity; Better is a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.

- Don't forsake friendships or your father's friends. That's good advice because your father's friends have an interest in you because of their friendship with your father. So, you're not to forsake them.
- *Nor go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity; Better is a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.* A neighbor who is a true friend, is really better, more convenient, than a brother that lives far away. In times of emergency, your neighbor is right there. He's close, he can step right in to help. So, don't forsake friendships. Develop, create, cherish, and attend to friendships.

Pro 27:11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, That I may answer him who reproaches me.

- Solomon, unlike his father, evidently was a pretty good disciplinarian. He said, "If you spare the rod, you will spoil the child." He said, "Don't let up on the rod, just because your child is crying. He's not going to die." He said, "The foolishness of the world is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of instruction drives it from him." Parents do not turn away from raising your children in the ways of the Lord!

Pro 27:12 A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself; The simple pass on and are punished.

- You're able to anticipate the problems that may arise. The Bible tells us to be watchful, looking at a situation, determining its consequences of it, avoiding the evil, turning to the Lord. (Prov 22:3)

Pro 27:13 Take the garment of him who is surety for a stranger, And hold it in pledge when he is surety for a seductress.

- Make sure that you've got collateral when you're dealing with a person that would cosign with another, or those that are interested in womanizing, they're not to be trusted! (Pro 20:16)

Pro 27:14 He who blesses his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, It will be counted a curse to him.

- Those people that get up early and start singing at the top of their lungs, you know. "Bless you my brother!" The person rolls over in bed, and says, "Shut your big mouth!" you know. It's a curse to them. Be appropriate and sensitive in your timing of praising another!

Pro 27:15 A continual dripping on a very rainy day And a contentious (5x in Prov) woman (who likes to fight) are alike;

Pro 27:16 Whoever restrains her restrains the wind, And grasps oil with his right hand.

- It never stops, and it drives you crazy. You cannot hide the wind!
- *Whoever restrains her restrains the wind:* To correct or reform a *contentious woman* can be a fool's errand. She can be as difficult to restrain as *the wind* or as hard to get a hold of as *oil* in the *hand*. Instead of trying to change a *contentious woman*, a wise and godly husband loves her as Jesus Christ loves His church and leaves the changing up to God.

Pro 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

- How great it is to sit down with a friend, and discuss issues, share ideas, share philosophies, and back and forth kind of a sharing. It's just a sharpening of the mind, of the thoughts. There's nothing quite like good discussions among friends. Lively discussions on issues and all. You get sharper as you share with friends. Christian fellowship makes us sharper spiritually, even our countenance is brightened!

Pro 27:18 Whoever keeps the fig tree will eat its fruit; So he who waits on his master will be honored.

- Again, this is sort of in diligence. In being diligent, “The one who keeps the fig tree, he eats the fruit thereof.” The idea is, the one who takes care of things, is the one who will partake of the fruit of it.

Pro 27:19 As in water face reflects face, So a man's heart reveals the man.

- When you look at a pool of clear water, you see the reflection of your face. “As in water face reflects face. Again, with hearts meeting together, there is that heart to heart kind of a relationship, that wonderful experience that you have as you open up to your friend. We know what we really are comes from looking into our own hearts.

Pro 27:20 Hell and Destruction are never full; So the eyes of man are never satisfied.

- I don't know how big hell is, but the Bible says it's never full.
- *The eyes of man are never satisfied.* There are some things that can never be satisfied. Your flesh can never be satisfied. That's one of the characteristics of the flesh, it's impossible to satisfy your fleshly desires, and appetites. You may glut them for a moment, but in a few hours, you'll be hungry again, not really satisfied. Jesus said, “Drink of this water, you will thirst again.” That's true of every fleshly pursuit, of every fleshly experience, which brings a temporary diversion, but they don't bring satisfaction!

Pro 27:21 The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, And a man is valued by what others say of him.

- As the refining pot for silver”...*And the furnace for gold.* They would heat the gold again to the burning point, to burn out the dross.
- *And a man is valued by what others say of him.* The refining pot, and the furnace really showed the purity of the gold and the silver. So, praise, really shows what is in a man. You know there are some people that just can't take praise. Praise from others really proves what's in a man's heart, “the metal of a man,” his capacity to accept praise without it going to his head.

Pro 27:22 Though you grind a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with crushed grain, Yet his foolishness will not depart from him.

- They would take the mortar and the pestle and grind the wheat. So, though you take a fool and you know, pound him, with a pestle. *Yet his foolishness will not depart from him.* I mean you can't drive it out! The guy's just a fool down to the bone! His foolishness will never depart! You cannot change him. Only the Lord can change a life!

Pro 27:23 Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, And attend to your herds;

- The rest of these proverbs are tied together. They just have to do with life, and with the sustaining, and sustenance.
- “*Be diligent to know the state of your flocks*”...*and attend to your herds;* Stay involved in your life, family, in your business, in your livelihood. Things that are not given the proper attention will devolve into a mess!

Pro 27:24 For riches are not forever, Nor does a crown endure to all generations.

- *For riches are not forever:* We should give ourselves to *diligent* leadership and management because the future is uncertain. If we take good care of what God has given us now, it may provide for us in the future (*the lambs will provide your clothing* and so forth). If we don't take care of what we have, it won't be able to provide for us in an uncertain future. Without diligence, one can lose everything very quickly!

Pro 27:25 When the hay is removed, and the tender grass shows itself, And the herbs of the mountains are gathered in,

- *When the hay is removed, and the tender grass shows itself.* Note the regular succession of the products of the earth. The hay is what is perishable and fleeting. The verse gives a picture of the pleasantness of the farmer's calling; compared with this what can wealth or rank offer? With this there is the thought that each stage of that life in its season requires care and watchfulness. Diligence results in a harvest!

Pro 27:26 The lambs will provide your clothing, And the goats the price of a field;

- **Goats the price of a field:** “Whereby you may pay rent and hire tillage, or it may be to purchase land, and have money left in your purse. Diligence provides clothing and the ability to expand your livelihood.

Pro 27:27 You shall have enough goats' milk for your food, For the food of your household, And the nourishment of your maidservants.

- *Enough goats' milk:* "The milk is qualified by *goat's*, because goat's milk was by far the animal nutrient of choice in the ancient Near East. It is richer in protein and easier to digest than cow's milk." To be diligent in the taking care of your affairs, in order that you might lay up in store. You are going to be blessed and be able to bless others! Blessings and satisfaction from good, hard work!

Pro 27:19 As in water face reflects face, So a man's heart reveals the man.

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*When I look into Your holiness When I gaze into Your loveliness (Your loveliness)
When all things that surround become shadows In the light of You (in the light of You)
When I've found the joy of reaching Your heart (Reaching Your heart)
When my will becomes enthroned in Your love (Enthroned in Your love)
When all things that surround become shadows In the light of You
I worship You I worship You (I worship You) The reason I live (the reason I live is to worship You)
(Worship You) I worship You (You are my God) I worship You (You) The reason I live is to worship
You*

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