

PROVERBS 26 – More Proverbs of Solomon!

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Pro 26:1 As snow in summer and rain in harvest, So honor is not fitting for a fool.

- As it snows in the summer, which is quite inappropriate, I would not mind a bit, but it is inappropriate! As rain in harvest. That is bad that rain in the time of harvest will cause the grain to mildew, and to sour. So, *honor is not fitting for a fool*. To grant honor to a fool is, is about as good as it is to have rain in a harvest. It is just inappropriate. It does not fit. Snow in summer just does not fit, so honor is not befitting to a fool.

Pro 26:2 Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, So a curse without cause shall not alight.

- Have you ever watched a swallow in flight? Their flight is very erratic. As you see a swallow flying, you have no idea where he is going. “Do they really have a destination? Do they really know where they are going?” There seems to be no real purpose or intent, “*so the curse without cause shall not alight.*”
- Some people are worried about someone having put a hex, a curse on them. A curse without cause will not happen, it will not come. Someone curses you, you do not need to worry about it. (*Deu 23:5*) *Nevertheless the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam, but the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the LORD your God loves you.*

Pro 26:3 A whip for the horse, A bridle for the donkey, And a rod for the fool's back.

- In order to keep them in line. They have to be harnessed. They cannot just be allowed that freedom of going; they have to be kept in tow. So, likewise, the fool. (*Pro 19:29*) *Judgments are prepared for scoffers, And beatings for the backs of fools.*

Pro 26:4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly, Lest you also be like him.

- Ignore it! It is not wise to answer a fool according to his folly. If he, if he makes some totally radical statement, then you make some totally radical statement back. You become like him for saying foolish things! So, if you answer a fool according to his folly, you become just like him. You, you, you are just as guilty as he is of just uttering nonsense.

Pro 26:5 Answer a fool according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own eyes.

- Correct it! Now there is a difference between the two. In this case, when a fool makes a foolish remark, do not answer him with foolishness, but do give to him a proper answer, or else he will go around in conceit thinking that you know, he is so wise, he has put you to shame and all. So, give him an answer, but not according to his folly. Do not give him a stupid answer, or a foolish answer, but just a reasonable, a correct answer by which you sort of close his mouth. (*Rom 12:16*) *Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.*

Pro 26:6 He who sends a message by the hand of a fool Cuts off his own feet and drinks violence.

- If you send a fool out to carry a message for you, you would be better off to send a fellow without any feet. He is apt to get the message all twisted, and you will be in worse shape than if they never got the message. He is not to be relied upon or trusted in bearing a message.

Pro 26:7 Like the legs of the lame that hang limp Is a proverb in the mouth of fools.

- The legs of the lame are not equal, an interesting proverb! It just does not balance. It is just that a fool does not understand a parable, and they will misinterpret the parable.

Pro 26:8 Like one who binds a stone in a sling Is he who gives honor to a fool.

- One of the most ridiculous things you could do would be to tie the stone in the pouch, because it will never go anywhere! So, the idea here. "A person who would bind a stone in a sling, it's just as foolish as the man who would give honor to a fool."

Pro 26:9 Like a thorn that goes into the hand of a drunkard Is a proverb in the mouth of fools.

- They, they are insensitive to it. A man, who when he is drunk, does not seem to feel pain. He has lost that sensitivity. So, with a fool, a parable in his mouth, he is insensitive to it.

Pro 26:10 The great God who formed everything Gives the fool his hire and the transgressor his wages.

- The transgressors and the fools are one day going to stand before the God whose existence they denied. The great God that formed all things. He is going to reward the fool. He is going to reward the transgressors. That person who says, "There is no God," one day is going to meet God, the great God who made all things, created all things, he is going to stand before Him.

Pro 26:11 As a dog returns to his own vomit, So a fool repeats his folly.

- A fool will not change their ways apart from a major transformation. Just as the dog's nature to return to his own vomit, it is the fool's nature to repeat his folly. (2Pe 2:22) But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A DOG RETURNS TO HIS OWN VOMIT," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire." Illustrating the repulsive nature of a sinner returning to their sin.

Pro 26:12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

- You know, all of these things about the fool, and then there is only one thing worse. A conceited person, wise in their own conceit. Think they are so wise! (Pro 29:20) Do you see a man hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

Pro 26:13 The lazy man says, "There is a lion in the road! A fierce lion is in the streets!"

- That is, his excuse for not going to work is that he might be attacked by a lion. Benjamin Franklin made an interesting statement, saying, "A man who is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else." So, no excuse not to work. So, the slothful man says, "Oh there is a lion out there! There is a lion in the street!," so he uses that as an excuse not to go out, not to work.

Pro 26:14 As a door turns on its hinges, So does the lazy man on his bed.

- The lazy man will not get out of bed. He lies on one side till he gets too tired, and then he rolls over on the other side, like a door turning on its hinges. He is back and forth on the bed.

Pro 26:15 The lazy man buries his hand in the bowl; It wearies him to bring it back to his mouth.

- When you get too lazy to eat, it becomes a pain to bring them to your mouth, you are almost gone! (Pro 19:24) A lazy man buries his hand in the bowl, And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

Pro 26:16 The lazy man is wiser in his own eyes Than seven men who can answer sensibly.

- He thinks he is wiser than seven men who can answer sensibly. They can give you a reason to go to work. But he thinks that he is wise because he is learned how to escape work. He thinks he is a lot wiser than you. "You go to work, foolish man! I have learned to get by without working!" So, he is wiser in his own conceit than seven men who can answer sensibly.

Pro 26:17 He who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own Is like one who takes a dog by the ears.

- Do not get into the ring! You see a fight going on, and boy you get out and get in the middle of it. To meddle with strife that does not belong, you have no business in it, does not belong to you.
- You are apt to get snapped if you take a dog by the ears.

Pro 26:18 Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death,

- Spreading destruction everywhere, is like a crazy man throwing firebrands, arrows, and death.

Pro 26:19 Is the man who deceives his neighbor, And says, "I was only joking!"

- Because you have deceived your neighbor, you think you are smart, you think you are clever and all. You are like a man so foolish, an unwelcome danger to others as one throwing firebrands and arrows.

Pro 26:20 Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; And where there is no talebearer, strife ceases.

- Do not add fuel to a fire! Where there is no wood, the fire will go out. If you do not have a talebearer, then the strife will stop! It will come to an end; it just dies out.

Pro 26:21 As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife.

- Feeding a fire keeps it going! A contentious man kindles strife. He just keeps the thing going, causing it to blaze up. (***Pro 15:18***) *A wrathful man stirs up strife, But he who is slow to anger allays contention.*

Pro 26:22 The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, And they go down into the inmost body.

- Words of a talebearer cut and destroy. Wounds caused by vicious tongue can take a lot longer to heal than a physical hurt.
- If you cut yourself, immediately the little blood platelets are formed, sealing up the bleeding. The healing process begins, and in a few days, you cannot even see where you cut yourself. It is over, you are healed.
- But some of those inward cuts, those cutting things that were said, they just seem to hold on month after month, into the years. They continue to hurt!

Pro 26:23 Fervent lips with a wicked heart Are like earthenware covered with silver dross.

- A bad mouth and a worse heart! The damaging effect of a *wicked heart* is made more effective because of *fervent* words.
- *Like earthenware covered with silver dross.* It looks good on the surface, but is worthless on the inside.

Pro 26:24 He who hates, disguises it with his lips, And lays up deceit within himself;

- *He that hates dissembles with his lips, and he lays up deceit within him (26:24).*
- Hatred, a horrible thing. It is destructive to the person who hates, and it is destructive to the person who is hated. But if you hate, you use your lips to bring discord, you use your lips to separate, to dissemble. Hatred's a horrible thing

Pro 26:25 When he speaks kindly, do not believe him, For there are seven abominations in his heart;

- Watch out for flattery! They flatter you to soften you up. Watch out for the flattery of a person who hates you! The man who hates you, he says, "Oh my you look so nice today!" Watch out! Believe him not!

Pro 26:26 Though his hatred is covered by deceit, His wickedness will be revealed before the assembly.

- Jesus said (***Luk 12:3***) *Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.* There is really no secret sin. God is aware, and God knows, and God will reveal. You try to cover your hatred by deceit, but yet it will be seen, it will be known.

Pro 26:27 Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, And he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him.

- Know this! You set a trap for someone else, you will fall in the trap yourself. You dig a pit to trap somebody, then you fall in your own pit. If you roll stones on another, it will return to you. You will be crushed by the stone! (***Pro 28:10***) *Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way, He himself will fall into his own pit; But the blameless will inherit good.*

Pro 26:28 A lying tongue hates those who are crushed by it, And a flattering mouth works ruin.

- So, the last part of these proverbs deals with the tongue. A liar does his destruction without sympathy for others. He does not feel sorry for any he crushes. He actually hates them.
- A flattering mouth works ruin: Flattery is another way the *lying tongue* brings ruin. Their *flattering mouth*. (***Pro 29:5***) *A man who flatters his neighbor Spreads a net for his feet.*
- So a wise man therefore will be more afraid of a flatterer that kisses and kills, than of a slanderer that proclaims war.

JESUS, WHAT A WONDER YOU ARE Juanita Bynum/Maranatha Singers (3:27/3:31)

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Like The Morning Star Jesus, What A Wonder You Are. (3X)***

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