

] **When the Wicked Beareth Rule** [

Proverbs 28:1 – 29:4

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~ Proverbs are short sentences that seem so easy to grasp on the surface. However, when we peel the layers back and make an attempt to directly apply them to our everyday lives, we begin to understand there is no bottom to the ocean of wisdom we're sailing on in our Spiritual Safari. If you researched the postings for "Proverbs" on this forum on which I teach, you'll discover that the same fifteen or so verses are repeated again – and again – and again; and they aren't the proverbs that we are studying in our final three reports from the Book of Proverbs in this leg of our expedition through the entire Word of God, either — you may be absolutely sure of that....

XXVIII

1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

~ Regardless of which theory a man adopts concerning sin, the inescapable reality of sin in their lives places continual fear in the heart. There may be exceptions for covetousness, lying and pride, but the atheist forms his philosophy around something they do not believe exists in the first place; and they do so out of fear. Atheists — ALL atheists — have a very real, scientific, medically diagnosable psychological malady. Those people cycle through times where they severely condemn themselves, and other times they praise and worship themselves. Their condemnation cycle is generally touched off when a specific sin is mentioned. This extremely serious problem is simultaneously interesting and amusing, in that, whenever a Christian even mentions sin, someone becomes offended and immediately feels the need to defend their lifestyle. Usually, they aren't even being spoken to – but they're going to chime in on you to advise you how God isn't real, and sin is just a human problem that any man can correct at will, and ad nauseam. With just minimal spiritual discernment, one can ascertain the sins in the lives of others; not always – but most of the time.

The man living a life of sin always — *always* — always has a conscience that, for one reason or another, needs to let everyone else know they don't believe the thing they are doing is sin. They defend themselves when they don't have to. On the other hand, the righteous and innocent man, secularly speaking, is as bold as a lion. You won't find many of these. This man is *NEVER* going to plead guilty to something they did not do. The thoughts and minds of humans have an inherent trait psychology terms a "*guilt complex*." We all have varying degrees of a guilt complex; with the exception of a few people who have certified brain deformations or other disease. The guilt complex is as much a part of our human anatomy as the right arm. You cannot excuse your feelings of guilt by wishful thinking; although many people make an attempt to do so. I will concede that mental problems can be shifted from one compartment to another — perhaps locked away — but it can never be eliminated — and it's manifestation in our minds is just a memory-trigger away. Our guilt complex can never be controlled on our own volition, either — with the exception of self-prescribing extremely dangerous medication.

Naturally, the ungodly psychologist espouses it is our religion that gives us a guilt complex; but being in Christ positionally, as Christianity is correctly defined, by de facto, is not a religion. So, if you aren't trusting and obeying the Lord Jesus Christ according to the Word of God, then all you have is religion; and religion is empty, vain, repetitive, fatiguing, relentless and deceptive — and it causes a severe guilt complex. Since the unbelieving man does not believe in the truth of sin, their delusional remedy is to simply insist it doesn't exist — or over-indulge in it — or both. That leads to unhealthy compulsions ranging from travel to sports to music to you-name-it. A natural man's religion will never tell you to just stay home, relax and get plenty of rest. No, they tell you to get up, go somewhere and do something — be somebody. An unbelieving man is *ALWAYS* wrong — every single time — in literally every piece of advice they profess concerning all things. They say what's wrong by default; because they cannot critically process that what God says is truth....

2 For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged.

3 A poor man that oppreseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.

4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.

5 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all things.

6 Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

7 Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father.

8 He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

~ Our Spiritual Safari is designed for one reason and one reason only: to take the entire Word of God to the entire world in sound doctrine. I cannot make you study the Bible, friends. I cannot give you a love for the Word of God that will bring you genuinely close to Christ. All I can do and, indeed, all I am required to do, are to bring you these reports to guide you all the way through Holy Writ – God permitting. Whether you will hearken, or whether you will forebear, in hearing the law of Jehovah – is not my problem. My responsibility ends when I publish these reports – period; and that's when your responsibility to make a sincere, educated, systematic, proper, correct and complete effort to learn something begins. Now, let's be clear: I do not recommend this so-called safari Bible study to anyone. In fact, I do not recommend any individual man in all of God's church. What I do recommend is that you pray and ask the Lord to lead you to the place where He wants you to learn what He has to say through the man who loves Him, and who speaks by the power of the Holy Spirit, and who has

made a commentary on the *ENTIRE* Bible! If you will not do that – *AND SUPPORT IT* – then, make a note: your prayers are not heard. Your prayers are an abomination to God. In fact, as it turns out, your prayers are sin! I didn't say that – God said that. What I say is: God means every word of what He says.

If you want God to hear you then, my friend, you are going to have to hear Him first. That is simply a nonnegotiable with God. Telling an unsaved man to go to the Lord in prayer is nothing in this world but ridiculous twaddle-rot. To believe an unsaved man can barge-in to the throne room in their time of crises in some sentimental way and expect God is obligated to overlook a life of rejection towards Christ, then you are woefully ignorant of all things Scriptural. Those who have lived for the devil in a conscientious rejection of Christ is spiritual pride at its lowest common denominator; and God hates it. I can only suggest the ungodly man find a Godly friend to intercede for them at that time because, if there is iniquity in the heart, then God will not hear *ANY* of us. That's Psalm sixty-six verse eighteen, by the way. The Face of the Lord is against them who do evil — and that's first Peter chapter three verse twelve. There's no sense trying to straighten me out on this truth, friends; God said it – not me. It's going to hold true whether you understand it, believe it, accept it, like it – or not....

10 Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession.

11 The rich man is wise in his own eyes; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.

~ One pathetically foolish characteristic all rich men possess is a belief they are smarter than anyone who is not as wealthy as they are. There may be an exception to this rule – but I don't think so! When a rich man stands and gives his "*testimony*" — even the church mice listen. It's almost always a hollow sham of untruth that even the people don't totally believe – but they'll listen to it, and they'll repeat it; particularly if it comes from a movie star or an athlete. However, the poor man giving a testimony is not interesting. The vegetable variety serf in society isn't going to be called on

to lead the national day of prayer in congress – that’s for sure. Well, the man who is exceedingly rich in faith will not be materially rich. The man who is materially rich cannot be spiritually rich. When a rich man gives a testimony – even if it is real – it will lack that ring of spiritual truth. When a rich man gives his testimony, you will see those with genuine discernment bowing their heads in embarrassment. These are some excellent proverbs in this section of Scripture, friends; they are Biblical axioms that cannot be escaped and, therefore, they are generally passed-over and ignored wholesale by a nearly total apostate church....

12 When righteous men do rejoice, there is great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden.

13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

~ The common practice amongst Christian’s today is to minimize, hide, or cover their sins up. What they abjectly refuse to do is confess them to our Holy High Priest in prayer. Christians easily deceive themselves into believing they have reached sinless perfection. In the average church, there is a topical cosmetic crème of love whispered over the boil of a malignant spiritual cancer. Even in churches that still preach on sin, the congregation generally tries to appear to each another as perfect. If we aren’t confessing our sins to Christ in prayer and, thereby, learning how to forsake those sins, then we’re not going to do well expecting mercy – because there isn’t going to be any. Now, let’s be clear: I am *NOT* talking about public confession of sins. Public confession is as dangerous as a rattlesnake – maybe deadlier. No, this is between you and the Lord in prayer, friends; but it still has to be dealt with....

14 Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

~ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. What that means is our hearts are open to hear the Spirit of God speak to us and convict us at all times. A man who fears God is one who is listening to the Word of God. That discipline produces a walk before the Lord in humility that is well-

pleasing to Him. Only when we recognize our total depravity, complete weakness, and abject dependence upon God, can we ever truthfully say we fear God in a holy and healthy manner. I feel I should add here that many people tell me I criticize the church too often, and I never have an encouraging word for anyone. Well, the writer of Proverbs didn't seem too concerned about sparing our feelings!

God knows I am attempting to teach the entire Word of God in a very real way. I believe the church has reached a day of almost total apostasy. The church is sad, ineffective, and defeated as a witness in the world – that's what's real – and only a very real teaching of Scripture can help us now. I understand we all need encouragement; but if encouragement does not come from the unpopular, unadulterated, and undiluted message of truth of the Word of God, then it is nothing in the world but a tragic lie. This world is living a religious lie today, my beloved. The American liberal Jesus is not the Jesus of the Bible. Some of us are tremendously discouraged at what we are seeing in the church. We're talking about people who make the profession of being Christians. To be forewarned is to be forearmed! If all of this somehow turns you off, then the problems just happens to be with you – not me – and certainly not the Bible....

15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.

16 The prince that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor: but he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.

17 A man that doeth violence to the blood of any person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.

18 Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.

19 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough.

20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

21 To have respect of persons is not good: for for a piece of bread that man will transgress.

22 He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

23 He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.

24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer.

25 He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.

XXIX

1 He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

~ God has an infinite number of ways to reprove a man who continues in sin. God warns everyone before judgment falls upon them in this life; but

very few heed the warning when it comes. In fact, most people laugh at the Lord's warnings. In the Bible, Korah, Belshazzar, and Jezebel are all examples of this. We have seen many wicked people in power in the Word of God – and we see them ruling the world today. We can all thank God that just one righteous man is able to bring blessings to a nation! So many men honestly believe they have the solutions to the world's problems. Well, the only problem is that we don't have enough men standing for the truth of what's right and honorable. That's the type of men we need in this world today above everything else – but we don't have them. David said, "... a righteous ruler over men, and a ruler in the fear of God in my house, is not so." Only the Lord Jesus Christ Himself is the King Who, by judgment, can establish this world in hope. We can all thank the Lord that the church will leave the earth in the rapture before He returns to establish His kingdom....

3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance.

4 The king by judgment establisheth the land: but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it ~

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