

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 129 – Surety For A Friend Through Rage In Jealousy (Proverbs 6)

1. If one became a surety [one taking responsibility for the debt of another] for a friend and was snared with the words of their mouth, what should they have done?

Deliver themselves: *“(1) My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, if thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger, (2) Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth. (3) Do this now, my son, and **deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.** (4) Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids. (5) **Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler” (Proverbs 6:1-5).***

* What does it mean to be a surety for a friend? Paul took the responsibility for any debt owed by Onesimus to Philemon (**Philemon 1:18-19**).

* It was not wise to be a surety for the debt of a friend in a carnal sense (**Proverbs 17:18** and **Proverbs 22:26**).

* Paul was a surety for Onesimus with spiritual reasoning (cf. **John 15:12-13**).

* It is not a good thing to be snared with the words of one’s mouth (**Proverbs 12:13** and **Proverbs 17:7**).

* We should seek to reconcile any differences we have as quickly as possible, even with those who are not our “friends” (**Matthew 5:25-26**).

* With the imagery used here in delivering oneself as from one being hunted, what kind of “friend” is this anyway (**Proverbs 18:24**)?

2. To whom or what should a sluggard [lazy person] go and consider the ways of?

*“**Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise” (Proverbs 6:6).***

* Being lazy is NOT a good thing (**Proverbs 10:26, Proverbs 13:4, Proverbs 15:19, Proverbs 18:9, Proverbs 19:15, Proverbs 19:24, Ecclesiastes 9:10, Ecclesiastes 10:18, Romans 12:11, I Corinthians 15:58, Hebrews 6:10-12, II Thessalonians 3:10, and James 2:14-26**).

* Lazy people always have excuses (**Proverbs 20:24, Proverbs 22:13, Proverbs 26:13-16, and Matthew 25:24-30**).

3. What lessons can be learned from an ant?

“(6) Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: (7) Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, (8) Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest” (Proverbs 6:6-8).

* *“The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer” (Proverbs 30:25).*

* The ant does not need constant oversight and someone pushing them to do their jobs (**Titus 2:14, Titus 3:8, and Ephesians 2:10**).

4. What happens to the lazy person who loves sleep?

“(9) How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? (10) Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: (11) So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man” (Proverbs 6:9-11).

* **Proverbs 24:30-34**

5. What type of mouth does a naughty person have?

“A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward [perverse] mouth” (Proverbs 6:12).

* A froward [perverse] mouth is not a good thing (**Proverbs 4:24, Proverbs 8:13, and Isaiah 59:3**).

* The opposite should be true of us (**Proverbs 8:8 and Proverbs 10:31-32**).

6. What does a naughty/wicked person do with his eyes, feet, and fingers?

“He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers” (Proverbs 6:13).

* The idea here is that the wicked communicate in various ways to conceal themselves (cf. **Proverbs 5:6**).

7. What does the naughty/wicked type of person work at sowing?

Discord: *“Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; **he soweth discord**” (Proverbs 6:14).*

* *“(28) A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends. (29) A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way that is not good. (30) He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass” (Proverbs 16:28-30).*

* The Lord hates those who sow discord [strife] as we'll see in question # 10 and talk more about this then (cf. **Proverbs 6:19**).

* About the forward heart: *"A forward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person... They that are of a forward heart are abomination to the LORD: but such as are upright in their way are his delight"* (**Psalms 101:4** and **Proverbs 11:20**).

8. Does the naughty/wicked person have hope for a good eternal future?

NO: *"Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken **without remedy**"* (**Proverbs 6:15**).

* No remedy (**II Chronicles 36:16**).

9. What six things does the Lord hate?

"(16) These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: (17) A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, (18) An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, (19) A false witness that speaketh lies..." (**Proverbs 6:16-19**).

* This is not a "complete list" of all sins God hates, for God hates ALL sin and sinners (**Psalms 5:4-6** and **Hebrews 1:8-9**).

(1). Proud look (**Psalms 10:4** and **I Peter 5:5-6**).

(2). Lying tongue (**Proverbs 12:22**, **John 8:44**, **Ephesians 4:25**, and **Revelation 21:8**).

(3). Hands that shed innocent blood (**Deuteronomy 19:10**, **II Kings 24:3-4**, and **Revelation 22:14-15**).

(4). An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations (**Genesis 6:5-7** and **Micah 2:1**).

(5). Feet that be swift in running to mischief (**Romans 3:11-18**).

(6). A false witness that speaks lies (**Proverbs 12:17** and **Proverbs 19:5; 9**).

10. What is the seventh thing that is an abomination to God?

"...he that soweth discord among brethren" (**Proverbs 6:19**).

* We are to avoid those who are divisive and will not repent (**Romans 16:17-18** and **Titus 3:9-11**).

* The Lord wants UNITY, not division (**Psalms 133:1**, **John 17:20-23**, **I Corinthians 1:10**, and **Philippians 3:16**).

11. How diligent should we work to keep the scriptural instruction of righteous parents?

"(20) My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: (21) Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. (22) When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. (23) For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life" (**Proverbs 6:20-23**).

* **II Timothy 1:5; II Timothy 3:15-17**

* **Proverbs 1:8-9 and Ephesians 6:1-4.**

* Tie them about thy neck (**Proverbs 3:3**).

* On your mind night and day (**Joshua 1:8, Psalms 1:1-2, Psalms 119:97, and I Timothy 4:15**).

* The commandment is a lamp and light (**Psalms 119:105**).

12. What will proper instruction keep one from?

In general, sin (**Psalms 119:11**), in this context: *"To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman"* (**Proverbs 6:24**).

* She flatters with her tongue (**Proverbs 7:5**).

13. Is the beauty of an evil woman dangerous?

Yes: *"Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids"* (**Proverbs 6:25**).

* **II Samuel 11, Matthew 5:28, Romans 6:12, Romans 13:14, Galatians 5:24, and James 1:13-16.**

14. Can a man tangle with a whorish woman and come out of that without harm?

NO: *"(26) For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life. (27) Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? (28) Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned"* (**Proverbs 6:26-28**)?

15. Why was there a difference between the consequences for a thief and one who goes in to his neighbor's wife?

Jealousy: *"(29) So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent. (30) Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; (31) But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house. (32) But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. (33) A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away. (34) **For jealousy is the rage of a man**: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance. (35) He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts"* (**Proverbs 6:29-35**).

*The thief still has to restore more than he took (**Ezekiel 33:15 and Luke 19:1-10**).

* Adultery was punishable by death (**Leviticus 20:10**).

* The law also was in place in the event of suspension of adultery called the Law of Jealousy (**Numbers 5:11-31**).