

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 139 – A Wise Son Through Hating Lying (Proverbs 13:1-5)

1. What is the difference between a wise son and a scorner [mocker]?

“A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke”
(**Proverbs 13:1**).

* A wise son hears SCRIPTURAL instruction (**Proverbs 4:1-14, Proverbs 4:20-22, Proverbs 15:5, and II Timothy 3:15-17**).

* Wisdom comes from hearing righteous instruction (**Proverbs 1:5, Proverbs 8:33, Proverbs 19:20, and Proverbs 23:19**).

* Fools hate knowledge (**Proverbs 1:22**) and do not want corrected (**Proverbs 15:12**).

* Some things to consider about scorners (**Proverbs 14:6, Proverbs 19:29, Proverbs 21:24, Proverbs 22:10, Proverbs 24:9, Isaiah 29:20, and Jude 18**).

* Here is something interesting. The word translated “teacher” in **Isaiah 43:27** is the same Hebrew word (3887, *luwts*; לֹדֵן) as is translated “scorner” here in **Proverbs 13:1**.

2. What is the basic point of Proverbs 13:2?

You reap what you sow: “A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence” (**Proverbs 13:2**).

* This truth is taught throughout the Scriptures (**Job 4:8, Psalms 7:14-16, Proverbs 1:31, Proverbs 4:17, Proverbs 12:14, Proverbs 18:20, Proverbs 22:8, Hosea 8:7, Hosea 10:12-13, Romans 2:6-10, II Corinthians 9:6, and Galatians 6:7-8**).

3. How important is it to control your mouth?

It is so important that your eternity depends on controlling your mouth: “He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction” (**Proverbs 13:3**).

* Notice these lessons about controlling our tongues: **Psalms 39:1, Psalms 52:2-4, Proverbs 4:24, Proverbs 8:8, Proverbs 10:19, Proverbs 11:9, Proverbs 12:13, Proverbs 15:4, Proverbs 15:28, Proverbs 16:1, Proverbs 17:27-28, Proverbs 18:6-7, Proverbs 18:21, Proverbs 21:23, Proverbs 29:11, Ecclesiastes 5:1-2, Ecclesiastes 10:12-14, Matthew 12:33-37, Luke 6:45, Ephesians 4:29, Ephesians 5:3-4, Colossians 3:8, Colossians 3:17, James 1:26, James 3:1-18, I Peter 3:10-11**.

4. What is the difference between the diligent and the sluggard?

"The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat" (Proverbs 13:4).

* The sluggard has nothing (**Proverbs 10:4, Proverbs 12:24, and Proverbs 20:4**).

* Spiritually speaking (not just for carnal things), we better not be lazy in working toward our heavenly goal (**I Corinthians 15:58, Hebrews 6:10-12, Hebrews 11:6, II Peter 1:10, and II Peter 3:10-14**).

5. What does a righteous man think about lying?

"A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame" (Proverbs 13:5).

* **Psalms 31:6, Psalms 119:163, Proverbs 30:8, and Ephesians 4:25.**

6. Is a wicked person loathsome [offensive; to be abhorred]?

"A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame" (Proverbs 13:5).

* A wicked man is abhorred by God (**Leviticus 26:27-30, Psalms 11:5, and Hebrews 1:8-9**).

* A wicked man is abhorred by the righteous (**Romans 12:9**).

* A wicked man should even loathe himself (**Job 42:6, Ezekiel 20:43, and Ezekiel 36:31**).

* A wicked man will come to shame (**Proverbs 3:35; cf. Revelation 21:8**).