

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 151 – Eating In Peace Through Separating Friends (Proverbs 17:1-9)

1. Is a dry morsel with peace better than a house full of sacrifices [feasting] wherein there is also strife?

Yes: *“Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife” (Proverbs 17:1).*

- **Proverbs 15:17, Proverbs 21:19, and James 3:16.**

2. In what situation is it possible for a servant to gain an inheritance over the son who is in line to gain that inheritance?

“A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren” (Proverbs 17:2).

- **Proverbs 11:29, Proverbs 14:35, and Mark 12:1-12; cf. Acts 13:44-48.**

3. Does the Lord try only our actions?

No, He tries our hearts: *“The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts” (Proverbs 17:3).*

- **I Samuel 16:7, Psalms 44:21, Jeremiah 17:10, I Chronicles 8:9, II Chronicles 6:30, Psalms 7:9, Jeremiah 20:12, John 2:25, and Hebrews 4:13.**

4. What type of person listens to liars?

“A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue” (Proverbs 17:4).

- **Jeremiah 5:31 and II Timothy 4:2-5.**
- Truth lovers hate lying (**Psalms 31:6, Psalms 119:29; 128; 163, and Romans 12:9**).

5. Is it wise to mock the poor?

No: *“Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished” (Proverbs 17:5).*

- The Lord cares for the poor (**Proverbs 28:6, Luke 6:20, and James 2:5**).

6. Is a long line of children the glory of old age [considering the inheritance of the Old Law was based in genealogy]?

Yes: *“Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers” (Proverbs 17:6).*

- **Job 42:12-17, Psalms 127:3-5, and Psalms 128:3-6.**

7. Is it true that a fool speaking with excellent speech is just as unfitting as a prince that lies?

Yes: *“Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince” (Proverbs 17:7).*

- A fool speaking excellent is just out of place seeing that their words are to their own destruction (**Proverbs 18:6-7** and **Ecclesiastes 10:12**).
- *“Wisdom is too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate” (Proverbs 24:7).*

8. How is a gift [a bribe; Deuteronomy 16:19 and Proverbs 17:23] viewed in the eyes of the beholder?

“A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth” (Proverbs 17:8).

- **Exodus 23:8** and **I Samuel 8:3**.

9. We know that we are to confess our sins to God and even man at times (Nehemiah 9:2, Psalms 32:5, Matthew 3:6, James 5:16, and I John 1:9). With that in mind, is it good to publicize the transgressions of others (it is implied that these are transgressions that have been repented of – Romans 16:17)?

No, it is not good to spread news about the sins others have repented of: *“He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends” (Proverbs 17:9).*

- **Proverbs 16:28**
- If a sin is repented of, there is normally not a reason for someone to keep telling others about it other than to harm the character of that person.