

## Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 187 – The Bloodthirsty Through Lacking Vision (Proverbs 29:10-18)

1. How do the bloodthirsty feel about the upright?

*“The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul” (Proverbs 29:10).*

- **Genesis 4:1-10** [cf. **I John 3:12-13**], **II Chronicles 36:16**, **Matthew 14:1-12**, **Luke 19:47**, **John 7:7**, **John 8:37**, **John 15:18-20**, and **I Thessalonians 2:14-16**.
- For this next point, consider the translation of this verse in the ASV 1901: *“The bloodthirsty hate him that is perfect; And as for the upright, they seek his life”*.
  - The just care for the soul of the upright (**Ecclesiastes 4:9-10**, **Galatians 6:1-2**, **Hebrews 3:13**, and **Hebrews 10:23-25**).

2. What is one difference between a fool and a wise man (in the context of our current study)?

The fool doesn't shut up: *“A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards” (Proverbs 29:11).*

- **Psalms 34:13**, **Proverbs 12:23**, **Proverbs 14:33**, **Proverbs 17:27-28**, **Ecclesiastes 10:12-14**, **Ephesians 4:29**, **James 1:26**; cf. **Proverbs 10:19**.

3. When a ruler listens to lies, what type of servants does he have under him?

Wicked: *“If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked” (Proverbs 29:12).*

- **I Kings 22:1-28**.

4. What does the poor and deceitful man have in common?

The Lord gives life to both: *“The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the LORD lighteneth both their eyes” (Proverbs 29:13).*

- **Job 34:19** and **Proverbs 22:2**.
- Lightening eyes has reference to giving life (**Psalms 13:3**).

5. Is it good for a king to be a faithful judge to the poor?

Yes: *“The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever” (Proverbs 29:14).*

- **Proverbs 16:12**, **Proverbs 20:28**, **Jeremiah 22:16**, and **Daniel 4:27**.
- Our God has always wanted His people to care for the poor [those truly poor, not lazy bums; **II Thessalonians 3:10**] (**Proverbs 28:27**, **Zechariah 7:10**, **Luke 14:12-14**, **Romans 25:25-27**, **Galatians 2:10**, and **James 2:1-12**).

6. Is it good for a child to be left without parental guidance?

No: *"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame"* (**Proverbs 29:15**).

- **Proverbs 1:8, Proverbs 22:6, Proverbs 22:15, Ephesians 6:1-4, and II Timothy 1:5.**

7. What happens when the wicked are multiplied?

*"When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall"* (**Proverbs 29:16**).

- The principle of a little leaven leavening the whole lump (**Proverbs 14:34, Matthew 16:6-12, I Corinthians 5:1-13, and Galatians 5:7-9**).

8. What will happen if you correct your children?

*"Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul"* (**Proverbs 29:17**).

- **Proverbs 13:24, Proverbs 19:18, Proverbs 22:15, Proverbs 23:13-14, and Hebrews 12:5-13.**

9. What happens when there is no vision [revelation] within a society?

- The people perish: *"Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he"* (**Proverbs 29:18**).

- **Psalms 74:9-11, Ezekiel 7:26, Amos 8:11-13, and Micah 3:5-7.**

- The reason the people perish is twofold:

- There is no divine guidance, which we have through the word of God (**Psalms 119:105, Proverbs 6:23, II Timothy 3:15-17, and II Peter 1:3-4**).

- There is no hope of salvation since we need the word of God to be saved (**Psalms 19:7-8, Romans 1:16, and I Peter 1:22-25**).

- On the other hand, keeping the law brings happiness (**Psalms 119:2, Jeremiah 15:16, Luke 11:28, and Revelation 22:14**).