

# Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

*Part 134 – Lying Lips Through The Lips Of The Righteous (Proverbs 10:18-32)*

1. What does the Lord call one who hides hatred with lies and those who uttereth a slander?

*“He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, **is a fool**” (Proverbs 10:18).*

\* Hiding hatred with lying lips (**I Samuel 18:20-29, Proverbs 24:1-2, Proverbs 26:24-26, and Jeremiah 9:3-8**).

\* Slandering does not go unpunished (**Psalms 101:5 and Romans 3:8**).

2. Is it easier to sin when one speaks too much?

Yes: *“In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise” (Proverbs 10:19).*

\* A fool is full of words (**Ecclesiastes 10:14**) rather than realizing it's best to just shut up (**Proverbs 17:27-28**).

\* Everything we say will be brought into judgment (**Proverbs 13:3 and Matthew 12:34-37**).

\* We should always think carefully about what we say (**Proverbs 15:28; cf. I Peter 4:11**).

3. Is the tongue of the just considered valuable by God?

Yes: *“The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth” (Proverbs 10:20).*

\* **Proverbs 12:18, Proverbs 15:4, and Proverbs 25:11-12.**

4. Do righteous lips help others?

Yes: *“The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom” (Proverbs 10:21).*

\* **Job 4:3-4, Jeremiah 3:15, and Matthew 4:4.**

5. Do the blessings of the Lord come with sorrow?

No: *“The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it” (Proverbs 10:22).*

\* With the blessings of the Lord we find times to rejoice (**Deuteronomy 12:7**).

6. Do fools take doing mischievous things seriously?

No: *"It is as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom"* (**Proverbs 10:23**).

\* **Proverbs 14:9, Proverbs 15:21, Ecclesiastes 5:1, and Hosea 7:1-2.**

7. How does Job 3:25 fit into our context?

Job 3:25 says: *"For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me."*

Now, from our context we see this: *"The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted"* (**Proverbs 10:24**).

8. Do the wicked have an everlasting foundation?

No, but the righteous do: *"As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation"* (**Proverbs 10:25**).

\* The wicked are cut off (**Psalms 37:9-10**). They are destroyed as a whirlwind (**Proverbs 1:24-28**).

\* The righteous do have an everlasting foundation (**II Timothy 2:19**).

9. Is it wise to send a sluggard [lazy person] to do a task?

No: *"As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him"* (**Proverbs 10:26**).

\* Send a faithful messenger (**Proverbs 25:13**).

10. What does the fear of the Lord prolong?

*"The fear of the LORD **prolongeth days**: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened"* (**Proverbs 10:27**).

\* **Proverbs 19:23**

11. Will the wicked that work iniquity escape destruction?

No: *"(28) The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish. (29) The way of the LORD is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity"* (**Proverbs 10:28-29**).

\* **Psalms 1:6, Proverbs 14:32, Proverbs 21:15, and Romans 6:23.**

12. How do we know that Proverbs 10:30 is not teaching an eternal earth doctrine?

\* When Christ returns the earth will be destroyed (**Matthew 24:35-36, II Peter 3:10-14, and I John 2:17**).

\* Under the Old Testament their inheritance was upon this earth (**Exodus 20:12, Deuteronomy 1:21, Joshua 1:6, and Ezekiel 20:42**).

13. What was to be done to the froward [perverse] tongue?

*"The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but **the froward tongue shall be cut out**" (Proverbs 10:31).*

\* Mouths that speak words that are perverse have to be silenced (**Psalms 31:18** and **Titus 1:10-11**).

\* On the other hand, wisdom comes out of the mouth of the just (**Psalms 37:30**).

14. Do righteous individuals know what is acceptable?

*Yes: "The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked speaketh forwardness" (Proverbs 10:32).*

\* We have to know what is acceptable in our speech (**Ecclesiastes 12:10** and **Titus 2:7-8**).

\* We have to control our tongues (**Psalms 34:13**, **Proverbs 4:24**, **James 1:26**, and **I Peter 3:8-11**).