

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 164 – Wise Men Prevail Through Safety Is Of The Lord (Proverbs 21:22-31)

1. Can wise men prevail against mighty men?

Yes: *“A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof” (Proverbs 21:22).*

- **Proverbs 24:5, Ecclesiastes 7:19, and Ecclesiastes 9:13-18; cf. Proverbs 4:7.**

2. What do you have to guard to keep your soul from troubles?

Your mouth and tongue: *“Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles” (Proverbs 21:23).*

- **Proverbs 12:13, Proverbs 13:3, Proverbs 18:21, Ecclesiastes 10:12-14, and I Peter 3:10-11.**

3. What is one called when they deal in proud wrath?

Proud and haughty scorner: *“Proud and haughty scorner is his name, who dealeth in proud wrath” (Proverbs 21:24).*

- Being a scorner [scoffer; mocker] is not a good thing: **Proverbs 19:29, Proverbs 24:9, and Isaiah 29:20.**
- Haughtiness is not good either: **Proverbs 16:18, Proverbs 18:12, and Isaiah 13:11.**
- Pride, we know where that leads: **Proverbs 11:2, Proverbs 29:23, and James 4:6-10.**
- Dealing in wrath is stupid: **James 1:19-20**
- Combining pride, anger, and being hasty makes a fool (**Ecclesiastes 7:8-9**).

4. What does the slothful refuse to do?

“The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour” (Proverbs 21:25).

- **Proverbs 6:6-11, Proverbs 12:27, and Proverbs 24:30-34.**

5. Are righteous individuals greedy?

No, the righteous are givers: *“He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not” (Proverbs 21:26).*

- Be the giver rather than the coveter (**Acts 20:33-35** and **I Thessalonians 2:5-9**).

6. Is the Lord pleased with the sacrifice of the wicked?

No: *“The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind” (Proverbs 21:27)?*

- **Proverbs 15:8 and Proverbs 28:9.**

- God wants obedience more than sacrifice (**I Samuel 15:22-23, Proverbs 21:3, Hosea 6:4-7, and Amos 5:21-24**).

7. What is the difference between a false witness and one that hears truth?

False witnesses perish while truth hearers continue: *“A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly”* (**Proverbs 21:28**).

- False witnesses (**Deuteronomy 19:16-19, Proverb 19:5, Proverbs 19:9, Proverbs 25:18, and Romans 13:9**).
- Hearers that apply (**Deuteronomy 5:1, Romans 2:13 and James 1:18-25**).
- *“The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment”* (**Proverbs 12:19**).

8. Rather than directing [establishing] his way, what does a wicked man do?

Hardens face: *“A wicked man hardeneth his face: but as for the upright, he directeth his way”* (**Proverbs 21:29**).

- **Proverbs 1:24-25, Proverbs 28:14, Proverbs 29:1, Jeremiah 44:16-17, and Acts 7:51-52.**

9. Is there any wisdom, counsel, or understanding against God?

No: *“There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD”* (**Proverbs 21:30**).

- **Proverbs 19:21, Isaiah 7:5-7, Isaiah 8:10, and Isaiah 46:10-11.**

10. Could the children of Israel trust in their horses as they could the Lord?

No: *“The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD”* (**Proverbs 21:31**).

- **Psalms 20:7, Psalms 33:17-18, and Isaiah 31:1.**