

Kings, Servants, & The Fear of Man

Proverbs 29 pt 2

“An evil person is caught by sin, but the righteous one sings and rejoices.”

-Proverbs 29:6

As you reflect on the impact of sin, what are some common misconceptions many people believe today?

*If something feels natural, it c_____ be sinful *Sin is only a r_____ concept

*Sin is always intentional *Sin is just about a _____ not inner life

*Sin is just breaking arbitrary religious r_____ *Sin is mainly about g_____ and p_____.

“Our sin is what separates us from God, but it’s our self-righteousness that keeps us from running to Him for the grace He willingly gives.”

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5 A person who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet.

What is the main idea of this verse?

Watch out for the t_____ of f_____!

Flatter: To be smooth; to apportion or separate; deal, distribute, divide, give.

What are some ways people use flattery?

*Over the top c_____ *Character praise *Appearance p_____

*Ego boosting; calling them an expert, framing them as indispensable

*Complementing right before a r_____ *M_____

Job 32:21-22; Psalm 55:21; Romans 16:17-18

What are some examples of flattery that are not manipulative?

*Wanting to encourage & uplift *Showing a_____

*Admire someone & express it enth_____

Ephesians 4:29; 5:19-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:11

King Solomon’s point is to watch out for the t____; **spreads a net for his feet.**

This dangerous net can apply to both parties and represents a web where someone is caught in deception. The flatterer spreading the net may get caught up in a lie; it may come out that they've told different things to different people.

How can believer's apply this verse today?

Stop l_____ to each other! Colossians 3:9

6 An evil person is caught by sin, but the righteous one sings and rejoices.

Notice the contrast:

E_____ person vs. R_____ person; T_____ by sin vs Sings & r_____

Main idea?

W_____ people are ruined by their o___ sin.

What are some ways evil people are ruined by their own sin?

*Manipulating people into dependence *Lies that require more l_____

*Trying to appear p_____ *Suffering the fate arranged for o_____

Psalms 7:15-16; 9:15-16; Proverbs 26:27; Esther 7:9-10

Instead of being caught up in a web of our own sin, King Solomon provides a righteous alternative.

...the righteous one s_____ and r_____.

A sinful, evil person follows the desires of his/her own flesh. (Galatians 5:19-21)

What causes the righteous to sing and rejoice?

*They f_____ godly wisdom *They are led by the S_____ of God

*They have a c_____ conscience *They are f_____ in Christ

*They are f_____ with His love *They abide in C_____

Nehemiah 8:10; Matthew 5:12; John 15:10-11; Philippians 4:4

7 The righteous person knows the rights of the poor, but the wicked one does not understand these concerns.

Notice the contrast:

What the r_____ knows vs. What the w_____ knows

Main idea?

Who really cares about the r_____ of the poor?

Poor: needy, weakness, being low, powerlessness; a condition of material poverty, social vulnerability, individuals who lack the resources or influence to secure their own welfare.

Sadly, we treat the p_____ among us as unworthy to be in our presence. Many people ignoring and denying their basic needs, but the Word of God shows us the right way.

What are some rights that the poor should have?

- *Right to f_____ treatment
- *Right to honest labor c_____
- *Right to e_____ protection under the law
- *Right to survive
- *Right to healthcare
- *Right to be h_____
- *Right to education

Psalm 72:2-4; 82:3; Proverbs 19:17; Isaiah 11:4; 61:1-2

Why does King Solomon refer to those who don't understand the concerns of the poor as wicked?

They are r_____ God's Word & W_____ concerning the poor.

Deut. 15:7; Jeremiah 22:16; Zechariah 7:9-10; James 1:27

8 Mockers inflame a city, but the wise turn away anger.

Notice the contrast:

Mockers vs. The wise; one ignites a _____ vs. Turning away a _____

Mocker: scoffer, combative, those who scorn, ridicule, are cynical in their rejection of God and His wisdom;

What are some dangerous tactics of mockers?

- *They incite unrest and c_____ within a community
- *They attract an a_____
- *Their negative words and actions can lead to d_____ and c_____
- *They turn serious matters into j_____
- *The resist correction

Inflames: blow, fan the flame; James 3:5-8

How should the wise respond to the mockers?

- *Give a s_____ answer
- *Refrain from a _____
- *Hold on to your p_____

Psalm 37:8; Proverbs 15:1; James 1:20

Why is it important for God's people to be peace makers?

- *It r_____ God's character and nature
- *It r_____ what sin breaks

Hebrews 12:14

What is one thing you have learned that you are willing to share with someone else?

“If you want peace, you don’t talk to your friends, you talk to your enemies.”