

## Kings, Servants, & The Fear of Man

### Proverbs 29 pt 7

“Many desire a ruler’s favor, but a person receives justice from the LORD.”

-Proverbs 29:26

**What are some ways we put too much confidence in man?**

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\*Assuming c\_\_\_\_\_ where none exists \*Projecting our own v\_\_\_ onto others

\*Confusing charisma or c\_\_\_\_\_ with competence

\*Ignoring red flags because we l\_\_\_ the person

\*Believing someone’s intentions matter more than their a\_\_\_\_\_

**“Trust patterns, not promises. Trust actions, not vibes.”**

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**25 The fear of mankind is a snare, but the one who trusts in the LORD is protected.**

**Notice the contrasts?**

\*Afraid of m\_\_\_ vs Trusting the L\_\_\_\_\_ \*S\_\_\_ vs. P\_\_\_\_\_

**Fear:** care, quaking, trembling, anxiety

**Generally speaking, what are some reasons people are afraid of other men?**

\*Fear of being j\_\_\_\_\_ \*Past negative experiences \*Temperment

\*A\_\_\_\_\_ or other mental health conditions \*To be a\_\_\_\_\_

➤ John 12:42-43

**Snare:** trap, bait, barbs, a hook

**How can we avoid the trap of being fearful or afraid of someone?**

\*Name the fear; what exactly about this person scares you?

\*Separate the p\_\_\_\_\_ from your assumptions \*S\_\_\_ a clear boundary

\*Ground yourself b\_\_\_\_\_ interacting \*Reinforce your sense of p\_\_\_\_\_

\*T\_\_\_\_\_ in the L\_\_\_\_\_

➤ Proverbs 3:5-6; Nahum 1:7

**Protected:** Hebrew Word sagab; safe, set me securely on high, lifted

**What is the greatest benefit of God’s protection?**

➤ It extends to e\_\_\_\_\_! Psalm 27:1; Matthew 10:28

**26 Many desire a ruler’s favor, but a person receives justice from the LORD.**

**What is the main idea?**

➤ God is our main s\_\_\_\_\_ of j\_\_\_\_\_!

**Desire:** ask, beg, enquire, request, search by any method, worship or prayer, strive after.

**Why shouldn’t we put our trust solely in rulers?**

\*Sometimes they are c\_\_\_\_\_ \*Demonstrates a lack of f\_\_\_\_\_ in God

\*Systems matter more than l\_\_\_\_\_ \*Leaders are h\_\_\_\_\_ not infallible

➤ Psalm 146:3-5; Jeremiah 17:5

King Solomon is encouraging us to seek the L\_\_\_\_\_ who is our ultimate righting of all wrongs.

**What are some ways we can seek the Lord for justice?**

- \*Pray honestly & s\_\_\_\_\_ \*Ask God for w\_\_\_\_\_ before asking for outcomes
- \*Align your actions with God's c\_\_\_\_\_ \*Trust God's timing
- \*Release what you cannot c\_\_\_\_\_

➤ Romans 12:17-19; Hebrews 4:16

**Where is the evidence of God's justice?**

- \*J\_\_\_\_\_; Genesis 50:20 \*P\_\_\_\_\_; 2 Timothy 4:18 \*J\_\_\_\_\_; John 16:33
- \*C\_\_\_\_\_; Revelation 21:1-4

**27 An unjust person is detestable to the righteous, and one whose way is upright is detestable to the wicked.**

**Main idea of this verse?**

➤ The conflict between the w\_\_\_\_\_ and the u\_\_\_\_\_!

**What is one thing both the righteous and the wicked have in common?**

➤ They both are d\_\_\_\_\_ with each other!

**Detestable:** something disgusting, an abomination

They don't merely disagree with one another's approach, they actively detest what they see.

**How can this be a problem for someone who is impressionable or lost?**

➤ May cause c\_\_\_\_\_ or spiritual b\_\_\_\_\_; 2 Corinthians 4:4

**Why is it dangerous to confuse righteousness and wickedness?**

- \*Blinds you to real d\_\_\_\_\_ \*Warps your conscience
- \*Allows harmful people to j\_\_\_\_\_ their actions \*Leads to injustice
- \*Damages our relationship with G\_\_\_\_\_

**Where else do we see this type of conflict at work around us?**

➤ The F\_\_\_\_\_ & The S\_\_\_\_\_; Galatians 5:16-25

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

**“God has a way of lining up the right people once you stop chasing the wrong attention.”**