

CHAPTER 10

THE proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son *is* the heaviness of his mother.

2. Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.

3 The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.

4. He becometh poor that dealeth *with* a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

5. He that gathereth in summer *is* a wise son: *but* he that sleepeth in harvest *is* a son that causeth shame.

6. Blessings *are* upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

7. The memory of the just *is* blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

8. The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.

9. He that walketh uprightly

walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

10. He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.

11. The mouth of a righteous *man is* a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

12. Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

13. In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod *is* for the back of him that is void of understanding.

14. Wise *men* lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish *is* near destruction.

15. The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city: the destruction of the poor *is* their poverty.

16. The labour of the righteous *tendeth* to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.

17. He *is in* the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth.

18. He that hideth hatred *with* lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, *is* a fool.

19. In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips *is* wise.

20. The tongue of the just *is as* choice silver: the heart of the wicked *is* little worth.

21. The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.

22. The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

23. *It is* as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.

24. The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.

25. As the whirlwind passeth, so *is* the wicked no *more*: but the righteous *is* an everlasting foundation.

26. As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so *is* the slug-gard to them that send him.

27. The fear of the LORD pro-longeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

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.

30. The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

31. The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.

32. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked *speaketh* frowardness.

CHAPTER 11

A FALSE balance *is* abomination to the LORD: but a just weight *is* his delight.

2. *When* pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly *is* wisdom.

3. The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

4. Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.

5. The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

6. The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in *their own* naughtiness.

7. When a wicked man dieth, *his* expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust *men* perisheth.

8. The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

9. An hypocrite with *his* mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

10. When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, *there is* shouting.

11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

12. He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

13 A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

14. Where no counsel *is*, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.

15. He that is surety for a stranger shall smart *for it*: and he that hateth suretiship is sure.

16. A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong *men* retain riches.

17. The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but *he that is* cruel troubleth his own flesh.

18. The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth

righteousness *shall be* a sure reward.

19. As righteousness *tendeth* to life: so he that pursueth evil *pur-sueth it* to his own death.

20. They that are of a froward heart *are* abomination to the LORD: but *such as are* upright in *their* way *are* his delight.

21. *Though* hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

22. As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, *so is* a fair woman which is without discretion.

23. The desire of the righteous *is* only good: *but* the expectation of the wicked *is* wrath.

24. There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and *there is* that withholdeth more than is meet, but *it tendeth* to poverty.

25. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

26. He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing *shall be* upon the head of him that selleth *it*.

27. He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

28. He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

29. He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool *shall be* servant to the wise of heart.

30. The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise.

31. Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.

CHAPTER 12

WHOSO loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof *is* brutish.

2. A good *man* obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

3. A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.

4. A virtuous woman *is* a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed *is* as rottenness in his bones.

5. The thoughts of the righteous *are* right: *but* the counsels of the wicked *are* deceit.

6. The words of the wicked *are* to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

7. The wicked are overthrown,

and *are* not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.

8. A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.

9. *He that is* despised, and hath a servant, *is* better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.

10. A righteous *man* regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked *are* cruel.

11. He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain *persons is* void of understanding.

12. The wicked desireth the net of evil *men*: but the root of the righteous yieldeth *fruit*.

13. The wicked is snared by the transgression of *his* lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.

14. A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

15. The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: but he that hear-keneth unto counsel *is* wise.

16. A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent *man* covereth shame.

17. *He that* speaketh truth

sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.

18. There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise *is* health.

19. The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue *is* but for a moment.

20. Deceit *is* in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace *is* joy.

21. There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.

22. Lying lips *are* abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly *are* his delight.

23. A prudent man concealeth

knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

24. The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.

25. Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.

26. The righteous *is* more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.

27. The slothful *man* roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man *is* precious.

28. In the way of righteousness *is* life; and *in* the pathway *thereof* *there is* no death.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

The tongue is a “little member” of the body (James 3:5), but is one that must be yielded to God as an instrument of righteousness (Romans 6:12,13). There are many references to the tongue in the Book of Proverbs. The wonderful gift of speech God has given us should be used for His glory, and should not be taken for granted or abused. The tongue should be used for the right purposes, but many times Satan gets hold of it and the results are devastating. More damage is probably done by the tongue in lives, homes, and churches than by any other means.

Note some of the correct purposes for use of the tongue: bringing peace to men (chapter 15:1,26); giving wise reproof to the erring (chapters 15:12; 28:23); delivering lost souls from hell (chapters 11:9; 14:3-5; 12:6); teaching people the things of the Lord (chapter 15:7; 16:21,23; 20:15); and carrying the good news of the Gospel (chapter 25:25).

Chapter 12:17-22 speaks of a lying tongue and, as we saw in chapter 6:16,17, God hates a lying tongue. Sometimes it is only covering sin in the heart, as was the case with Ananias and Sapphira, as related in Acts 5. Truth alone is eternal, but liars will be

revealed and judged in the last day. Lips can only utter words, but the deceit of lies comes forth from the heart. If the intent of the heart is evil, then evil statements will come forth from the lips. Proverbs 17:4 indicates that liars enjoy listening to liars. A man who enjoys listening to gossip is the man who gossips! All liars will be punished (Proverbs 19:5,9). This is so emphatic that it is repeated twice in these verses. Revelation 22:15 says that hell is waiting for the one who “loveth and maketh a lie.”

PROVERB FOR TODAY

“Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands” (Proverbs 14:1).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 24: For today’s memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

BASTILLE DAY.

EVENING STAR DAILY BIBLE

1918
THE BIRTHDAY OF ANN LANDERS.

1820
DR. FRANK JAMES ASCENDED PIKES PEAK.

I can hardly see the beauty of Pikes Peak and the Rocky Mountains without thinking of Psalms 121: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, Which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand, The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."

This has long been one of the favorites of the

Hyles family. It has been their custom for many years before they take a trip to ask God's blessings upon the trip and then when Dr. Jack Hyles flies he always begins his flight by quoting the last verse of this Psalm. Why not spend some time today looking at the beauties of nature and realizing that it is the handiwork of our Heavenly Father.

Also commit to memory the first two verses and the last verse of the 121st Psalm. If you have time, commit the entire Psalm to memory. It is one of the most beautiful.

ON THIS DATE IN
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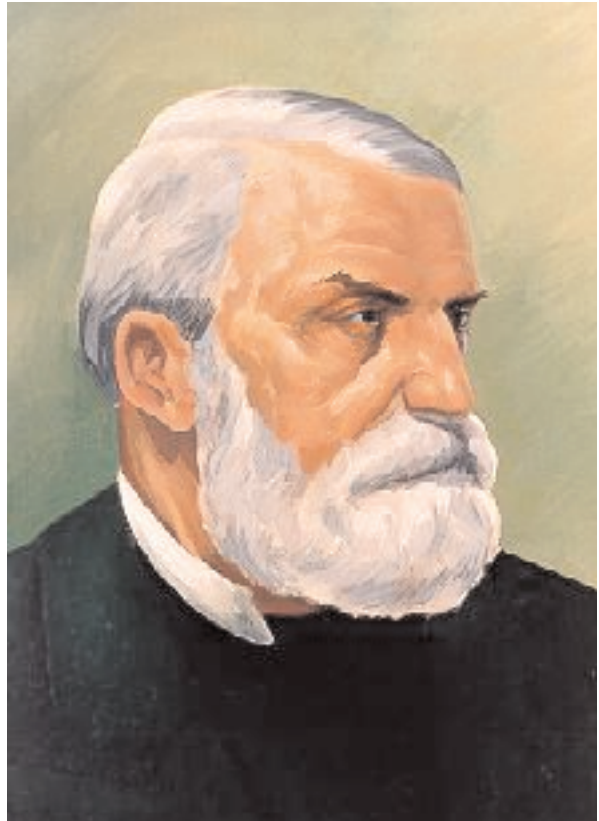
1948
ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI DEMOCRATS
BOLTED THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION
after adoption of a "strong" civil rights plank.

A Christian Life . . .

DWIGHT LYMAN MOODY (1837-1899)

An American evangelist. Dwight L. Moody was born in Northfield, Massachusetts. His father died when Dwight was four years of age. He left school at the age of 17 to find work. Moody was led to Christ by his Sunday School teacher, Edward Kimball, and later began his own Sunday School class with 13 street urchans. This class increased its enrollment to 1,500 in a period of four years.

Moody did personal work with the soldiers during the Civil War. After the War, he built churches and started the Moody Bible Institute. He traveled in Europe and America, holding campaigns, and personally dealt with over 750,000 individuals. He preached to more than 100,000,000 people, and had over 1,000,000 first-time conversions to Jesus Christ. His work continues today through the Moody Memorial Church and the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.



Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "I CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE"

(Assignment 24)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for the next seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning," page xiii near the front of this book.)

A closed book to every one before conversion.

() Romans 3:11

There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

It is spiritually discerned.

() 1 Corinthians 2:14

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

It may be foolish to the unsaved.

() 1 Corinthians 1:18

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Carnal mind at enmity with God.

() Romans 8:7

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

God's writings are strange to the lost.

() Hosea 8:12

I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing.