

LIVING WISELY IN GOD'S WORLD

PROVERBS 10

Welcome back to Kids' Church online

Last week we studied from the Book of Psalm (Psalm 23). If you recall it was written by King David. Well today we will be looking at the Book of Proverbs and this was written by King Solomon who happens to be King David's son! King Solomon was named as the wisest man of all time. He became the king over Israel at a young age and realizing the immense responsibilities of a king, he asked God for the wisdom to lead Israel. Before we start, let us pray.

Opening Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

We are grateful and thankful to you for our families, friends, roof over our heads, food on our tables and our health. You have indeed blessed us with more than we need or deserve. Help us to be mindful of those who are less fortunate than us, open our eyes and ears so we may be able to help them and show them Jesus' love and compassion. We continue to pray for our world and the current situation, and that you will deliver us all from it and give us your peace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



The Proverbs of Solomon Proverbs 10

<https://youtu.be/7CnpNH433vE>

What is a proverb?

A proverb is most often a phrase or saying that gives advice in an obscure / indirect way. Some examples are:

1) “*The early bird catches the worm.*”

You should wake up and start work early if you want to succeed.



2) “*Don't put all your eggs in one basket* “

Have a backup plan. Don't risk all of your money or time in one plan.



The bible has an entire chapter dedicated to Proverbs. We will be looking at Chapter 10 today. The primary purpose of this book of the bible is to teach wisdom to everybody, young and old. It provides deeper understanding and exceptional wisdom on how to live a happy and peaceful life, by honoring and respecting God as all-good and all-powerful. It is like an *instruction/ recipe book on Wisdom*.

Proverbs 10 New International Version (NIV)

Proverbs of Solomon

A wise son brings joy to his father,
but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.

Ill-gotten treasures have no lasting value,
but righteousness delivers from death.

The Lord does not let the righteous go hungry,
but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.

Lazy hands make for poverty,
but diligent hands bring wealth.

He who gathers crops in summer is a prudent son,
but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.

Blessings crown the head of the righteous,
but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked.^[a]

The name of the righteous is used in blessings,^[b]
but the name of the wicked will rot.

The wise in heart accept commands,
but a chattering fool comes to ruin.

Whoever walks in integrity walks securely,
but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.

Whoever winks maliciously causes grief,
and a chattering fool comes to ruin.

The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,
but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.

Hatred stirs up conflict,

but love covers over all wrongs.

Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning,

but a rod is for the back of one who has no sense.

The wise store up knowledge,

but the mouth of a fool invites ruin.

The wealth of the rich is their fortified city,

but poverty is the ruin of the poor.

The wages of the righteous is life,

but the earnings of the wicked are sin and death.

Whoever heeds discipline shows the way to life,

but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.

Whoever conceals hatred with lying lips

and spreads slander is a fool.

Sin is not ended by multiplying words,

but the prudent hold their tongues.

The tongue of the righteous is choice silver,

but the heart of the wicked is of little value.

The lips of the righteous nourish many,

but fools die for lack of sense.

The blessing of the Lord brings wealth,

without painful toil for it.

A fool finds pleasure in wicked schemes,

but a person of understanding delights in wisdom.

What the wicked dread will overtake them;

what the righteous desire will be granted.

When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone,

but the righteous stand firm forever.

As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes,

so are sluggards to those who send them.

The fear of the Lord adds length to life,

but the years of the wicked are cut short.

The prospect of the righteous is joy,

but the hopes of the wicked come to nothing.

The way of the Lord is a refuge for the blameless,

but it is the ruin of those who do evil.

The righteous will never be uprooted,

but the wicked will not remain in the land.

From the mouth of the righteous comes the fruit of wisdom,

but a perverse tongue will be silenced.

The lips of the righteous know what finds favor,

but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse.

Exploration of the bible passage

1) Have you noticed how frequent the words, **righteous/righteousness** appear in this bible passage?

See if you can spot them and let me know how many **verses** contain those words.



2) Righteousness result in **wonderful outcomes**- joy, life, wisdom and lots of blessings from God. The righteous even blesses others with their presence and actions. That is what Jesus instructed us to do, to share His love and His word.

What are some of the **negative outcomes** mentioned for the wicked?



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3) The other word that appears frequently in these verses are our **mouths**. That includes our lips and tongues. Why do you think this particular part of our body hold such importance that it is mentioned so many times. It appears almost as many times as the word righteousness?



Yes ...you guessed it our mouth/ tongue can do a lot of harm and damage easily if we do not control or guard it.

Can you list some of the damages mentioned in the passage or if you can think of anything else, please share.



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4) How do you think the wisdom of these proverbs might help you in your day to day lives.

Pick one of them and explain.

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