

Ecclesiastes

22 – Keep Your Mouth and Mind the King

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Ecclesiastes 9:15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man. **16** Then said I, Wisdom *is* better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom *is* despised, and his words are not heard. **17** The words of wise *men are* heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools. **18** Wisdom *is* better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good. **10:1** Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: *so doth* a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom *and* honour.

Ecclesiastes 10:8 He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him. **9** Whoso removeth stones shall be hurt therewith; *and* he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby. **10** If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom *is* profitable to direct.

Ecclesiastes 10:11 Surely the serpent will bite without enchantment; and a babler is no better. **12** The words of a wise man's mouth *are* gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself. **13** The beginning of the words of his mouth *is* foolishness: and the end of his talk *is* mischievous madness. **14** A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him? **15** The labour of the foolish wearith every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city. **16** Woe to thee, O land, when thy king *is* a child, and thy princes eat in the morning! **17** Blessed *art* thou, O land, when thy king *is* the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness! **18** By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through. **19** A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry: but money answereth all *things*. **20** Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

Proverbs 15:1 A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

Proverbs 29:2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

Ecclesiastes 2:1 I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also *is* vanity. **2** I said of laughter, *It is* mad: and of mirth, What doeth it? **3** I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what *was* that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

Ecclesiastes 6:1 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it *is* common among men: **2** A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this *is* vanity, and it *is* an evil disease.

Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart *is* not with thee.