Proverbs - Commentaries by Norman W. Berry

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V.13-20 Here is the happy side. There is no happy life like the life of a person who walks with the Lord. Because He only can give joy. Solomon could tell us what God had promised him, if he put the Lord first (1 Kings 3:11-13). Everything Solomon had, came from God.

V.21-26 A believer easily becomes upset if he is not fully trusting the Lord. These verses give us assurance that when the believer does live with a good conscience toward God, a quiet confidence in the Lord comes over him. When something happens suddenly; he is steady.

V.27-30 Our hearts are deceitful as well as suspicious, so we need to be simple and honest in our dealings with others.

V.31 Don't envy those who do wicked things and seem to get away with them.

V.33-35 It is a very great wickedness to be mocking others who want to please the Lord.

V.35 The wise will understand, and they will inherit glory!

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V.1-4 The early chapters of Proverbs show us that the fear of the Lord is the only sure way to be preserved from evil. For the believer, behavior is of the greatest importance. Not to get our blessings, but to enjoy them. Remember, the Lord Jesus had not yet come to earth when Proverbs was written.

V.5-8 When we trust in the Lord, we obey Him. And when we obey Him, we have confidence in Him. One is the fruit of the other. So here. How foolish to rely on our own thoughts.

V.7 Eve, in the garden, listened to this from Satan. And he has been deceiving people ever since.

V.9-10 These promises of prosperity were for Israel. But we can transfer these to spiritual riches.

V.11-12 Quoted in Hebrews 12:5-6 as applying to us. Today's verses have warning against two results which can come when the Lord allows troubles to come to us. First "despise not." Do not make light of them. Second do not be weary. Do not get down or depressed by them.

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King Lemuel's words are very important.

V.3 The man is the head of the family. When the wife tries to take over her husband's authority, there is always an unhappy home.

V.4-7 Drinking drowns, but it does not solve, life's problems — only Christ can.

V.8-9 If we opened our mouth instead for these things we would please the Lord.

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V.19 What truth in this verse!

V.23-31 Each verse contains so much good advice, and is so easy to understand, that comment is not necessary. Always remember that we believers can apply these Proverbs in two ways (A) as good advice for our daily living in this world. (B) Equally good for us when we make them spiritual lessons. For instance the 25th verse. The first interpretation is obvious; but applying it spiritually, we learn that a believer who delights to help others by encouraging them to look more to the Lord, is himself encouraged.

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We ask our children "Is it right or is it wrong to steal something in a store?" They know it is wrong. Yet there are many things in life which we believers sometimes are careless about. So God our Father takes a whole chapter to warn us of the dangers and sorrows which result from not distinguishing between right and wrong — between righteousness and doing what we want. God also points out the blessing and happiness which come from listening to, and obeying Him. But we can only prove this to be true by living it.

V.7-8 Look at these verses in two ways, (1) as referring to lost people who perish in contrast to the believer who will be in heaven, happy with Christ forever. Then also (2) as applying to your life as a believer. Though you may have many troubles, you will be kept calm, peaceful and happy by God if you are obedient to His Word. (Read John 13:17).

V.14 “Counsel” means “advice.” A believer who loves and follows the Lord will be a good counselor for you and me.

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