PROVERBS 27 vs 1

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These Proverbs were first read by the royal families; the House of Judah, who were the Praise of God; and the House of Israel those who claimed to be Ruled by God. In them, you clearly find the path of royalty juxtaposed with the path of royal jackasses -- both small and great. it is crystal clear royalty and people of privilege fell off the wagon; nevertheless, the Proverbs still speak to the way of the wrong, as well as the way of the right.



Proverbs concerning relation to life:

- ¹ Do not boast about tomorrow; for you do not know what a day might bring forth.
- ²Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.
- ³ A stone is heavy, and sand is weighty; but the wrath of a fool is heavier than both.
- ⁴ Wrath is fierce, and anger overwhelms; but who is able to withstand envy?
- ⁵ Better is open rebuke, than carefully concealed love.



- ⁶ Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.
- ⁷ The satisfied soul loathes a honeycomb; but to a hungry soul, every bitter thing is sweet.
- ⁸ As a bird that wanders from its nest, so is a man who wanders from his home.
- ⁹ Ointment and perfume gladden the heart: so a man's hearty counsel is sweet to his friend.
- ¹⁰ Do not abandon your own friend or your father's friend; do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity: better is a neighbor who is near, than a brother far away.

Here is a good caution against presuming upon time to come. Boast not of tomorrow, much less of many days or years to come. This does not forbid preparing for tomorrow, but we must not promise ourselves the extension of our lives and comforts till tomorrow, but speak of it with submission to the will of God. We must not put off the work of renovation, that needful thing till tomorrow, while it is called today. We know not what a day will bring, what event may be in the womb of time; it is a secret till it is born - Eccl. 11:5. God has wisely kept us in the dark concerning future events, and reserves to Himself its knowledge, that He train us in dependence on Himself and a continued readiness for every event – Matthew Henry.

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- ¹¹ Be wise my son, and make my heart glad, so I can answer any who reproach me.
- ¹² A wise man foresees evil, and takes cover; but the simple proceed, and pay the penalty.
- ¹³ Take his garment if you put up surety for a stranger; and for the adulterous, take a pledge.
- ¹⁴He who blesses his friend with a loud mouth, rising early in the morning, it will be counted as a curse to him.



- ¹⁵ A continual drip-dropping on a very rainy day; and a contentious woman are alike;
- ¹⁶ whoever restrains her, restrains the wind; like grasping with a greasy right hand.
- ¹⁷ As iron sharpens iron; so a man sharpens the presence of another.
- ¹⁸ Whoever guards the fig tree will eat its fruit: so he who waits on his boss will be enriched.
- ¹⁹ As in water, face reflects face, so the heart of man reflects man.
- ²⁰ Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied; nor are the eyes of man ever satisfied.

Two things are said to be insatiable; they are two things near of kin – death and sin. 1. **Death** is insatiable. The first death, the second death, both are so. The grave is not clogged with the multitude of dead bodies that are daily thrown into it; it still cries, "Give" "Give" . Hell also has enlarged itself, and still has room for the damned spirits that are committed to that prison. 2. **Sin** is insatiable: the eyes of man are never satisfied, nor the appetites of the carnal mind towards profit or pleasure. Men labor for what does not satisfy, such a perpetual uneasiness have men been doomed to ever since our first parents were not satisfied with all the trees of Eden, but they must meddle with the forbidden tree. Those whose eyes are ever toward the Lord, in Him are satisfied, and will be forever – Matthew Henry.

- ²¹ As the refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold; so a man is tried by his praise.
- ²² Though you grind a fool in mortar with a pestle, yet foolishness will not separate from him.
- ²³ Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, and look well to your herds;
- ²⁴ for riches are not forever: and the crown does not endure to every generation.



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²⁵ When hay is removed, and the new growth appears, and grains of the hills are gathered;

²⁶ the lambs supply your clothing, and the goats for the price of the field;

²⁷ there will be goats' milk enough for your food, and food for your household, and sustenance for your maidens.



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