

Proverbs

#10- Behind the Mask

Proverbs 25-27:6

Memory Verse

Proverbs 25:6 (NKJV) *Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, and do not stand in the place of the great.*

The Mystery of God

Proverbs 25:2 (NKJV) *It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.*

In God's word are many things concealed in parables, allegories, metaphors, similitudes, etc. And it is becoming the majesty of God so to publish his will, that it must be seriously studied to be understood, in order that the truth may be more prized when it is discovered.

Luke 8:9–10 (NKJV) *Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'*

***Deuteronomy 29:29** *The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.*

1 Corinthians 2:6–7 (NKJV) *However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,*

Deuteronomy 17:14–17 (NKJV) *"When you come to the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,' 15 you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. 16 But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the LORD has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.' 17 Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.*

Proverbs 25:3 *As the heavens for height and the earth for depth, So the heart of kings is unsearchable.*

1 Kings 4:29 (NKJV) *And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore.*

The Fool as Wise

Matthew 5:22 (NKJV) *But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.*

Proverbs 26:11–12 *As a dog returneth to his vomit, So a fool returneth to his folly. Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? There is more hope of a fool than of him.*

Matthew 7:6 (NKJV) *"Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.*

***Psalm 14:1** (NKJV) *The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good.*

Proverbs 26:4–5 (NKJV) *Do not answer a fool according to his folly, Lest you also be like him. Answer a fool according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own eyes.*

Proverbs 26:7–10 (NKJV) *Like the legs of the lame that hang limp Is a proverb in the mouth of fools. Like one who binds a stone in a sling Is he who gives honor to a fool. Like a thorn that goes into the hand of a drunkard Is a proverb in the mouth of fools. The great God who formed everything Gives the fool his hire and the transgressor his wages.*

Judges 21:25 (NKJV) *In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.*

1 Corinthians 1:20, 21 (NKJV) *Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.*

The Sluggard

Proverbs 26:13–16 (NKJV) *The lazy man says, "There is a lion in the road! A fierce lion is in the streets!" As a door turns on its hinges, So does the lazy man on his bed. The lazy man buries his hand in the bowl; It wearies him to bring it back to his mouth. The lazy man is wiser in his own eyes Than seven men who can answer sensibly.*

Proverbs 19:24 (NKJV) *A lazy man buries his hand in the bowl, And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.*

***Proverbs 15:19** (NKJV) *The way of the lazy man is like a hedge of thorns, But the way of the upright is a highway.*

Exodus 20: 9 *Six days you shall labor and do all your work,*

Romans 12:11 (NKJV) *not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;*

The Friend as Enemy

Proverbs 25:5 (NKJV) *Take away the wicked from before the king, And his throne will be established in righteousness. **Solomon's Purgings.***

Proverbs 25:6, 7 *Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, And do not stand in the place of the great; For it is better that he say to you, "Come up here," Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, Whom your eyes have seen.*

***Matthew 23:5–6** (NKJV) *But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments. 6 They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues,*

Luke 14:8–11 (NKJV) *"When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; 9 and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

The Enemy as Friend

Proverbs 26:17–23 (NKJV) *He who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own Is like one who takes a dog by the ears. Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death, Is the man who deceives his neighbor, And says, "I was only joking!" Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; And where there is no talebearer, [gossip or slanderer, lit. whisperer] strife ceases. As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife. The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, And they go down into the inmost body. Fervent lips with a wicked heart Are like earthenware covered with silver dross.*

Proverbs 27:5–6 (NKJV) *Open rebuke is better Than love carefully concealed. Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.*

***Job 5:17** (NKJV) *"Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects; Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty.*

Titus 1:12–13 (NKJV) *One of them, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." 13 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,*

2 Timothy 4:2 (NKJV) *Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.*