

Wisdom – Part 21

For a Prince
and a King

19:20-27 Call to hear

19:28-21:1 Personal Conduct

21:2-22:16 Personal Character

Proverbs for Solomon

My Son:
Thou, Thee,
Thy, Thine,
Thyself

A Study in Wisdom

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Chapter 20

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Last time

Chapter 19

16. 1--19. 19 (U², p. 877). THE PIOUS AND UN-
GODLY WITH REFERENCE TO GOD. THEIR
LIFE AND ACTION. (*Division.*)

U ²	Y ¹	16. 1-33. Personal confidence in God.
	Y ²	17. 1-28. Personal contentment and peace.
	Y ³	18. 1-24. Personal virtues in social life.
	Y ⁴	19. 1-19. Personal character. Humility, meek- ness, and gentleness.

Personal Character

- Personal walk: 1-3
- Living with wealth and poverty: 4,6,7
- Personal integrity as a witness: 5,9
- Personal wisdom and understanding: 8
- Personal discretion: 11,12
- Responsibility of parents: 13,14,18
- Need for good use of time: 15,16
- Responsibility to the poor: 17
- Responsibility to control anger: 19
- 19.20 – 24.34 For Solomon



Smite a scorner

Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge.¹ (Prov. 19:25 KJV)

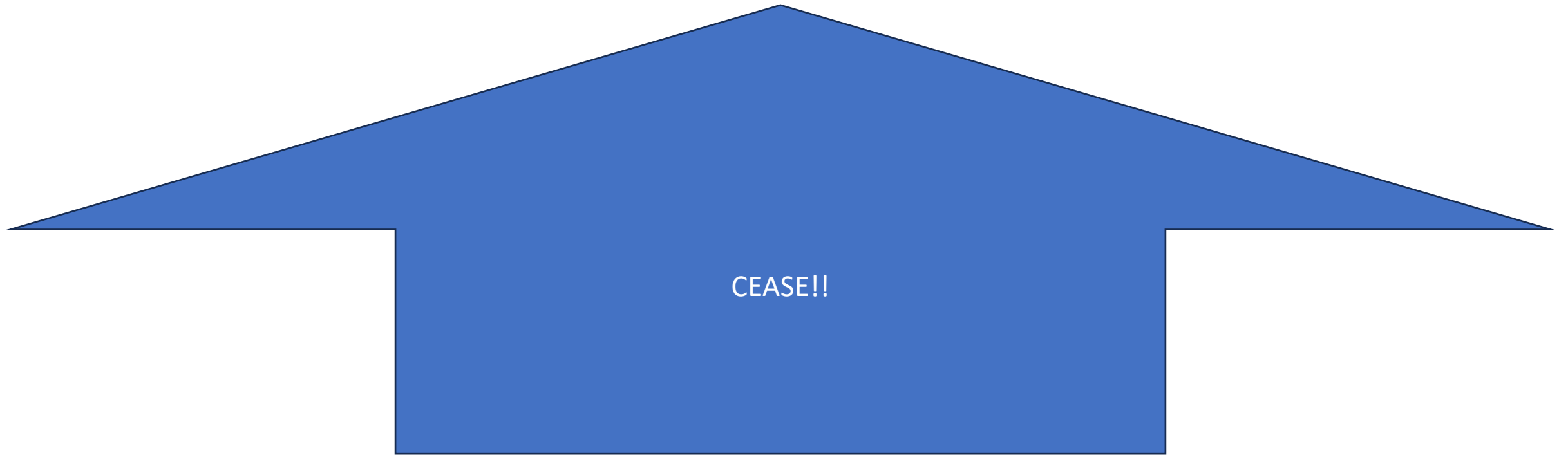
10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

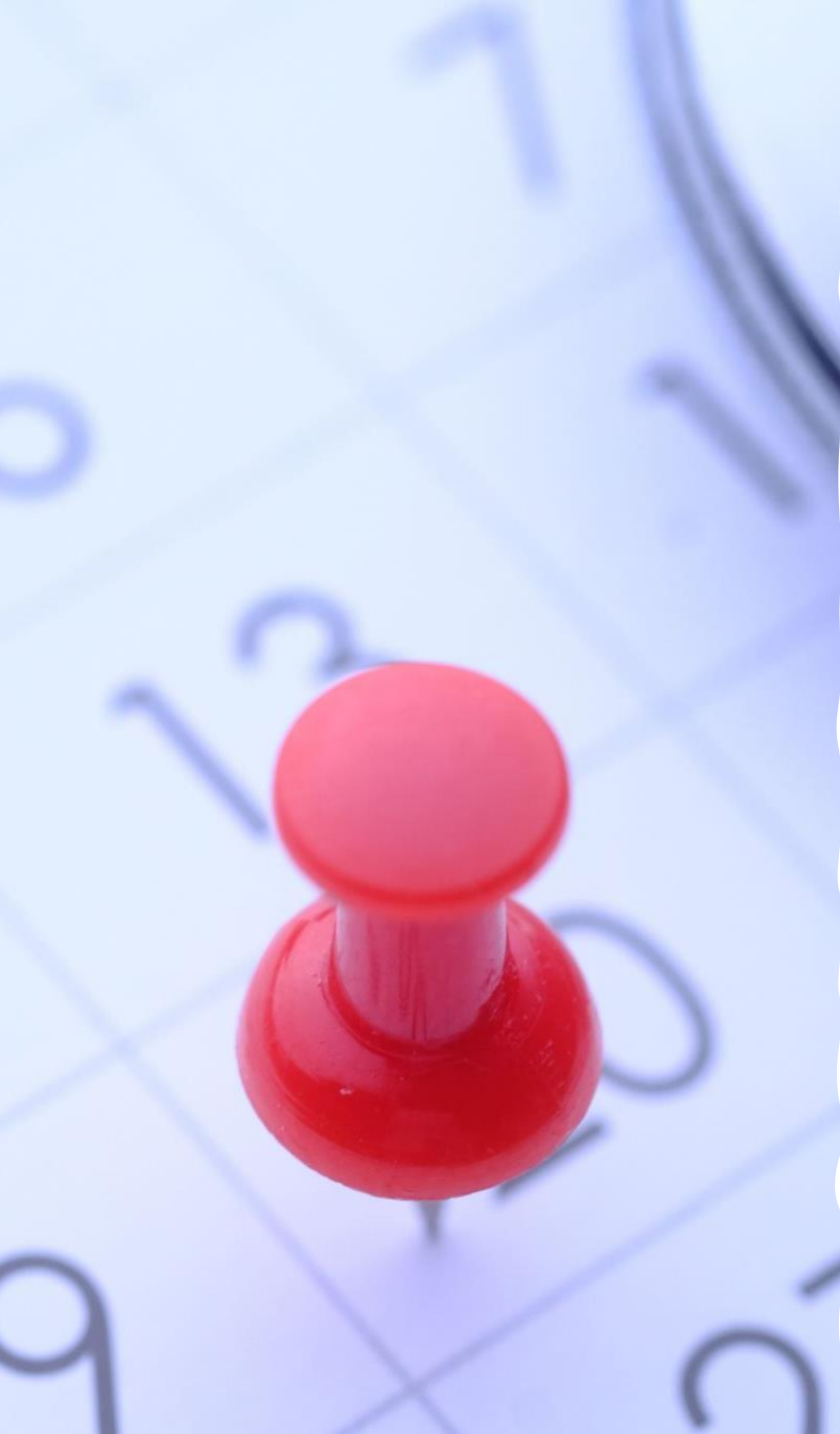
11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord. (Acts 13:10-12 KJV)

To SOLOMON

KJV Proverbs 19:27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.





Today



Companion
Bible
STRUCTURE

19. 20—24. 34 (**D**, p. 864). PROVERBS FOR SOLOMON (22. 17; 24. 23); **FOR A PRINCE AND A KING** (20. 2, 8, 26; 21. 1). **SECOND PERSON**. (See below.) (*Repeated and Extended Alternation.*)

D | A¹ | 19. 20-27. Call to hear.
 | B¹ | 19. 28—21. 1. Personal conduct.
 | C¹ | 21. 2—22. 16. Personal character.
A² | 22. 17-21. Call to hear.
 | B² | 22. 22-29. Personal conduct.
 | C² | 23. 1-21. Personal character.
A³ | 23. 22-25. Call to hear.
 | B³ | 23. 26-35. Personal conduct.
 | C³ | 24. 1-20. Personal character.
A⁴ | 24. 21, 22. Call to hear.
 | B⁴ | 24. 23-29. Personal conduct.
 | C⁴ | 24. 30-34. Personal character.

D is addressed to "MY SON" (19. 27; 23. 15, 19, 26; 24. 13, 21); and is all in the Second Person: "THOU" (19. 20; 22. 24, 25, 26, 27; 23. 1, 5, 6, 13, 14, 19, 31, 34; 24. 1, 10, 11, 12); "THEE" (22. 19, 20, 21, 27; 23. 7); "THY" (22. 18; 23. 16, 22, 25; 24. 10, 27, 34); "THINE" (23. 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 33); "THYSELF" (24. 27).



WINE in proverbs

Prov. 3:10; 4:17; 9:2, 5; 20:1;
21:17; 23:30-31; 31:4, 6

KJV Proverbs 20:1 Wine is a
mocker, strong drink is raging:
and whosoever is deceived
thereby is not wise. (Prov.
20:1 KJV)

17 He that loveth pleasure
shall be a poor man: he that
loveth wine and oil shall not
be rich.¹ (Prov. 21:17 KJV)

30 They that tarry long at
the wine; they that go to
seek mixed wine.

31 Look not thou upon the
wine when it is red, when it
giveth his colour in the cup,
when it moveth itself aright.

32 At the last it biteth like a
serpent, and stingeth like an
adder.¹

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(Prov. 23:31-32 KJV)

WINE ...

4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine;
nor for princes strong drink:

5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment
of any of the afflicted.¹

6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine
unto those that be of heavy hearts.¹

7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his
misery no more.

8 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are
appointed to destruction.¹ (Prov. 31:4-8 KJV)

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unto those that be of heavy hearts.¹

7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his
misery no more. (Prov. 31:6-7 KJV)

Paul and WINE

KJV Rom. 14:21 It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

KJV 1 Tim. 3:3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

KJV 1 Tim. 3:8 Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

KJV 1 Tim. 5:23 Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

KJV Tit. 1:7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

KJV Tit. 2:3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

Examples

20. 1 Wine. Heb. *yayin*. See Ap. 27. I.

is. Fig. *Metaphor*. Ap. 6. mocker = scoffer.

strong drink. Heb. *shēkār*. Ap. 27. IV

raging = a brawler.

is deceived = erreth. Heb. *shāgah* = to go astray. See note on 11. 18. Not the same word as in v. 17.

is not wise. Illustrations : Noah (Gen. 7. 1. Cp. 9. 20, 21); Nabal (1 Sam. 25. 36); Elah (1 Kings 16. 8-10); Ben-hadad (1 Kings 20. 16-21); Ephraim (Isa. 28. 7); Belshazzar, &c. (Dan. 5. Jer. 51. 39, 57); Nineveh (Nah. 1. 10); and probably Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10. 8, 9).

Salient verses

- It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling. (Prov. 20:3 KJV)

Effects on others

- 5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.
- 6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?1
- 7 The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him. (Prov. 20:5-7 KJV)

Justice and our need are clear

- 9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?
- 10 Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the LORD.1
- 11 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.
- (Prov. 20:9-11 KJV)



Genitive of origin

- 17 Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.¹ (Prov. 20:17 KJV)

Out of the mouth ...

15,19

- 17 Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.¹
- 18 Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.
- 19 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.¹
- 20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.¹
- (Prov. 20:17-20 KJV)



A romantic photograph of a bride and groom. The bride is on the left, wearing a white wedding dress and a crown of white baby's breath flowers. The groom is on the right, wearing a plaid shirt, and is kissing her on the cheek. The background is a bright, out-of-focus outdoor setting.

Rash promises are a trap

- 25 It is a snare to the man who devoureth that which is holy, and after vows to make enquiry. (Prov. 20:25 KJV)



Spirit of man = the candle of the LORD

- 27 The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.¹ (Prov. 20:27 KJV)