

Chapter 1 : Exodus 20 Commentary - The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge

*Proverbs King James Version (KJV). 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*

Hear the decrees and regulations I am giving you today, so you may learn them and obey them! Hebrew Horeb, another name for Sinai. He spoke to me, and I passed his words on to you. This is what he said: I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name. On that day no one in your household may do any work. This includes you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, your oxen and donkeys and other livestock, and any foreigners living among you. All your male and female servants must rest as you do. That is why the Lord your God has commanded you to rest on the Sabbath day. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you. He spoke with a loud voice from the heart of the fire, surrounded by clouds and deep darkness. This was all he said at that time, and he wrote his words on two stone tablets and gave them to me. Today we have seen that God can speak to us humans, and yet we live! If the Lord our God speaks to us again, we will certainly die and be consumed by this awesome fire. Then come and tell us everything he tells you, and we will listen and obey. If they did, they and their descendants would prosper forever. You must teach them to the people so they can obey them in the land I am giving them as their possession. Then you will live long and prosperous lives in the land you are about to enter and occupy. If you obey all his decrees and commands, you will enjoy a long life. Then all will go well with you, and you will have many children in the land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. It is a land with large, prosperous cities that you did not build. You will draw water from cisterns you did not dig, and you will eat from vineyards and olive trees you did not plant. When you take an oath, you must use only his name. His anger will flare up against you, and he will wipe you from the face of the earth. Then you will enter and occupy the good land that the Lord swore to give your ancestors. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me. The Lord our God is one Lord: And a large crowd from the town was with her.

**Chapter 2 : Proverbs He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD.**

*Verse - Death and life are in the power of the tongue; literally, in the hand of the tongue. The tongue, according as it is used, deals forth life or death; for speech is the picture of the mind (comp. Proverbs ; Proverbs ).*

The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips. Play Audio Wise men cannot hide their wisdom; it is obvious by their speech. Wise men do not waste their wisdom; they teach their mouths and lips to speak kindly and profitably. How a man talks says more about his degree of wisdom or folly than any other action. Fools cannot hide their stupidity, for their words reveal their folly quickly and surely Ec Reader, do you desire to be great in the sight of God and men? Success requires a good and honest heart, where all the issues of life begin Pr 4: The noble, pure, and wise intentions in the heart will soon teach and transform the rest of the person, especially speech. Because words are so obvious to others and carry such an impact for good or evil, excellent speech is a high goal of a person seeking to be great. Are you a tree of life? God gave you a tongue for more than passing food down your throat. How well do you use it? Your tongue can do great good or harm, and God and men will reward you accordingly Pr Excellent words are beautiful things that men love Pr Do you limit your words? A wise man knows the danger of much speaking Pr He knows even a fool appears wise, when he is silent Pr Are you slow to speak? God gave you two ears and one mouth, so be quick to hear and slow to speak Jas 1: Hasty speech will make you worse than a fool Pr Do you study before speaking? Blurting out thoughts or talking in the heat of emotion is foolish. You should hear the whole matter and study before speaking Pr Do you love graciousness? Do you teach others? When you speak, you should communicate certain words of truth Pr Your goal is to edify or build others up Pr Are you a good comforter? Do not be merry around those cast down Pr Comfort the feebleminded I Thess 5: Do you hate foolish talking and jesting? God hates the inane cackling of fools, and He will judge the world for their sitcoms and such a waste of speech Eccl 7: Are you guardian of the reputations of other men? Hate backbiting, slander, talebearing, and whispering Pr 6: Do not do these sins, and stop them in others Pr In order to have good speech, you must first cleanse the heart, which is the source of your words. If you do not make the heart good, your words will never be good. Confess your foolish and evil thoughts to God, and pray for Him to help you guard your lips Ps Then you need to fill your heart with the pure words of scripture to have beautiful and helpful things to say Pr

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*15 The heart of the understanding one acquires knowledge,+ And the ear of the wise seeks to find knowledge.*

Play Audio Two kinds of people can ruin your life. It is wisdom to avoid these obnoxious persons, and it is also wisdom to not be like them! God inspired the prophet Agur to warn you about both kinds of people. Learn to identify and avoid them; learn to hate their ways. The prophet Agur taught Ithiel and Ucal practical wisdom by several sets of four things Pr Here are the last two of four things that ruin earthly peace and make life miserable, for mankind cannot bear either of these two despicable persons Pr The first culprit is a disagreeable, offensive, and repulsive wife, which ruins the blessing of marriage and tortures the man she took victim. The sex and institution designed for his peace and pleasure become the source of his pain and problems. Many men have fallen into this trap and been held by rusty steel claws for the duration of their miserable lives. But a bad wife is one of its greatest frustrations, for she perverts the purpose for her existence and of marriage itself. A man eagerly gives up his freedom as a single man to marry his chosen bride, only to discover with this wretch a painful life of daily torment. Honest reader, you have seen this creature many times. Outside your family, if you travel much in public, you have seen other henpecked husbands living out their shame with her in public. Do you pity him? Do you despise her? Solomon observed odious women and wrote several warnings about them. Since his main purpose was to guide his son to a successful and prosperous life, he knew the importance of saving him from a woman that would destroy his soul, strength, success, and reputation. While most women dislike these warnings, virtuous women love them. What is an odious woman? Odious means deserving of hatred, hateful; causing or exciting hatred or repugnance, disagreeable, offensive, repulsive; exciting odium. This hateful creature is a woman that has forsaken her Creator, His wise design of her sex, and His commandments for her role in marriage. Her contrariness is confusion itself! She always has an opinion, whether asked for or not. She will interrupt any conversation, no matter how important, to offer her two cents or to correct irrelevant facts. She objects to anything suggested or planned, unless she is the center of it. You have seen her, heard her, and smelled her Pr You can eliminate body odor with a bath or cover it with perfume, but a man cannot hide his odious wife in public, for she cannot stop her irritating ways Pr Her speech, body language, facial expressions, constant opinions, and many other faults make it obvious to all that there goes a man that made a fatal mistake in courtship. Solomon concluded that it was better for a man to live alone in the wilderness or on his roof than to cohabit with this woman Pr What is the lesson? It is found in four words “when she is married. Odious women are deceitful and selfish enough to alter their conduct during courtship or dating. This is how they set the hook or trap. A man must proceed very slowly, testing her many times to see if he can smell any smoke, for once he has committed to marriage it is too late to escape. The other culprit to peace and prosperity of man is a handmaid that is heir to her mistress. Since modern times allow very few the luxury and privilege of domestic servants, it may be hard to immediately grasp the warning and lesson here. For the sake of the wisdom intended, you should transfer the warning primarily to modern employment situations. In the past, when a servant gained position or privilege comparable to her mistress, it would not be long before her attitude and conduct would degenerate due to pride and presumption. God ordained order in society by different roles for the various participants; when these roles are modified or reversed, trouble surely follows Pr Sarah and Hagar illustrate the point. Sarah in desperation for a child gave her handmaid Hagar to Abraham as a wife Gen Abraham by the direction of God had to throw her and her son out to restore peace. For this reason, Paul charged Timothy not to ordain young or inexperienced men to the ministry, for the lofty position would tempt them to the sin that destroyed the devil “pride I Tim 3: Reader, if you have been promoted rapidly by economics or management, make sure your humility and thankfulness increase as you rise, not the other way around. Keep your heart with all diligence, lest the favor of upward mobility corrupt your heart, mind, and performance. Your examples should be Joseph, David, and Daniel. Promoted far beyond their peers and made nearly equal or actually equal to the king, they never lost sight of their position as servants, and it was this very attitude that made them great in the sight of God and men. Better yet, consider Jesus Christ.

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*21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it and indulge it will eat its fruit and bear the consequences of their words.*

God takes care of his own, even while they sleep. So bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. Save whatever is left and keep it until morning. So they saved it until morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink or get maggots in it. You will not find any of it on the ground today. Six days you are to gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any. Bear in mind that the LORD has given you the Sabbath; that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Everyone is to stay where he is on the seventh day; no one is to go out. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor the alien within your gates, so that your manservant and maidservant may rest, as you do. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience. Then the poor among your people may get food from it, and the wild animals may eat what they leave. Do the same with your vineyard and your olive grove. But in the seventh year the land is to have a sabbath of rest, a sabbath to the LORD. Do not sow your fields or prune your vineyards. Do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the grapes of your untended vines. The land is to have a year of rest. Whatever the land yields during the sabbath year will be food for you--for yourself, your manservant and maidservant, and the hired worker and temporary resident who live among you, as well as for your livestock and the wild animals in your land. Whatever the land produces may be eaten. Then the land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill and live there in safety. You may ask, "What will we eat in the seventh year if we do not plant or harvest our crops? While you plant during the eighth year, you will eat from the old crop and will continue to eat from it until the harvest of the ninth year comes in. Brian Kluth is a leading spokesperson nationally and internationally on issues of Biblical generosity. He is the former national president of the Christian Stewardship Association, a branch of the National Association of Evangelicals. He has ministered across America and on 5 continents. His written materials have been distributed to more than , Christian leaders in more than countries. If you have not already done so, plan on signing up for a Crown week financial Bible study with this church. Crown Financial Ministries [www.crownfinancialministries.com](http://www.crownfinancialministries.com). Crown offers excellent website resources, articles, financial calculators on their website , books, small group financial Bible studies, radio programs and volunteer budget counselors. This nationwide organization with offices in 15 cities offers financial counsel, investment management, estate planning, tax services, charitable giving counsel. They especially specialize in assisting individuals with a high net worth. Sound Mind Investing [www.soundmindinvesting.com](http://www.soundmindinvesting.com). Provides solid advice on investment strategies. Helpful articles and resources on Biblical generosity, debt reduction, and financial freedom. Resources and conferences for those who want to deepen their commitment to Biblical generosity and increase their giving to advance the kingdom of God. Counseling and assistance with debt and credit card problems. To purchase the required reprint permission, go to the products page on this website [www.crownfinancialministries.com](http://www.crownfinancialministries.com).

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*Proverbs Context. 18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty. 19 A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city: and their contentions are like the bars of a castle.*

Death and life are in the power of the tongue. The power of speech Of all the powers that man possesses there is scarcely any more awful than the power of speech. It is a God-like power. Human speech is no mere evolution from the cry of the animals. Speech became possible on the earth only when on the earth there appeared one into whom the Divine Spirit had breathed the breath of life, and made him a living soul. It is because the origin of speech is Divine that words have such awful power. Consider what a word is. Nothing feebler, nothing more evanescent, can be conceived. Yet that word can make or mar a human life; that word can fill a home with gladness or despair. Death is in the power of the tongue. How significant it is of the fallen condition of our race that death should here be put first! To prove the truth of our text, let us take some illustrations of the death-dealing power of the tongue. Take the deadly power of careless, vain, frivolous words. How much harm is done by the light and careless conversation even of Christian people about religion! How much damage is done by the far too common habit of jesting with Scripture! Such a habit induces irreverence, and lays the foundation for irreligion. Take the deadly power of mocking words. A gibe, a sneer, cuts many a man like a knife. By the mocking words of companions many a soul who has just escaped has been forced back into the bondage of sin, and driven to a Christless grave. As a graver illustration of the same thing, take the power of false words. While open and deliberate lying is reprobated by all, many have not a sufficient sense of the mischief wrought by falsehood and insincerity of speech. Every lie begets other lies; and from the thoughtless exaggerations of conversation to the deliberate perjury, which has in our day become so common in our law courts, the descent is quick and easy. A still more serious illustration of the death-dealing power of the tongue is seen in connection with slander. So it is in the power of slanderous words to inflame hearts, to fever human existence, to poison human society at the fountain springs of life. But the supreme illustration of the death-dealing power of the tongue is found in indecent words. The man of indecent speech may be compared with the murderer. The one destroys the body, the other destroys the soul. If we would execrate the man who in the time of pestilence would smear the walls of a city with plague-poison, what shall we say of the man who defiles the temple of the soul with his indecent speech? To thousands and tens of thousands indecent speech is the revelation of a world of wickedness previously unknown. By it the imagination is defiled, the corrupt nature set on fire, the barriers that guard purity broken down, and the soul led to absolute ruin. Life is in the power of the tongue. When the tongue is consecrated, when it is guided and controlled by a heart full of the Holy Ghost, it becomes a mighty power to destroy the works of the devil. Grave and gracious speech takes the place of careless, light, and frivolous speech. Our words lead seekers to Christ, in Him to find eternal life. Comforting and encouraging words take the place of mocking words. The power of words of comfort to encourage those who are sorrowing and desponding is simply marvellous. They literally bring life to the soul. Kind words take the place of cruel words. Every kind word that is uttered makes this world more like heaven. For where slander begets hate, kindness begets love. True words go forth to do battle against the falsehoods of which the earth is full. Every true word that is spoken binds human society more closely together, and makes the burden of life easier to bear. And then pure words go forth to enlighten and purify and cleanse lives darkened and debased and defiled by the evils of the world. Before the man of pure speech the indecent man hides himself. Purity is like the sunlight. When it is let in upon the mind the evil and unclean things which dwell there flee, as noisome creatures under a stone flee from the light of day. But what is true of the tongue is true also of the pen. Literature to-day has a tremendous power. And who doubts that in countless instances it is a power making for death? The power of the tongue The faculty of speech is one of the very highest faculties with which we have been endowed. Great is its value to man as an intelligent and social being, and great is the weight of responsibility which is implied by the impression of it. See the truth of the text in its application to the present life. As a maxim of common prudence the words deserve attention. There are some persons who never speak well of others. And fatal often is their cruel activity.

Reverse the picture, and see happiness smiling about the man who speaks of others in the language of justice, and gentleness, and charity. Wherever he can he will bear his testimony to the integrity and good character of others. But our proverb does not merely apply to extreme cases, such as these. When a man speaks in mere thoughtlessness, there may be those hearing him on whom his very random words may be falling as a balm, or as a poison. If we set any value upon the happiness and comfort of others, it becomes us to set a watch over our mouth. What we say is a most important influence on our own condition in this world, because our condition is greatly affected by what others think of us, and we know full well that it is not easy to struggle against the difficulties created by a bad character. The estimation in which we are held is very greatly affected by our words. See the truth of the text in its bearing upon our spiritual condition. But life, too, is in the power of the tongue. The cause of God has never been without its noble band of witnesses. Important, however, as may be the effects of what we say on others, they cannot be greater than they are upon ourselves. A word may determine our condition for ever. Prayers, praises, and holy conversation, cannot be in vain--nor can curses, and railing, and idle talk, be in vain. It is greatly to be feared that we may find much that is amiss in ourselves, when we press our consciences with the question, Have we acted as those who believed that death and life are in the power of the tongue? The tongue, or well-speaking. As in the physical, so in the moral, the tongue is the criterion of the hidden and eternal man. Self-government alone can conform men to Christ, and there is no self-government where the tongue is untamed. The tongue is a great blessing. The gift of speech is a valuable boon. The animal creation have it not. Spirit speaks through clay. Blessed boon, the gift of speech! The tongue is the servant of the heart. Strictly, the tongue never speaks at random. The tongue is the criterion of the moral man. A diseased or healthy heart is thereby truthfully advertised. While the mind is the standard of the man, the tongue is the standard of the mind. Idle words betray a mind waste, worthless, and uncultivated; severe words, a mind savage and malicious; angry words, a mind set on fire of hell; whispering words, a mind cast in the mould of Judas; boasting or disparaging words, a mind stuffed with self-conceit; false and deceitful words, a mind which he who was a liar from the beginning has usurped as his pleasure-ground. Thus our daily sayings are our daily selves, and our words testify our inmost thoughts. The tongue spoiled by sin is emphatically the stronghold of Satan. No member of the body has done Satan more service than the tongue. Through all generations, how many of the best and most useful men have been assailed by calumnies. The sensual tongues, the flattering tongues, the sceptical tongues of bad men, and the strife of tongues among good men, have shown Satan to be the lord of language. The tongue can only be cured by the habitual contemplation of Christ. It is by looking unto Him, the author and finisher of our faith, by closely studying His excellences, and getting full of His Spirit, that we effectually keep the door of our lips against every ungodly and unamiable intruder. The tongues of Christians should be eminently instructive. They should also be comforters. And they should be, at proper times, reprovers. Keep the door of your lips. Be slow to speak, slow to wrath. The use and abuse of speech. Religion requires much more than mere outward decency or refinement of manners. We gather from Scripture that we should order our speech with a view to the benefit of our fellow-creatures and the promotion of the glory of God. We must have regard to the moral character and consequences of our speech. Many people abuse the power of the tongue so incessantly that they cease to be aware what a depraved state of heart is thereby indicated. Inasmuch as God hears and notes our sayings, we bring good or evil upon our souls according to the manner in which the power of the tongue is employed. Speech forms part of character.

**Chapter 6 : Proverbs KJV - Death and life are in the power of the - Bible Gateway**

*Proverbs Life and death are in the power of the tongue " Are brought upon men by the good or bad use of their tongues; and they that love it " Namely, the tongue; that love much talking; shall eat the fruit thereof " Shall receive either good or evil according to the quality of their speeches.*

The faith teachers interpret this in a metaphysical sense instead of using a biblical interpretation. Lets read the whole portion of Scripture to gain the context. Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit. Not because they control reality from their words but because what one says can affect others " words can hurt ones emotions or build them up. In fact this is the context as he starts with v. The ultimate sense of Proverbs The verse can be attributed to Solomon being the king and in a practical sense he has the power to pronounce death or life condemnation or pardon over his subjects. In the same manner Pilate said when he spoke to Jesus he has the power of life and death. That his life was his decision As a ruler in authority, in a certain sense over sinful man he did but not over the Son of God. Jesus affirmed that it is which comes out of the mouth, defiles a man. Not what goes in as in eating food. Here again is the fruit from our speaking. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. The heart was considered the seat of our emotions. The heart is called the center of our spiritual activity, of all the operations of human life. But it is not speaking of the physical heart but mans spirit. The fruit of our words can do good or harm emotionally just as our actions can affect someone physically Matt A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. In other words is a man speaking what is righteous and true or unrighteous and false will affect others. What we speak affects people can affect their perceptions, even affect their circumstances. But nowhere does the Bible teach or mean that as believers we can speak things into existence. We need to look at a better explanation for this than to rely on those who want power. If this were true no faith teacher would be sick or die if life is in their tongue. Are Life and death in mans words. When Jesus cursed the fig tree He spoke out loud but He did not pray. He instructs us to pray showing that we do not have the power to do what he did by speaking. This ability is reserved for God alone, not man. Romans 4 is used as an example of the power we believers have - just like God. The Faith teachers will quote the end of Romans 4: It should be obvious, this verse is a reference to God and is reserved for Him alone who was able to speak things into existence. This exalts us to godhood, which has no biblical precedent. We find no apostle practicing what faith teachers teach as standard biblical doctrine. Did God create the universe by speaking words? The answer is yes and no. Some of the things God made were spoken into existence but not all of them. God spoke and things were created but this was not done by faith but because of whom God is. He alone is the one who existed in eternity past long before anything was made. He alone is all powerful and all knowing is the cause of all things existing. There is, after all, only one God, who alone is capable of calling what is not into existence Isaiah Ask yourself, have you seen anyone who claims to have this same ability do any of these things today? They are claiming to have the same ability. Notice that there were some things God made that were not spoken into existence. For example the heavens and the earth in Gen. This would include all the angelic creatures that inhabited heaven. All things find their source in God he holds incomprehensible power that cannot be apprehended by man. Nothing came into existence without him, He is the source of all and upholds all Col. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. That is the difference between God and man. Have you ever seen anyone speak something into existence at the moment they spoke? No you have not and all you have heard is them tell you that they or you can have this power. These are empty promises. Jesus said out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. But he never said that they come true. It does not mean whatever is spoken changes another person or the world around you. Lets look at some of the Scriptures pertaining to our speaking. There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise promotes health. The tongue can be uses as a poison or medicine. Just as James says but there is no evidence from the Scripture to believe any word spoken good or evil will come to pass because of any supernatural faith power contained in them. It is what the recipient

makes of the words they hear. You can repeat a scripture over and over believing it but this does not mean it will take place, because there is still the will of God that controls things that will or will not happen. Power does not reside in the words we speak. We are to have understanding. Many people overcome ill words that were spoken to them. Many people believe something with their whole heart and it does not happen. What you believe that affects how you live. You can believe the truth or a lie. Believing in the truth will bring understanding. If one has a bone deficiency they do not go to the doctor and ask him to speak pleasant words for their healing. Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, but he who regards a rebuke will be honored. I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, and when you run, you will not stumble. Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; keep her, for she is your life. But this is not a general promise to all. How do we know this? Look at the examples of the apostles, all had their life cut short, except one. Look at the prophets and their lives; it was not comfortable but trials in life forged their faith Heb. To despise His instruction is to love death more than the life God gives to those who surrender to His lordship blessings. God has a much to say about our speech, our tongue. For by me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you. He who despises the word will be destroyed, but he who fears the commandment will be rewarded. The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death. For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men. They speak idly everyone with his neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak. To walk in the truth is to walk in his word with understanding who He is and who we are in relationship to Him. Copyright c No portion of this site is to be copied or used unless kept in its original format in the way it appears. Articles can be reproduced in portions for ones personal use, any other use is to have the permission of the author first. If you would like to Support We would like to hear from you. Our time is valuable just as yours is. Please keep in mind, we only have time to answer sincere inquiries. We will use discretion in answering any letters.

**Chapter 7 : Death and life are in the power of the tongue.â€• Proverbs - 21**

*Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.*

Comparisons of Wisdom What is a proverb? First, what it is not - a proverb is not a promise or saying definitely guaranteeing the outcome that is being discussed See MacArthur below. Second, proverb is the Hebrew word mashal which means comparison, similar, parallel. In short, a proverb is a figure of speech in which the author uses comparison in order to present a pithy, poignant observation or instruction. A proverb is a timeless truth in the form of a simple illustration that exposes a fundamental reality of life. Proverbs are practical not theoretical , easy to memorize Are you practicing the discipline of Biblical memorization? Are the Proverbs guaranteed Promises? John MacArthur offers a good perspective: A final area of challenge comes in understanding that proverbs are divine guidelines and wise observations, i. These expressions of general truth cf. God does not guarantee uniform outcome or application for each proverb, but in studying them and applying them, one comes to contemplate the mind of God, His character, His attributes, His works, and His blessings. All of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge expressed in Proverbs are hidden in Christ Col. Proverbs are simple, moral statements or illustrations that highlight and teach fundamental realities about life. The sum of this wisdom is personified in the Lord Jesus Christ 1Cor. Proverbs is the most intensely practical book in the Old Testament because it teaches skillful living in the multiple aspects of everyday life. Its specific precepts include instruction on wisdom and folly, the righteous and the wicked, the tongue, pride and humility, justice and vengeance, the family, laziness and work, poverty and wealth, friends and neighbors, love and lust, anger and strife, masters and servants, life and death. Proverbs touches upon every facet of human relationships, and its principles transcend the bounds of time and culture. Talk thru the Bible Theme of Proverbs: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge. Fools despise wisdom and instruction. The Septuagint rendering amplifies the meaning of Pr 1: Notice that "fools" are equated with the ungodly. It is like a child who fears disappointing their father or losing his approval and thus it is a "healthy" fear, good for our "spiritual health!

**Chapter 8 : Proverbs - The tongue has the power of life and death, and**

*No wonder there is attached to Solomon's proverbs the wisdom of King Lemuel's mother, who provided a detailed list of the character of a virtuous woman - the opposite of the odious woman (Pr ).*

**Chapter 9 : Proverbs for Living**

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