

THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON

PART 5: LOVING ONE'S NEIGHBOR

Introduction:

1. Three things are necessary to possessing true wisdom:
 - a. A proper knowledge of God
 - b. A proper respect for parents
 - c. A proper understanding of the world
2. Proverbs provides wisdom that covers a wide variety of experiences in life.
3. Throughout chapters 10 – 29, many lessons can be learned about how to treat one's fellow man (cf. Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22:38-40; Romans 13:9; Galatians 5:14; James 2:8).

I. Three Foundational Principles

- A. 16:3 – Commitment to the Lord
- B. 27:1 – Focus on the present (cf. James 4:13; Matthew 6:34)
- C. 12:1 – Openness to instruction
 1. 15:32 – for our souls
 2. 28:9 – for our prayers
 3. 28:14 – for our happiness
 4. 28:26 – for our deliverance
 5. 29:18 – for our salvation

II. Principles for Loving One's Neighbor

- A. 10:12 – Cover sin
- B. 11:12 – Hold your peace
- C. 11:24-25 – Give
- D. 14:21 – Show mercy
- E. 14:29 – Have patience
- F. 15:17 – Fellowship
- G. 17:5 – Empathize (cf. 24:17-18; Matthew 25:31-46)
- H. 17:9 – Support
- I. 17:14 – Make amends (cf. 17:19; 18:19)
- J. 17:17 – Be friendly (cf. 18:24)
- K. 19:17 – Help
- L. 20:3 – Mind your own business (cf. 26:17; 2 Thessalonians 3:11; 1 Tim. 5:13)
- M. 20:19 – Guard against troublemakers
- N. 20:22 – Do not seek revenge (cf. 24:29; Romans 12:19)
- O. 21:13 – Show compassion
- P. 22:9 – Be charitable
- Q. 25:17 – Do not wear out your welcome
- R. 25:21-22 – Love your enemies (cf. Romans 12:20)
- S. 26:18 – Act honestly
- T. 27:4 – Avoid envy
- U. 27:5 – Express affection
- V. 27:6 – Seek to correct wrongs
- W. 27:9 – Give good counsel
- X. 27:14 – Be considerate
- Y. 27:17 – Be a true friend