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(#44) The Proverbs of Solomon 11:20-21-Is Anything "Right or Wrong?"

Since God Created humans, only God can provide specific understanding of human behavior. God gave Solomon Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**) to explain what and why behavior is as it is, and **Proverbs 10:1 - 24:34** are randomly written, as if they were Judgments Solomon made about individual cases brought to him for Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**), or simply God-given explanations about life. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 11:20-21:

Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to the LORD, but the blameless in their ways are His delight. 21 Though they join forces, the wicked will not go unpunished; but the posterity of the righteous will be delivered.

The God-drawn line between right and wrong, good and bad, righteous and unrighteous, perverse and blameless remains clear to God, despite human efforts to cloud the issue. Other proverbs that teach this include:

- **Proverbs 15:9**: "The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, but He loves him who follows righteousness;"
- **Proverbs 15:26**: "The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD, but the words of the pure are pleasant."

There are many who, in their arrogant wickedness, seem to be asking: "Who is the LORD, that He can tell me what's 'right' and 'wrong?'" When the most powerful king of his day, "Pharaoh said, 'Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go'" (**Exodus 5:2**), then ten plagues later, and after the destruction of his kingdom, Pharaoh had found out! No matter who challenges God's "right" to rule, no one has been left standing who did!

God has been, and still is, always delighted with "the blameless." "Blameless" simply describes the condition of not being condemned by the rules. Under Moses' Law, priests in the temple were (**Matthew 12:5**); Zacharias and Elizabeth were (Luke 1:5-6); Saul of Tarsus was (Philippians 3:4-7). Jesus' Cross and Gospel are to let sinners who obey become "blameless" (**Philippians 2:14-16**; **Colossians 1:21-23**; **1 Thessalonians 3:12-13**; **5:23**).



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Note that "The LORD is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him" ([Nahum 1:7](#)), this last phrase is quoted by Paul in [2 Timothy 2:19](#) as still being true!

A union of sinners, expressed as to "join forces" (literally, hand to hand), cannot overpower God's line of "righteousness." This is repeated in [Proverbs 16:5](#):
Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; though they join forces, none will go unpunished.

God's line between "right and wrong" has never, and will never be, outvoted, overpowered, outlasted, or outdone! There is no strength of numbers great enough to change, alter, shrink, or erase God's dividing line of morals!

God finds abominable everyone who teaches otherwise! [Proverbs 17:15](#):
He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD.

The prophet, Isaiah, was inspired to decry:
Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! ([Isaiah 5:20](#))

Jesus Christ reflected this teaching in [Luke 16:15](#):
And He said to them, 'You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.'

The only hope for anyone is to recognize that there is a difference between "good and evil," admit it if you are found on the wrong side, repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ "for the remission of sins" ([Acts 2:38](#)).

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