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(#81) The Proverbs of Solomon 14:9- Don't Drown In A Rainstorm!

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 14:9:

Fools mock at sin, but among the upright there is favor.

To "mock" is to scoff at like a child, childish ridicule, or taunt someone else. Jesus showed a lack of planning ahead opens one to mocking (**Luke 14:25-33**), but this was falsely heaped upon Jesus, Himself, by the soldiers who crucified Him (**Matthew 20:17-19**), for Jesus had, indeed, planned ahead for His cross (**Mark 8:31-33**). Zophar, misrepresenting Job, asked, "When you mock, should no one rebuke you?" (**Job 11:3**) Job, defending God, retorted, "Can you mock Him as one mocks a man?" (**Job 13:9**) Mocking men is childish, but mocking God is insane!

The Apostle Paul used the word "mock," (turn up the nose) to press the issue:
Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. (**Galatians 6:7**)

An up-turned nose can only drown someone in a rainstorm! God cannot be "mocked" without punishment, and all who "mock at sin" will reap their due reward! God considered sin so serious, that:

- (1) Men have no remedy by themselves (**Colossians 1:12-23**);
- (2) He gave His only begotten Son to atone for our sins (**Hebrews 9:24-28**);
- (3) It is only through immersion a sinner receives the saving benefits of Jesus' cross (**Colossians 2:9-15**).

All who "mock" at this plan must face God on that day (**Mark 16:15-16**). All the comedians, sitcoms, entertainers, and propaganda press who childishly turn up their noses at the seriousness of sin and its consequences, will reap their reward from God:

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to

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what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences. (2 Corinthians 5:10-11)

Only "among the upright" (obedient to God's Will) is the "favor" of God found. "And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him "and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house (Acts 7:9-10; referring to Genesis 39-41). King David "found favor before God and asked to find a dwelling for the God of Jacob" (Acts 7:46). Another proverb says:

A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself; but the simple pass on and are punished. (Proverbs 22:3)

A word to the wise is sufficient.

