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(#133) The Proverbs of Solomon 18:10-11- Do You Have Social or Spiritual Security?

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 18:10-11:

The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. 11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and like a high wall in his own esteem.

- Soon out of the Garden of Eden, "Men began to call on the name of the LORD" (**Genesis 4:26**);
- Abraham "built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD" (**Genesis 12:8**);
- David offered sacrifices and "blessed the people in the name of the LORD" (**1 Chronicles 16:2**), who repeated his confidence:
Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. (**Psalm 124:8**)
- Jesus Christ was welcomed into Jerusalem with people saying: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'" (**Mark 11:9**); and even today,
- Peter "commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord" (**Acts 10:48**).

"The name of the LORD" has always been the authority figure for the Bible. David summarized its power when he sang:

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. (**Psalm 18:2**)

The Israelites generally refused to flee to God, however, as Jesus lamented:

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather



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your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!" ([Luke 13:34](#))

The Gospel of Jesus Christ reveals that there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" ([Acts 4:12](#)).

The tendency of mankind seems to be, when trouble arises, to hide behind "a high wall" of "wealth." This is forbidden in the New Testament. Jesus warned: Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! ([Mark 10:24](#))

Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. ([1 Timothy 6:17](#))

It is sad, indeed, as an economy weakens, to see people flock to a "give-away government," Lottery chances to be rich, or crime, trying to become rich quickly. Why flee to the security of "wealth," when Wisdom has declared:

- Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For *riches* certainly make themselves wings; they fly away like an eagle toward heaven. ([Proverbs 23:5](#))
- The rich man's wealth is his strong city; the destruction of the poor is their poverty. ([Proverbs 10:15](#))

With the uncertainty of money's value, and the haughtiness of those who think they are rich, and seeing how economies can be sucked dry by covetous leeches, why flee to "wealth" for security, when "the name of the LORD" is always dependable?

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord. ([Acts 22:16](#))

