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(#136) The Proverbs of Solomon 18:18- Cast Your Lot With Christ

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 18:18:

Casting lots causes contentions to cease, and keeps the mighty apart.

There would be fewer wars, arguments and conflicts if people would use something other than violence to settle their problems. Politicians who desire war probably need to learn to play the war/ expansion games of Chess, or Risk, or Settlers of Catan; or just gamble for their fortunes!

"Casting lots" among unbelievers is leaving choice to chance. It was practiced by unbelieving:

- Chaldeans who conquered Israel (**Joel 3:1-9**);
- Sailors who threw Jonah overboard (**Jonah 1:5-13**); and
- Soldiers who crucified Jesus (**John 19:23-24**).

By "casting lots," those who believe in a "god of chance" think all is fair and square when the "lots" determine their "fate." However, God can, and has intervened anywhere He has so chosen:

The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD. (**Proverbs 16:33**)

Instead of "casting lots," when the Promised Land was to be "apportioned" among the Israelites, God gave the rule by which their decision was to be based, the "lot" (or portion) by the size of the tribe (**Numbers 26:52-56**). After describing the qualifications for an Apostle (**Acts 1:15-26**), their "lot" (ballot, decision) "fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles." Arguments were avoided when God's guidelines for a decision were followed. The same procedure was followed by the Apostles when men were needed to oversee "the daily distribution" of benevolence (**Acts 6:1-7**), and to be used when appointing men as Elders in each local church (**Titus 1:5-9**).

All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.



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There can, and should be, no argument on decisions that are based entirely upon God's Word. The resurrected Jesus Christ said:

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (**Mark 16:16**)

Cast your "lot" (decision) with Jesus Christ.

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