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(#155) The Proverbs of Solomon 21:16- A Rambling Wreck

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 21:16:

A man who wanders from the way of understanding will rest in the assembly of the dead.

The word "wanders" shows the lack of faith, purpose, and moral compass it takes to prepare a soul for Heaven. Jesus pointed this out in His Sermon on the Mount:

Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. (**Matthew 7:13-14**)

"Understanding" the Will of God means applying God's Law to ourselves:

Then Peter opened his mouth and said: 'In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.' (**Acts 10:34-35**)

If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him. (**1 John 2:29**)

Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. (**1 John 3:7**)

It shows a definite lack of understanding to live a life without God's guidance. Breaking through God's Wall of Wisdom always leaves one unprotected and unable to withstand the ravages of life! Another proverb exposes the other side of God's Judgment:

- He who follows righteousness and mercy finds life, righteousness and honor. (**Proverbs 21:21**)



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The “assembly of the dead” guaranteed to the sinner will include, according to [2 Peter 2:4-11](#), “angels who sinned,” “the ancient world,” perverted cities of “Sodom and Gomorrah,” “especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority.” According to Jesus’ Gospel, the world is divided into those who obey Him and those who refuse:

And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.’
([Mark 16:15-16](#))

Is your life leading you to Heaven, or are you a rambling wreck? It’s your choice!

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