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(#168) The Proverbs of Solomon 24:13-14- How Sweet It Is

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 24:13-14:

My son, eat honey because it is good, And the honeycomb which is sweet to your taste; so shall the knowledge of wisdom be to your soul; if you have found it, there is a prospect, and your hope will not be cut off.

“Honey” represents a fruitful land, for God promised Israel “a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey” (**Exodus 3:8; Deuteronomy 8:7-9**). It is the sweetest natural substance known to man (**Judges 14:18**), which brightens up the mind (**1 Samuel 14:24-29**), but too much at once can overload our body’s system (**Proverbs 25:16**). Glorifying our own selves is, to our egos, as sickening as too much honey:

It is not good to eat much honey; so to seek one's own glory is not glory. (**Proverbs 25:27**)

Think about this when Harlotwood actors give themselves Academy Awards, the Music Industry gives itself Grammy Awards, and the Broadway Stage professionals give themselves Tony Awards!

Sweeter than honey (better for our souls than honey for our bodies!) are God’s judgments (**Psalm 19:9-10**) and God’s Word (**Ezekiel 3:1-4; Revelation 10:8-11**). It is possible, however, to try to understand and do too much at one time. Solomon later will teach:

I have seen everything in my days of vanity: There is a just man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongs life in his wickedness. Do not be overly righteous, nor be overly wise: why should you destroy yourself? Do not be overly wicked, nor be foolish: Why should you die before your time? It is good that you grasp this, and also not remove your



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hand from the other; for he who fears God will escape them all.
([Ecclesiastes 7:15-18](#))

Righteousness is developed by processing the Word of God ([John 10:37-38](#)) and obeying it ([1 John 3:5-7](#)).

Don't try to do too much at once, because, as Jesus said, "Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" ([Matthew 6:34](#)). Begin with:

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

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