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(#201) The Proverbs of Solomon 30:10- The Sin of Hate Speech

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 30-31](#) were added and preserved by the Holy Spirit. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 30:10:

Do not malign a servant to his master, lest he curse you, and you be found guilty.

David understood what this proverb is about:

Do not keep silent, O God of my praise! For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful have opened against me; they have spoken against me with a lying tongue. They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, and fought against me without a cause. In return for my love they are my accusers, but I give myself to prayer. Thus they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love. ([Psalm 109:1-5](#))

All Christians must put away all "evil speaking" ([Ephesians 4:31](#)). All non-Christians who blaspheme Christians are suddenly put on notice by this proverb. False accusation is the stuff of gossip:

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
([Exodus 20:16](#))

A faithful witness does not lie, but a false witness will utter lies.
([Proverbs 14:5](#))

A false witness shall perish, but the man who hears him will speak endlessly. ([Proverbs 21:28](#))

It is cancelled by the commandment "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" ([Romans 13:9](#)). No wonder, then, that "false witness" is one of the 7 things God "hates" ([Proverbs 6:16-19](#)). The unproven, unclaimed, thus false "accusation" placed on Jesus' cross was: "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS" ([Matthew 27:37](#)). Jesus Christ never was, nor will He ever be only "the King of the Jews," for He is "the King of kings and Lord of lords" ([1 Timothy 6:15](#))!



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A Christian is a "fellow servant in the Lord" along with Paul ([Colossians 1:7; 4:7](#)), Moses ([Hebrews 3:5](#)), John ([Revelation 1:1](#)), and angels ([Revelation 22:9](#)). What Christians believe and practice must come from the Word of God ([Romans 10:17](#)) and produce unity ([John 17:20-21; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13](#)). However, there are matters about which God has allowed for conscientiousness, where Christians must not falsely accuse one another ([Romans 14:1-10](#)). "Vegans" should not condemn those who can eat meats.

No one is undermined if:

- A converted Catholic continued to eat fish on Fridays;
- A converted Jew may still do no work on Saturday;
- A converted denominational member still raises hands during a prayer;
- A converted Muslim woman still covers her head with a scarf, etc.

Since Christians are "servants of the Lord," Paul asks: "Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls" ([Romans 14:4](#)), then plainly declares: "For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself" ([Romans 14:7](#)). This does not excuse anyone from continuing immoral, worldly ways into their Christian life ([1 Corinthians 5:9-12; 6:9-11](#)), for "those who are outside God judges" ([1 Corinthians 5:13](#)).

Christians must "contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" ([Jude 3](#)). God has always kept the line clear between the righteous and the unrighteous ([Ezekiel 33:10-20](#)), lest His servant is falsely accused.

