

MORE PROVERBIAL SAYINGS

Eccl. 10:16-20

LEADERSHIP IN THE LAND

1. Bad leadership

“Woe to you, O land, when your king *is* a child,
And your princes feast in the morning!” Eccl. 10:16

- a. When children become kings
 - i. A child does not have the wisdom nor the knowledge to rule a country
 - ii. And yet, when kings die young, the heir to the throne would often be a child
 - iii. They could be led by either bad or good advisors
 - iv. If it is bad advisor, the country will suffer
- b. Princes feast in the morning
 - i. Princes should be attending to state matters in the morning
 - ii. But instead, they are more caught up with their own pleasure

2. Good leadership

“Blessed *are* you, O land, when your king *is* the son of nobles,
And your princes feast at the proper time—
For strength and not for drunkenness!” Eccl. 10:17

- a. Blessed is the land
- b. When kings who are brought up in nobility
- c. They will feast the right time

THE PROBLEM OF LAZINESS

“Because of laziness the building decays,
And through idleness of hands the house leaks.” Eccl. 10:18

1. When people are lazy
2. Buildings are neglected
3. House are neglected

MONEY ANSWERS EVERYTHING

“A feast is made for laughter,
And wine makes merry;
But money answers everything. “ Eccl. 10:19

1. People experience laughter during a feast
2. Drinking wine makes the heart merry

3. Money answers everything

DON'T CURSE THE KING OR THE RICH

“Do not curse the king, even in your thought;
Do not curse the rich, even in your bedroom;
For a bird of the air may carry your voice,
And a bird in flight may tell the matter.” Eccl. 10:20

1. Curses in our thoughts and said in private
2. They have a way of getting to the person being cursed
3. It is like a bird hearing these things
4. They repeat the matter to the one being cursed

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Praying for good leadership
 - a. In our country
 - b. In our church
2. Do not be lazy
3. Understanding that money answers everything
4. Do not curse our leaders