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(#90) The Proverbs of Solomon 14:35- Who Is Responsible For Good Government?

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 14:35:

The king's favor is toward a wise servant, but his wrath is against him who causes shame.

Any government leader is wise to desire the wisdom of God, even if it is through "a wise servant."

A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, To understand a proverb and an enigma, the words of the wise and their riddles. (**Proverbs 1:5-6**)

Daniel was a "wise" choice:

Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm. (**Daniel 6:3**)

Even counsel for war should be based upon wisdom:

- Plans are established by counsel; by wise counsel wage war. (**Proverbs 20:18**)
- For by wise counsel you will wage your own war, and in a multitude of counselors there is safety. (**Proverbs 24:6**)

Jesus reflected this in His teaching:

Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple. (**Luke 14:31-33**)

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



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Further **Proverbs** that bear on this topic include:

- He who loves purity of heart and has grace on his lips, the king will be his friend. (**Proverbs 22:11**)
- A king who sits on the throne of judgment scatters all evil with his eyes. (**Proverbs 20:8**)
- *It is* an abomination for kings to commit wickedness, for a throne is established by righteousness. Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings, and they love him who speaks *what is* right. (**Proverbs 16:12-13**)
- *It is* the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings *is* to search out a matter. (**Proverbs 25:2**)
- Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. (**Proverbs 25:5**)
- If a ruler pays attention to lies, all his servants become wicked. (**Proverbs 29:12**)

A "king" shows what kind of heart he has by his speech(es). It is up to the government leader to determine his direction. A "king" who is not diligently filtering the purity of those around him cannot be helping his people. Many, however, seem to surround themselves with fools and liars! It is impossible for government to be staffed with "the wicked" and rule rightly! Government is no better, or worse, than those who run it!

Haman incurred the wrath of his king because he had abused the king's influence: And Esther said, 'The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman!' So Haman was terrified before the king and queen. Then the king arose in his wrath from the banquet of wine and went into the palace garden; but Haman stood before Queen Esther, pleading for his life, for he saw that evil was determined against him by the king. (**Esther 7:6-7**)

If a government is unjust, ungodly, willfully ignorant of God's Wisdom, then the leader(s) should be replaced!

