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(#147) The Proverbs of Solomon 20:20- The Damnable Generation

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 20:20:

Whoever curses his father or his mother, his lamp will be put out in deep darkness.

Nothing on earth equals the depravity of a child who disrespects, abuses, or condemns his/ her father and/ or mother! A father and a mother are necessary to give each individual life. Something is seriously missing from the moral compass of anyone who has no regard for those who have given the most precious gift humanly possible: life! It is horrible to see it so widespread that it characterizes a generation.

There is a generation that curses its father, and does not bless its mother. (**Proverbs 30:11**)

A generation who believes no matter whatever they want, they are entitled to, they can have it, they have no gratitude for it, will not "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth" (**Ephesians 6:2-3**). Instead of "The Greatest Generation," they will be known as "The Damnable Generation!"

Under Moses' Law, such people did not deserve to live, for disrespect of parents has created a child's heart of disrespect for all other authority, even God!

And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. (**Exodus 21:17**)

For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother. His blood shall be upon him. (**Leviticus 20:9**)

There is no death penalty in the Law of Christ, but there is an eternal condemnation for those who never repent of this attitude.

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Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. (**Colossians 3:20**)

But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully, knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust. (**1 Timothy 1:8-11**)

Some of the worst sins ever committed by humans are not only violations of God's Law, and "murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers" are listed with them, but this also is contrary to common sensibilities in every culture on earth! The Apostle John wrote that hatred in the heart can lead to murder (**1 John 3:15**), so a child's hatred of either or both parents produces cursing of them, or even murdering them! Many mass murders began with the slaughter of a parent or parents.

Repent, before your children do the same to you.

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