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## (#157) The Proverbs of Solomon 21:22- Weak Shall Overcome

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 21:22:**

A wise man scales the city of the mighty, and brings down the trusted stronghold.

The worldly method of winning involves might, strength, power, force, violence. All strongholds can be overcome, for attacking armies can: build a surrounding fire and "burn 'em out" (**Judges 9:45-49**); build up earthen ramps and go over the wall (**Ezekiel 4:2; 17:17**); or cut off water and food supplies (**2 Chronicles 32:9-11**). There is no completely invincible location on earth that cannot be overcome! The mightiest strengths of mankind always have inherent weakness(es).

God's way, however, is the way of wisdom, as He has said:

'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,' says the LORD. 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.' (**Isaiah 55:8-9**)

God's wisdom is also opposite to what humanism teaches:

For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. (**James 3:16-17**)

This is certainly true of the Gospel of Jesus Christ:

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled. (**2 Corinthians 10:3-6**)



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What God does to overcome the strength of mankind uses finesse and apparent “weakness.”

Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. (1 Corinthians 1:25-29)

The love of God (Romans 5:8), the sacrifice of Jesus Christ (John 10:17-18), and the inspired written instruction of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13) can conquer sinners all over the world with peace (Galatians 6:16). Jesus Christ said: “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:15-16)

