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(#161) The Proverbs of Solomon 22:28- The Sin Of Revisionist History

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 22:28:

Do not remove the ancient landmark which your fathers have set.

There is a good reason God lets older people come before younger ones: to pass along wisdom learned from experiences! The lesson from history is that we should learn from history!

The term "landmark" refers to memorials, surveyor marks, or boundaries that define territory that has been established for a reason. Since the flood in Noah's day, God has established "the boundary" for water, so that a worldwide flood will never occur again (**Psalms 104:6-9**). When God sent the Israelites into their Promised Land, He specified its boundaries (**Numbers 34:1-15**). Moses' Law, therefore included the command to respect their "neighbor's landmark" (**Deuteronomy 19:14; 27:17**), also called "the ancient landmark" (**Proverbs 23:10-11**). God's wrath was upon those who disregarded those landmarks (**Hosea 5:10**), and His appeal was for them to "set up signposts, make landmarks" (**Jeremiah 31:21**). People who tear down or disregard landmarks are destined to be confused and lost.

There is a concerted effort to tear down history's lessons and highlights in textbooks, and teach children to disregard where they have come from. It is an alienated and foreign nation that does not respect its roots. In the United States of America, the "ancient landmark" which our "fathers have set" is the Declaration of Independence and Constitution with its Bill of Rights. Tear this down and all the good governing of the past is for nothing. Historical signposts and landmarks tell a people where they have been and where they could go.



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The history of the churches of Christ is told in the New Testament and can be traced throughout the centuries until now. All those who disregard the beginning history are confused and lost.

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. (**Romans 6:3-6**)

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