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SESSION 3 | The People of Proverbs

I. INTRODUCTION

“Whatever the seeming randomness of life before us, wisdom *assures* us that there is still an order created by God for the very dilemma we face.” -Craig Bartholomew

II. THE SIMPLE

A. The Predicament of the Simple: Chapters 1 – 9

B. Characteristics of the Simple: Chapters 10 – 30

Proverbs 14:15

¹⁵ The simple believes everything,
but the prudent gives thought to his steps.

Proverbs 14:18

¹⁸ The simple inherit folly,
but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

Proverbs 19:25

²⁵ Strike a scoffer, and the simple will learn prudence;
reprove a man of understanding, and he will gain knowledge.

Proverbs 20:19

¹⁹ Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets;
therefore do not associate with a simple babblers.

Proverbs 21:11

¹¹ When a scoffer is punished, the simple becomes wise;
when a wise man is instructed, he gains knowledge.

Proverbs 22:3

³ The prudent sees danger and hides himself,
but the simple go on and suffer for it.

Proverbs 27:12 (repeat Proverb)

¹² The prudent sees danger and hides himself,
but the simple go on and suffer for it.

III. THE FOOL

A. The Fool's Speech

1. The Fool's Speech Lacks Self-control

Proverbs 18:2

²A fool takes no pleasure in understanding,
but only in expressing his opinion.

Proverbs 18:6

⁶A fool's lips walk into a fight,
and his mouth invites a beating

Proverbs 20:3

³It is an honor for a man to keep aloof from strife,
but every fool will be quarreling.

Proverbs 27:3

³A stone is heavy, and sand is weighty,
but a fool's provocation is heavier than both.

Proverbs 29:9

⁹If a wise man has an argument with a fool,
the fool only rages and laughs, and there is no quiet.

Proverbs 29:11

¹¹A fool gives full vent to his spirit,
but a wise man quietly holds it back.

Proverbs 29:20

²⁰Do you see a man who is hasty in his words?
There is more hope for a fool than for him.

2. The Uselessness of the Fool's Speech

Proverbs 10:14

¹⁴The wise lay up knowledge,
but the mouth of a fool brings ruin near.

Proverbs 12:23

²³A prudent man conceals knowledge,
but the heart of fools proclaims folly.

Proverbs 14:7

⁷Leave the presence of a fool,
for there you do not meet words of knowledge.

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Proverbs 15:2

²The tongue of the wise commends knowledge,
but the mouths of fools pour out folly.

Proverbs 15:7

⁷The lips of the wise spread knowledge;
not so the hearts of fools.

Proverbs 15:14

¹⁴The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge,
but the mouths of fools feed on folly.

Proverbs 16:22

²²Good sense is a fountain of life to him who has it,
but the instruction of fools is folly.

Proverbs 17:7

⁷Fine speech is not becoming to a fool;
still less is false speech to a prince.

Proverbs 19:1

Better is a poor person who walks in his integrity
than one who is crooked in speech and is a fool.

Proverbs 26:7

⁷Like a lame man's legs, which hang useless,
is a proverb in the mouth of fools.

Proverbs 26:9

⁹Like a thorn that goes up into the hand of a drunkard
is a proverb in the mouth of fools.

B. The Fool is Set in His Ways

Proverbs 1:32

³²For the simple are killed by their turning away,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;

Proverbs 12:15

¹⁵The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,
but a wise man listens to advice.

Proverbs 26:11

¹¹Like a dog that returns to his vomit
is a fool who repeats his folly.

Proverbs 26:12

¹²Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes?
There is more hope for a fool than for him.

Proverbs 28:26

²⁶Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool,
but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered.

Proverbs 13:19

¹⁹A desire fulfilled is sweet to the soul,
but to turn away from evil is an abomination to fools.

IV. THE SLUGGARD

A. He will not start things

Proverbs 6:6-11

⁶Go to the ant, O sluggard;
consider her ways, and be wise.
⁷Without having any chief,
officer, or ruler,
⁸she prepares her bread in summer
and gathers her food in harvest.
⁹How long will you lie there, O sluggard?
When will you arise from your sleep?
¹⁰A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to rest,
¹¹and poverty will come upon you like a robber,
and want like an armed man.

Proverbs 20:4

⁴The sluggard does not plow in the autumn;
he will seek at harvest and have nothing.

Proverbs 21:25

²⁵The desire of the sluggard kills him,
for his hands refuse to labor.

B. He will not finish things

Proverbs 12:27

²⁷Whoever is slothful will not roast his game,
but the diligent man will get precious wealth.

Proverbs 19:24

²⁴The sluggard buries his hand in the dish
and will not even bring it back to his mouth.

Proverbs 19:24-34

³⁰ I passed by the field of a sluggard,
by the vineyard of a man lacking sense,
³¹ and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns;
the ground was covered with nettles,
and its stone wall was broken down.
³² Then I saw and considered it;
I looked and received instruction.
³³ A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to rest,
³⁴ and poverty will come upon you like a robber,
and want like an armed man.

C. He will not face things

Proverbs 26:13

¹³ The sluggard says, "There is a lion in the road!
There is a lion in the streets!"

Proverbs 26:16

¹⁶ The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes
than seven men who can answer sensibly.

V. CONCLUSION