

# **The Sovereignty Of God**

## **Proverbs 21**

### **God is in control**

#### **A. The Sovereignty of God (21:1-3)**

- 1. Over the heart of the nation (21:1)**
- 2. Over the heart of individuals (21:2)**
- 3. His standard (21:3)**

#### **B. The Sinfulness of Man (21:4-8) (Ruin)**

- 1. It starts with a bad attitude (21:4)**
- 2. It continues with bad thinking (21:5)**
- 3. It continues with bad actions (21:6-7)**
- 4. It consummates with a bad life (21:8)**

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#### **C. The Setting of Wickedness (21:9-13)**

**1. Stay away (21:9-10)**

**2. Stay aware (21:11-13)**

**3. His standard (21:3)**

#### **D. The Satisfaction of Right Actions (21:14-15)**

**1. Peace (21:14)**

**2. Joy (21:15)**

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#### **E. The Slide of Wrong Actions (21:16-19)**

**1. Deviates (21:16)**

**2. Desires (21:17)**

**3. Defeat (21:18-19)**

#### **F. The Situation of The Righteous (21:20-23)**

**1. Ample supply (21:20)**

**2. Ample solace (21:21)**

**3. Ample strength (21:22)**

**4. Ample salvation (21:23)**

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#### **G. The Situation of The Wicked (21:24-29)**

- 1. Scorning (21:24)**
- 2. Slothful (21:25-26)**
- 3. Sanctimonious (21:27-29)**

#### **H. The Superiority of God (21:30-31)**

- 1. In Wisdom**
- 2. In Strength**

# **Lessons To Live By**

## **Proverbs 22**

**We can never stop learning**

## **2 Timothy 3:14-17**

**14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;**

**15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**

**16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**

**17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.**

# **I. All For God (22:1-6)**

## **A. In reputation (22:1)**

### **Proverbs 22:1**

***A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.***

## **B. In respect (22:2-4)**

### **Proverbs 22:2-4**

**2 The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all.**

**3 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.**

**4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.**

# **I. All For God (22:1-6)**

## **C. In road (22:5)**

**Proverbs 22:5**

**Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.**

## **D. In regard (22:6)**

**Proverbs 22:6**

**Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.**



## **II. All Things Have Consequences (22:7-12)**

### **A. Who rules your life? (22:7)**

**Proverbs 22:7**

**The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.**

### **B. What crop are you growing? (22:8-9)**

**Proverbs 22:8-9**

**8 He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.**

**9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.**

## **II. All Things Have Consequences (22:7-12)**

**C. What do you tolerate? (22:10)**

**Proverbs 22:10**

**Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.**

**D. What is the love of your heart? (22:11)**

**Proverbs 22:11**

**He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.**

**E. What does God see in you? (22:12)**

**Proverbs 22:12**

**The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.**

### **III. Excuses That Prevent Good (22:13-16)**

#### **A. I might get hurt (22:13)**

**Proverbs 22:13**

**The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.**

#### **B. I listen to what I want to hear (22:14)**

**Proverbs 22:14**

**The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.**

### **III. Excuses That Prevent Good (22:13-16)**

#### **C. I cannot help myself (22:15)**

**Proverbs 22:15**

**Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.**

#### **D. I can't get enough (22:16)**

**Proverbs 22:16**

**He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.**

## **IV. Actions That Prepare You For Good (22:17-19)**

### **A. Gain knowledge (22:17)**

**Proverbs 22:17-19**

**Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.**

### **B. Keep knowledge (22:18)**

**Proverbs 22:18**

**For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.**

### **C. Trust knowledge (22:19)**

**Proverbs 22:19**

**That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee.**

## **V. Laws To Live By (22:20-29)**

### **A. Have no doubt in the power of truth (22:20-21)**

**Proverbs 22:20-21**

**20 Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge,**

**21 That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?**

### **B. Do not take advantage of the less fortunate (22:22-23)**

**Proverbs 22:22-23**

**22 Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate:**

**23 For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.**

## **V. Laws To Live By (22:20-29)**

**C. Do not make friends with the angry (22:24-25)**

**Proverbs 22:24-25**

**24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:**

**25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.**

**D. Do not entangle yourself financially (22:26-27)**

**Proverbs 22:26-27**

**26 Be not thou one of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for debts.**

**27 If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?**

## **V. Laws To Live By (22:20-29)**

**E. Do not move borders in your life (22:28)**

**Proverbs 22:28**

**Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.**

**F. Follow a good example (22:29)**

**Proverbs 22:29**

**Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.**