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Proverbs
The Proverbs of Solomon
Chapters 9-21
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Introduction:

Solomon does not mind insulting his readers, or at least the reader who is foolish. In chapter 11, the beautiful woman without discretion is like a pig that has a gold ring in its snout. Doesn't fit, and it devalues the ring as if it is worth nothing.

Now, in chapter 12, he will make sure that we understand that wicked behavior is stupid behavior.

In verses 1-3 we see the contrast between the wise and the wicked, the wise has knowledge, the wicked is stupid.

In verses 4-11 he will give us 8 proverbs on the blessings and the banes of domestic life. Marry a bad woman, you are stupid, marry a good woman, you are wise, and she is a crown to your head.

Verses 12-22 offer Solomon's readers the virtues and faults within civil relationships. Depriving someone of what they have worked for and earned is wicked, and it is stupid.

And in the last part, verses 23-28, we will find that being lazy is stupid, it leads to anxiety, trust in the wrong person, and a general sense of being lost.

We will look at the second section tonight.

Message:

1. A Woman's Reach:

Proverbs 12:4 (ESV): *4 An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who brings shame is like rotteness in his bones.*

The impact women have in the home and on her family is immense!

If she is good, virtuous, or as the text reads: excellent, she will have a positive impact. But more than how she impacts her family in good ways, the virtuous woman, the wise woman, is someone that her husband feels proud to stand by.

She is a crown, a turban, or an adornment to all that he is. Built into this concept is the idea of identity, which was formed at the first in the Garden of Eden.

Genesis 2:18 (ESV): *18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."*

Throughout the Old Testament, there are two words used for man. The first comes at the very beginning; 'Adam' and it means man in general. It has as its root the word ruddy or red, meaning that his appearance was earthlike. But it also referred to a specific individual, the first male who was created from the dust of the ground.

It has the general meaning of humanity but can also mean an individual male person.

Genesis 1:26–27 (ESV): 26 *Then God said, “Let us make man (adam) in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”* 27 *So God created man (adam) in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

In this passage, we see that it means humanity in general – man and woman. But there is another word that means man, or male specifically.

Genesis 2:24–25 (ESV): 24 *Therefore a man (issah, male) shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.* 25 *And the man (Adam) and his wife (issaha, female) were both naked and were not ashamed.*

This is the terms God used to declare the differences between a male and a female.

First, these words point to the outward and obvious differences, which were the male and female parts, the size variation, strength, temperament, thought process and much more.

We can say scientifically and observably that there is a significant difference between men and women.

Secondly, the order of creation as well as the method of creation points to the roles each was to play within the husband/wife – male/female relationship.

The man was formed first from the dust of the ground. God breathed into him the breath of life; the spirit of God was put into man at the beginning. From man then came the woman, because God saw that it was not good for man to be alone.

Genesis 2:18–23 (ESV): 18 *Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man (adam) should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”* 19 *Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man (adam) to see what he would call them. And whatever the man (adam) called every living creature, that was its name.* 20 *The man (adam) gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam (adam) there was not found a helper fit for him.* 21 *So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.* 22 *And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.* 23 *Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”*

We are given in the opening narrative of the creation story, the true role of men and women.

Man was the first created by God and given dominion over the earth and over the beasts of the earth.

As the first man saw the societies of animals each having a complementing opposite, there was not one among all the creatures of earth found to be worthy of a counterpart corresponding to his masculinity. Each animal had its counterpart. Only Adam was left without a complimenting partner.

Today the roles have been twisted into something God never intended and it began in this nation, and was spread worldwide by the feminist evangelists, who under deception sought for equality and produced corruption.

There have been four waves of feminism within the United States. The first beginning in 1848, the second in the 60s, the third in the 90s, and the final wave which we are seeing today.

Here is a page link to which you can go if you want to read more on this topic.

<https://www.history.com/news/feminism-four-waves>

1. First Wave 1848-1920 – Women’s Suffrage

Believing that they too should be allowed to vote, elect local, state, and national leaders, women would march, protest, demand and eventually win the right to vote for elected officials.

That wave would be responsible for bringing into office many thousands of women as their voice was heard more loudly than in the past.

While the right to vote was not something bad in itself, what began there would not end there.

2. Second Wave 1963-1980s – Women’s roles as wives and mothers

Inspired by the Civil Rights movement of the Black community, the women’s movement began again in earnest. Second-wave feminists called for a reevaluation of traditional gender roles in society and an end to sexist discrimination.

Those women of a more liberal bend began to use their political influence to elect to office men or women who promised more equality within society. The role of a man as the head of his home was out; co-equal marriage partners was in.

The results were that traditional homemaking for a woman became a negative stereotype against the new paradigm of women in the workforce. She left home and went to work permanently. Someone else would be responsible for the training of children. No longer should it be considered odd if a mother left her children in the care of strangers; she had more important work to do. She no longer cared for the husband she had married. She now has a new husband – the corporate world of business, and she will care for the needs of the company above those of her family.

The sexual revolution exploded on the scene, and divorce rose precipitously, both in and outside of the church. Child abuse was becoming more common, and the inner cities were turning into single parent homes rapidly.

According to those who were a part of this movement at this time in our history, the *“High points of the second wave included passage of the Equal Pay Act and the landmark Supreme Court decisions in Griswold v. Connecticut (1965) and Roe v. Wade (1973) related to reproductive freedom.”*

These rulings and others would ensure the death of over 60,000,000 children who were in the way of mothers continuing in the workforce. The termination of a baby’s life was now considered the termination of a fetus (Latin for mass of tissue). The execution of an infant still in the womb was now a “Woman’s right to choose” and no man should have any say in that decision! America had begun the march down the road to child sacrifice, just as every other pagan culture had done in past millennia.

3. Third Wave 1990s – Women’s roles within corporate and government hierarchy

Operating under the presupposition that women were not being allowed to advance beyond a certain point regarding positions of power and money, this wave determined to “break the glass ceiling.”

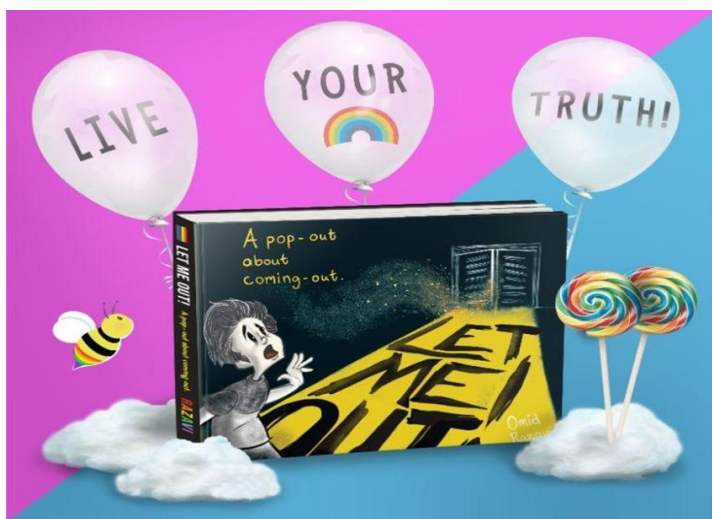
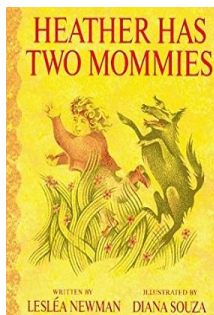
The year 1992 declared to be the year of the woman that more women were elected to congress than any election year prior. *“Embracing the spirit of rebellion instead of reform, third-wave feminists encouraged women to express their sexuality and individuality. Many embraced a more traditionally feminine style of dress and grooming, and even rejected the term “feminist” as a way of distancing themselves from their second-wave predecessors.”* Sarah Pruitt

This era was kicked off by Anita Hill testifying against the Supreme court nomination of Clarence Thomas and the unsubstantiated accusations she made against him during his appointment hearings. We would see more of this sort of thing happen to men in power or men being considered for a position of power. Women from their past would be groomed and brought out before the public as victims of “toxic masculinity,” which would eventually lead to the feminization of men.

4. Present Day - #MeToo movement, systemic misogyny, systemic racism, trans rights etc.

This is the outcome, the fruit of the feminist movement. Intersectionality, points of anti-woman, anti-black, anti-homosexual, anti-trans prejudice, and discrimination.

Boys can become girls by merely identifying as such. Girls can become boys by acting the role, Heather has two Mommies transgender affirmation in public schools, all of which are contrary to God’s created order.



Conclusion:

Proverbs 12:4 (ESV): *4 An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who brings shame is like rotteness in his bones.*

This verse is written with the assumption that each person understands and is willing to serve in the role God has from the creation ordained for them. When their understanding is corrupted, or mistaught, then confusion sets in. Corruption takes hold, and the structure – the foundation, the bones begin to rot.

Like Eve, whose very name means life, brought death by leading her husband into disobedience, so too the women of our day bring death by refusing their God – ordained role as helper to the man.

And to all that is happening within our society today, Solomon would say, “That’s Stupid!”

We will talk about husband’s next time.