

Proverbs 10 Verse 1 The Wise Son

1 The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

As we look at this chapter, in which at first I saw only subjective sentences giving observations of people's lives; let's take a view of them from the perspective; all scripture is by the inspiration of God, and is a testimony of Jesus Christ, and see where and what we may find hidden here.

Remembering, when the words father and mother are used here, we believe it is expressive of the parents; and each is inclusive of the other. Surely, if the father is glad so is the mother and vice versa.

"A wise son maketh a glad father:" This reminds me of what God the Father said of his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ in: *Mt 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.* Also in: *Mt 17:5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.* In both these texts; we see that the wise son is; one who is doing the will of his Father with a willing heart.

"but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother." In nature, I suppose that all parents expect the best of their children. When they don't live lives that bring joy to parents; living disobedient and unprofitable lives; it certainly will bring distress and sorrow to our hearts. We have just preached on the subject **"The Fool Hath Said In His Heart, There Is No God"** (found at this link:

<https://elderclarkelee.files.wordpress.com/2020/07/psalms-14-verse-1-the-fool-hath-said-in-his-heart.pdf>) So we understand that when children disbelieve God, and are disobedient to his will by declaring there is no God, therein is a great source of sorrow for the parents, **"the heaviness of his mother."**

Remember the scripture in: ***Ge 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.*** Having the New Testament scriptures; we see here a great prophetic parable. As Eve was indeed the "**mother of all living**" (in nature, those who populated the earth) in the beginning; she is a portrait of the Church of Grace in whom all the "**all living**" are residing today. "**all living**" being those who are born again by the Holy Spirit. Adam and Eve, as parents, had to suffer the disappointment of one son killing the other, and then suffer the loss of that "foolish" son being driven from their presence, and the presence of God. Surely, this was a great heaviness to their hearts. We know this is true because of what Eve said when she bore her third son: ***Ge 4:25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. 26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.*** Another prophetic picture of the coming of the Church of Grace.

Jesus, the "**wise son**", established the Church of Salvation by Grace, in which Church "**all living**" (all the born again children of God) are represented. There are none dead or "foolish" in the true church. The dead are those who are acting foolishly. They are a source of grief to the mother church. All saved souls, who see and understand salvation by grace alone, carry heaviness, in their heart and soul, for those who have not yet been saved. It is a source of sadness and grief to see disobedient "**foolish sons**" living and dying not knowing the joy of eternal salvation, wrought by the "**wise son**" Jesus Christ.

Let's look at a "what if" circumstance. If Christ had not been a "wise Son", willing to be obedient to the will of his Father, there would be no age of Salvation by Grace. What an awful thought that we should be in such a state as Cain, and be driven out from the presence of God forever.

Let's consider this as described by Peter in: **2Pe 1:13-21; 13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; 14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. 15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. 16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. 18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. 19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

Aren't you glad that we have the New Testament scriptures, as well as the Old, so that we can through the power of the Holy Ghost, see what it means to make glad the Father? Praise and glory to our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ the wise Son for eyes that see, ears that hear, and hearts that understand, Salvation by the Sovereign Grace of God.

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