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**TEXT:** Ecclesiastes 8:1 Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.

- 2 I counsel thee to keep the king's commandment, and that in regard of the oath of God.
- 3 Be not hasty to go out of his sight: stand not in an evil thing; for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him.
- 4 Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?
- 5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.

Proverbs 21:29 A wicked man hardeneth his face...

**Jeremiah 8:12** Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, **neither could they blush**: therefore shall they fall...

**Proverbs 7:13** So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an **impudent face** said unto him,

**James 3:13** Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

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**Job 16:3** Shall vain words have an end? or **what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest?** 

**Proverbs 10:19** In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.

Proverbs 28:1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Ezekiel 3:8 Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces...

Ecclesiastes 12:11 The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.

**Proverbs 15:2** The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

Mark 3:5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts...

**1 Thessalonians 5:12** And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

Romans 13:2...they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

**Proverbs 16:14** The wrath of a king is as messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.

**Proverbs 28:7** Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father.

**James 3:1** My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

**Jeremiah 35:2** Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them

wine to drink.

- 4 And I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber...
- 5 And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine.
- 6 But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons for ever:
- 7 Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye be strangers.
- 8 Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters;
- 9 Nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed:
- 10 But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that **Jonadab our father** commanded us.
- 11 But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians: so we dwell at Jerusalem.
- 12 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,
- 14 The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment: notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye hearkened not unto me.
- 17 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them:
- 18 And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you:
- 19 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.
- 2 Kings 10:15 And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the

- son of Rechab coming to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot.
- 16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD. So they made him ride in his chariot.
- 17 And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him...
- 23 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal only.
- 28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.
- 30 And the LORD said unto Jehu, Because thou hast done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that was in mine heart, thy children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel.

## **Amos 6:1** Woe to them that are at ease in Zion...

- 3 Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near;
- 4 That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches...
- 5 That chant to the sound of the viol...
- 6 That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.
- 7 Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.
- 11 For, behold, the LORD commandeth, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts.
- 14 But, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the LORD the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you...
- **Ezekiel 16:49** Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters...
- **Luke 21:25** And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

- 26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.
- 34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.
- 35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.
- 36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.
- 1 Corinthians 7:25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.
- 26 I suppose therefore that this is **good for the present distress**, I say, that it is good for a man so to be.
- 27 Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife.
- 28 But and if thou marry, **thou hast not sinned**; and if a virgin marry, **she hath not sinned**...
- **Luke 21:23** But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be **great distress** in the land, and wrath upon this people.
- 1 Corinthians 6:12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.
- **1 Corinthians 8:9** But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.
- 11 And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?
- 12 But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.
- 13 Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.