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(#165) The Proverbs of Solomon 24:7- If It's Over Your Head, Think Again

Since God Created humans, only God can provide specific understanding of human behavior. God gave Solomon Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**) to explain what and why behavior is as it is, and **Proverbs 10:1 - 24:34** are randomly written, as if they were Judgments Solomon made about individual cases brought to him for Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**), or simply God-given explanations about life. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 24:7:

Wisdom is too lofty for a fool; He does not open his mouth in the gate.

Wisdom is available to all throughout the Bible:

- Now therefore, listen to me, *my children*, for blessed *are those* who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not disdain *it*. Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoever finds me finds life, and obtains favor from the LORD; but he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; all those who hate me love death. (**Proverbs 8:32-36**)
- Wise *people* store up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish *is* near destruction. (**Proverbs 10:14**)

But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. (**2 Timothy 3:14-15**)

"A fool" will not take advantage of wisdom's availability, but instead makes the excuse that is "too lofty" (over his/ her head) to learn. Rather than exert effort to learn more of wisdom and become a stronger person, "a fool" would rather condemn the truth and those who teach the truth by saying it (and they) are: racist, smart aleck, self-righteous, hypocritical, judgmental, or know-it-alls. Those who use such lame and false labels to avoid learning God's Wisdom show who is "a fool."



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“The gate” is a term used to describe the place of governing (Deuteronomy 21:18-21) and tribunal judgments (Genesis 23:17-18; Hebrews 13:12). “A fool” has nothing wise to say “in the gate,” and his silence shows his uselessness in applying wisdom! If you think wisdom is over your head, think again! Jesus Christ said:

If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. (John 7:17)

Thought: Injustices are the product of fools and few wise men!

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