

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## Favorite Proverbs Bible Study - Part 2

### Proverbs 21:23-31 Lesson #9

\*\*INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in Proverbs before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word.  
Most Scriptures are from the New King James Version.

23 Whoever guards his mouth and tongue **keeps his SOUL from TROUBLES.**

• **Proverbs 12:13** “The \_\_\_\_\_ in ensnared by the transgression of his \_\_\_\_\_, but the \_\_\_\_\_ will come through \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Proverbs 13:3** “He who \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ preserves his \_\_\_\_\_, but he who opens wide his \_\_\_\_\_ shall have \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “Keeps his SOUL from TROUBLES”** – Many times, we get in TROUBLE because of our words; we say out loud something we’re thinking, but that shouldn’t be said, and then someone gets offended.

• **Matthew 12:34-37** “Brood of vipers! How can you, being \_\_\_\_\_ speak good things? For out of the abundance of the \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ speaks. A good man out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of his heart brings forth good things, and an \_\_\_\_\_ out of the \_\_\_\_\_ brings forth evil things. But I say to you that for \_\_\_\_\_ idle \_\_\_\_\_ men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of \_\_\_\_\_. For by your \_\_\_\_\_ you will be justified, and by your \_\_\_\_\_ you will be condemned.”

• **Proverbs 18:20-21** “A man’s stomach shall be satisfied from the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_, and from the produce of his \_\_\_\_\_ he shall be filled. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are in the power of the \_\_\_\_\_, and those who love it will eat its \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **James 3:6** “And the \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_, a world of iniquity. The \_\_\_\_\_ is so set among our members that it \_\_\_\_\_ the whole \_\_\_\_\_, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.”

24 **A PROUD and HAUGHTY man – “Scoffer” is his name;** he acts with arrogant pride.

• **Proverbs 21:4** “A \_\_\_\_\_ look, a \_\_\_\_\_ heart, and the plowing of the wicked are \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Proverbs 6:16-19** “These six things the Lord \_\_\_\_\_, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: a \_\_\_\_\_ look, a \_\_\_\_\_ tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises \_\_\_\_\_, feet that are swift in running to evil, a \_\_\_\_\_ witness who \_\_\_\_\_, and one who sows discord among brethren.”

• **I Timothy 6:17** “Command those who are rich in this present age \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_, nor to \_\_\_\_\_ in uncertain \_\_\_\_\_ but in the \_\_\_\_\_, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.”

**Definition: “NOT to be HAUGHTY, nor to TRUST in UNCERTAIN RICHES but in the LIVING GOD”**

– Haughty means proud, prideful, arrogant. Paul is advising Timothy to warn members of his church, if they are rich, **not to be proud and think they are better than others, and not to think that their MONEY will save them.** Our trust and hope should ONLY be in GOD Himself, not in what material things we have here on earth. A “scoffer” or **“to SCOFF” or scorn means to hold something or**

someone in contempt or to make a joke of it.

• **Proverbs 19:25** "Strike a \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ will become \_\_\_\_\_; reprove one who has \_\_\_\_\_, and he will \_\_\_\_\_."

• **Psalm 1:1-2** "Blessed is the man who does \_\_\_\_\_ walk in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, nor stands in the way of \_\_\_\_\_, nor sits in the seat of the \_\_\_\_\_; but his delight is in the law of the \_\_\_\_\_, and in His law he meditates day and night."

25-26 The desire of the slothful kills him, **for his hands refuse to labor. He COVETS greedily all day long, but the RIGHTEOUS GIVES and does not spare.**

• **Proverbs 19:15** "\_\_\_\_\_ casts one into a deep \_\_\_\_\_, and an \_\_\_\_\_ person will suffer \_\_\_\_\_."

• **Proverbs 10:44** "He who deals with a \_\_\_\_\_ hand becomes \_\_\_\_\_, but the hand of the \_\_\_\_\_ makes one \_\_\_\_\_."

• **Genesis 39:2-3** "And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a \_\_\_\_\_ man....the Lord was with him, and the Lord made all that he did to \_\_\_\_\_ in his hand."

• **II Thessalonians 3:7-12** "For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our \_\_\_\_\_; because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ we kept \_\_\_\_\_ night and day so that we might not be a burden to any of you; not because we do not have the right to this (to be supported by them), but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, that you might \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_. For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: If anyone will \_\_\_\_\_, neither let him eat. For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no \_\_\_\_\_ at all, but acting like \_\_\_\_\_. Now such persons we \_\_\_\_\_ and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ in quiet fashion and eat their own bread."

27 The sacrifice of the WICKED is an ABOMINATION; how much more **when he brings it with WICKED intent!**

• **Psalm 51:16-17** "For you do not \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifices, or else I would give it; You do not \_\_\_\_\_ in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ and a contrite \_\_\_\_\_ - these, O God, You will not despise."

• **John 9:31** "Now we know that God does \_\_\_\_\_ sinners; but if anyone is a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_, He \_\_\_\_\_ him."

• **Isaiah 59:1-2** "Behold, the Lord's hand is not so short that it cannot save; neither is His ear so dull that it cannot \_\_\_\_\_, but your iniquities (sins) have made a \_\_\_\_\_ between you and your God, and your \_\_\_\_\_ have hid His face from you, so that He does not \_\_\_\_\_."

• **Psalm 66:18** "If I regard iniquity in my \_\_\_\_\_, the Lord will not \_\_\_\_\_. But certainly God has \_\_\_\_\_ me; He has attended to the voice of my \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition:** "These six things the Lord HATES, yes, seven are an abomination to Him" - An abomination is something HATEFUL and DISGUSTING. God knows our ATTITUDE and MOTIVES when we pray (or offer sacrifices, as they did in the Old Testament).

- **James 4:3** "You \_\_\_\_\_ and do \_\_\_\_\_ because you ask \_\_\_\_\_, that you may spend it on your pleasures."
- **I John 3:22** "And whatsoever we \_\_\_\_\_, we \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, because we \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_, and do those things that are \_\_\_\_\_ in His sight."
- **I John 5:14-15** "Now this is the \_\_\_\_\_ that we have in Him, that if we \_\_\_\_\_ anything \_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we \_\_\_\_\_, we know that we \_\_\_\_\_ the petitions that we have \_\_\_\_\_ of Him."
- **I Peter 3:12** "For the eyes of the Lord are on the \_\_\_\_\_, and His ears are open to their \_\_\_\_\_; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."
- **Psalms 66:18** "If I regard \_\_\_\_\_ in my heart, the Lord will \_\_\_\_\_ hear; but certainly God has heard; He has \_\_\_\_\_ to the voice of my \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "You ask and DO NOT RECEIVE, because you ask AMISS"** – To "ask amiss" means to ask with wrong motives, which in this verse are SELFISH motives - "that you may spend it on your pleasures." **We must pray with RIGHT MOTIVES**, which means not praying with only ourselves in mind. When praying, God looks to see how the answer to your prayer will bring honor and glory to Him, and the furthering of His kingdom. If you aren't sure about your motives, "HUMBLE yourself under the mighty hand of God" and ask Him to change your heart and **purify your motives**.

28-29 **A FALSE witness shall PERISH, but the man who hears him will speak endlessly.** A wicked man hardens his face, but as for the upright, he establishes his way.

- **Proverbs 6:16-19** "These six things the Lord \_\_\_\_\_, yes, seven are an \_\_\_\_\_ to Him: a \_\_\_\_\_ look, a \_\_\_\_\_ tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises \_\_\_\_\_ plans, feet that are swift in running to \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ who speaks \_\_\_\_\_, and one who sows \_\_\_\_\_ among brethren."

**Definition: "The man who hears him will speak endlessly"** – If you listen to LIES from a false witness and you hear their lies OVER and OVER, you eventually will accept them as the truth, and **you will REPEAT them to others AS IF it is the truth.**

- **II Thessalonians 2:9-11** "The coming of the lawless one (the Antichrist) is according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, with all power, signs, and \_\_\_\_\_ wonders, and with all unrighteous \_\_\_\_\_ among those who perish, because they did \_\_\_\_\_ receive the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, that they might be saved. And for this reason \_\_\_\_\_ will send them strong \_\_\_\_\_, that they should \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_."

30 **There is NO wisdom or understanding or counsel AGAINST the LORD.**

- **Job 42:1-2** "Then Job answered the Lord and said: 'I know that \_\_\_\_\_ can do \_\_\_\_\_, and that no \_\_\_\_\_ of Yours can be \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.'"

**Definition: "There is NO wisdom or understanding or counsel AGAINST the LORD"** – This is the same thing that Job says, "No thought can be withheld from You." It means that **whatever God wants to do, NO ONE can STOP Him!** Also, no one can separate us from God. It is NOT WE OURSELVES WHO HOLD ONTO GOD, but **GOD who HOLDS ONTO US. NOTHING can separate us from God** and His love if we are His child through faith in Jesus Christ. God has made a **PROMISE that He will complete His work in our lives.**

- **Romans 8:38-39** "For I am persuaded that neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor life, nor angels nor

\_\_\_\_\_, nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but **DELIVERANCE is of the Lord.**

• **Psalm 20:7** “Some \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, and some in \_\_\_\_\_; but we will \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Psalm 33:16-19** “No king is saved by the \_\_\_\_\_ of an \_\_\_\_\_; a mighty man is not \_\_\_\_\_ by great strength. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a vain hope for \_\_\_\_\_; neither shall it \_\_\_\_\_ any by its great strength. Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him, on those who \_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ their soul from death, and to \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_ in famine.”

**Definition: “DELIVERANCE is of the Lord”** – We can do everything humanly possible for our safety or for victory in war, but ultimately, it is the Lord our God who will deliver us from all harm and destruction.

• **Psalm 34:19** “Many are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, but the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ of them \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Psalm 103:2-5** “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His \_\_\_\_\_; who \_\_\_\_\_ all your iniquities, who \_\_\_\_\_ all your diseases, who \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, who crowns you with \_\_\_\_\_ and tender \_\_\_\_\_, who satisfies your mouth with \_\_\_\_\_ things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”

**Definition: “The Lord DELIVERS him OUT of them ALL”** – God never promises that we will not have troubles, problems, trials and tribulations in life, but **He does promise that He will bring us through them all safely.** When Jesus says that He has “overcome the world,” part of the meaning in the original Greek is “I have deprived it of power to harm you.” The storm may be raging all around you, but you are SAFE in Jesus. **He has deprived that situation of whatever harm it might have done to you.** You may think it is harming you while you’re going through it, but because God is causing ALL things to work together for your good, and to make you more like Christ (Romans 8:28-29), it is actually working for your eternal benefit, not harm. Because God is all-knowing, all-powerful, all-loving, and all-wise, we can TRUST HIM to know what He is doing when He ALLOWS certain things to happen in our lives.

• **Ezra 8:21-23** “Then I proclaimed a \_\_\_\_\_ there at the river of Ahava, that we might \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves \_\_\_\_\_ our God, to seek from \_\_\_\_\_ the right \_\_\_\_\_ for us and our little ones and all our possessions. For I was \_\_\_\_\_ to request of the \_\_\_\_\_ and escort of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to help us \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ on the road, because we had spoken to the \_\_\_\_\_, saying, ‘The hand of our \_\_\_\_\_ is upon all those for \_\_\_\_\_ to those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him, but His power and His \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ all those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him.’ So we \_\_\_\_\_ and entreated (prayed) our God for this, and He \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.”