

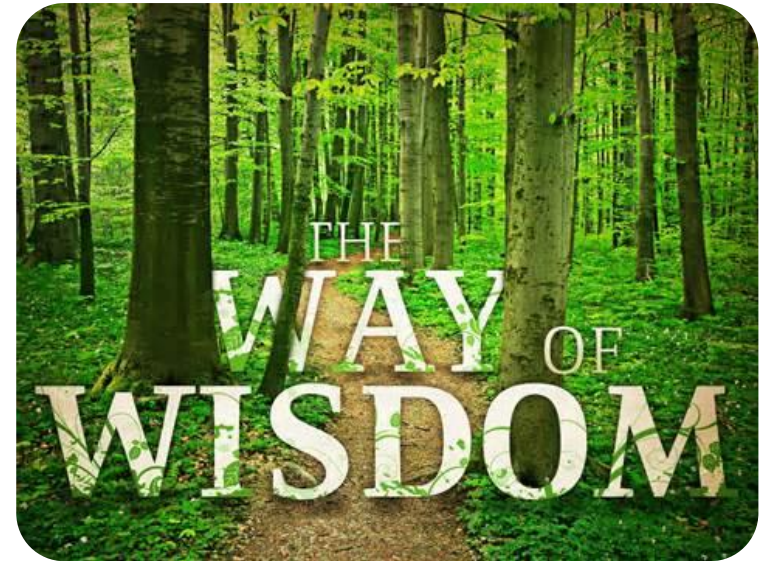


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## Proverbs

#22. How do I deal with sin?



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# The Book of Proverbs

 **M**en we saw that “the foolishness of man twists his way” last week. Foolishness in me is directly opposed to the “fear of the Lord”. What happens when I chose foolishness over fear? What happens when I sin against the most High God? How do I deal with that sin? That is what we want to explore in this study. Read -Prov. 28.

Hebrew poetry rhymes thoughts in structures. Some structures include only one stanza or line, some include much longer sections. For instance beginning in chapter 10 many of the Proverbs are structured in short forms known as parallelism. Mostly you will find either synonymous or antithetic parallelism. In synonymous parallelism the second line of a stanza repeats the content of the first but in different words. In antithetic parallelism the idea of the second line sharply contrasts with that of the first.

Other Proverbs include extended sections built around structure. For instance Proverbs 31 is an acrostic. Each line begins with the letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Knowing a little about structure helps us identify and understand how truth is communicated.

-Proverbs 28:13,14 is a couplet form of parallelism. The poetic structure of -Prov. 28:13,14 rhymes positive and negative actions & attitudes in a structure that looks like this.

- Negative action with respect to sin w/ result
- +Positive action with respect to sin w/ result
- +Positive heart attitude toward sin w/ result
- Negative heart attitude toward sin w/ result

16. How does “reverence” or “fear” work itself out according to – Phil. 2:12-16?

17. What is hardness of heart and what does it lead to?

18. What does -Hebrews 3:12-13 say about hardness of heart?

12. What is the result of dealing with sin as God requires?

1. What is the negative action with respect to sin and what is the subsequent result –Prov. 28:13?

13. Does God “cover” or “hide” sin? If so how?

2. What is the positive action with respect to sin and what is the subsequent result?

14. If the actions of dealing with sin, right or wrong, are dealt with in –Prov. 28:13 the attitudes of the heart toward sin are dealt with in –Prov. 28:14. What is the contrast in how we think about sin?

3. What is being compared & contrasted the size of our sin or action with respect to sin?

15. How does “reverence” or “fear” make us blessed or happy?

4. What does it mean to “cover” or “hide” sin? Who do we cover sin from?

5. How did Adam & Eve attempt to cover sin –Gen. 3:7? Who were they hiding from?

6. How does –Psalm 32:2 relate to covering or hiding sin?

7. How did Gehazi try to cover his sin in -2 Kgs. 5:25? How did Saul try to cover his sin in -1 Sam. 12:21,23?

8. What is the problem of covering or hiding sin? How does –Ps. 66:18 relate to that problem?

9. What was David’s experience when he tried to hide sin – Psalm 32:3-4?

10. How does God expect us to handle sin according to –Prov. 28:13B? (What was David’s experience in –Ps. 32:5?)

11. What are the two actions involved in dealing with sin successfully before God?