

## Questions on Proverbs Chapter 21

1. Thinking of verse 1... What did God later put into the heart of king Artaxerxes to do for Ezra and the people of Judah? (Ezra 7:27-28)
  - a. And Cyrus? (Isaiah 44:26-28)
  
2. Like 16:2, what does verse 2 say is typically viewed as “right” in man’s own eyes?
  
3. Verse 3 teaches what fact about obedience and sacrifice?
  - a. Who needed to learn this lesson in 1 Samuel 15:22-23?
  - b. What did David say about sacrifices in Psalm 51:17?
  
4. What approaches to acquiring wealth are contrasted in verses 5 and 6?
  
5. What is the consequence of practicing and inflicting violence? (7)
  
6. Verses 9 and 19 discuss the difficulties of living with what type of person?
  
7. How does a wicked man view his neighbor? (v. 10) How *should one* view his neighbor according to Jesus in Matthew 22:39?
  
8. By observing others, a naive person is at least smart enough to learn that bad behavior often has severe consequences. However, must

others be harmed in order for a wise man to learn these lessons? How does a wise man learn such lessons? (11)

9. What is said about shutting one's ears to the cry of the poor? (13)
  - a. What does Galatians 2:10 say about the poor?
10. What things lead to poverty? (17)
11. What can lead even to death? (25)
12. From what does one keep himself if he guards his mouth and tongue? (23)
  - a. What did we learn from 18:21 about how much power is in the tongue?
13. As we saw in 15:8, how does God view the sacrifice of the wicked? And what makes this sacrifice even worse? (27)
14. What things cannot be brought or used against the Lord? (30)
  - a. And according to verse 31, if God wishes to intervene, this is true even in what situations?
  - b. What advice did Gamaliel give to the Sanhedrin council related to human plans and council in Acts 5:38-39?
  - c. "Let God be true, but every man a \_\_\_\_\_" (Romans 3:4)