

Questions on Proverbs Chapter 26

1. What is not fitting for a fool to either have or receive? (v. 1)
 - a. What does verse 8 say about honoring a fool?
2. Why would a curse (v.2) be “uncaused” or “undeserved?”
3. As we saw in Proverbs 19:29, what punishment did the Old Testament authorize for fools?
 - a. What limitation did the Law place on administering this form of punishment? (Deut. 25.3)
4. Part “a” of verses 4 and 5 might appear on the surface to be contradictory. However, what circumstances change one’s obligation in answering a fool?
5. Why is it dangerous to rely upon a fool to deliver an important message?
 - a. Verse 10 makes a similar point but speaks of “hiring” a fool. To what is this compared in verse 10?
6. Why is a proverb feeble (v. 7) out of the mouth of a fool?
 - a. Verse 9 makes a similar point but to what is the fool’s proverb there compared?
7. What is it like for a fool to repeat his folly? (11)

- 8.** Verses 13-16 address the sluggard. What does he say or do in order to avoid working? (13)
 - a.** Where does he spend excessive time? (14)
 - b.** How wise is the sluggard? By whose estimation is he wise? (16)
- 9.** Who is like one who takes a dog by the ears? (17)
- 10.** Who is one like who deceives his neighbor and claims to only be joking? (18-19)
- 11.** Verses 20 and 21 compare quarreling and kindling strife to what?
- 12.** How does a hater and a deceiver disguise his true motives? (24)
- 13.** Whose heart contains 7 abominations? (25)
- 14.** Verse 27 speaks of a man falling into his own pit. What commentary does Psalm 7:15-16 provide about this man's motives?
- 15.** How does a liar view his victims? (28)
- 16.** What is the result of flattery? (28)