

Today many will sit down and eat together with others which recalls this, “When you sit down to eat with a ruler, observe carefully what is before you...”

Wisdom from God’s Word.

In 1 Kings, chapter 3, found in the Old Testament of your Bible, Solomon a son of David was made king. And upon this, Solomon asked God for understanding—for wisdom.

While many may ask for riches or power, Solomon asked for wisdom. Well, this pleased God greatly. So much so that God gave Solomon wisdom along with a long life and riches. And thanks to our access to God’s Word in the Bible, we too can learn some wisdom from the book of Proverbs, which Solomon is typically considered as the author.

A typical month has the same number of days in it that Proverbs does chapters. So, let’s look at part of Proverbs 23.

Proverbs 23:1-2 says, “When you sit down to eat with a ruler, observe carefully what is before you, and put a knife to your throat if you are given to appetite.”

The author of this Proverb provides a warning. A warning to us to control ourselves when confronted with the luxuries of a wealthy person who is looking to lure you into their plans and interests. Think of all the times throughout history when people are hoodwinked or recruited by some slick operator showing them all the bling that could be theirs if they *just go along* with whatever they’re trying to accomplish. Instead, be careful what is before you, don’t give in to something just because it is shiny and new.

Daniel in the Old Testament is someone who lived by this Proverb. He refused the allure of the pagan monarch, knowing it could corrupt him. Daniel instead followed God’s Word and God protected him. Daniel was faithful to God, and we can be too.

When you sit down to eat with a ruler, observe carefully what is before you.

Until next time, stay in the Word daily, it will save your life.

Peace.