

Thirty Sayings of the Wise – Sayings 23-24
PM Service Proverbs 24:8-10 April 23, 2017

Introduction

Saying 19

The Commands

The Reasons

1. Their hearts devise violence.
2. Their lips talk of troublemaking.
3. Their end is destruction.

Why choose to be zealous for God instead of envious of evil men?

- There is a hereafter.
- Our hope in the Lord will not be disappointed.

Sayings on Wisdom

Saying 20 – Wisdom gives security and prosperity.

Saying 21 – Wisdom gives strength.

Saying 22 – Wisdom is beyond the fool.

Saying 23 – Evil plans are the mark of an evil man.

His Name

- “plots”
- “do evil”
- “called”
- “schemer”

Commentary –

- There are evil people in the world who will create evil ideas intended to harm others.
- They are good-for-nothing people trying to break the righteous.

- They have been given a name.
- The name is schemer.

Two Types of Evil Men

- Those who are secretly malicious
- Those who are openly abusive

Saying 24 – Don’t give in to the pressure of trouble.

The Tendency

“faint”

“adversity”

When adversity comes, we are apt –

The Commentary

“strength”

“small”

“Some are so feeble that they can bear nothing; if a trouble does but *touch* them, nay, if it does but threaten them, they faint immediately and are ready to give up all for gone; and by this means they render themselves unfit to grapple with their trouble and unable to help themselves. *Be of good courage* therefore, *and God shall strengthen thy heart.* Matthew Henry

How about you?

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~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery