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(#182) The Proverbs of Solomon 27:1- Who Knew?

Proverbs 27:1:

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.

Even the calendar is cause for humility! Who knew yesterday what would be today's final: weather result? Stock Market margins? Family sickness and death? Earthquake or storm damage? Job benefit or loss? Accident tally? Sports results? Truly God proves to know much more than we do, for "Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?" (1 Corinthians 1:20). All we can do is "number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12), that is, realize that every day we live brings us closer to death (Hebrews 9:27). "Boasting" is talk that has no substance, in other words, the person doesn't know what he/ she is talking about!

Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit;' whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.' But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin. (James 4:13-17)

It is not wrong to plan ahead, but it is wrong to think those plans are completely within our power to bring them about! Calendar humility is a reason to "Have faith in God" (Mark 11:22).

There is nothing in Scripture that gives prior warning to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, for He taught:

But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. (Matthew 24:6)

Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. (Matthew 24:42)

Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. (Matthew 24:44)

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Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming. (Matthew 25:13)

ALL who have set the day or times for Jesus to return have been TOTALLY FALSE, completely discredited in their Bible knowledge of this event, and proven to not be a Prophet of God (Deuteronomy 18:21-22)!

Because we are ignorant about "tomorrow," and the time of Jesus' Second Coming, why not obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ today and then plan "if the Lord wills?" "He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

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