II. Background Info to Proverbs

Critical to Understand: Proverbs are divine guidelines and wise observations, teaching underlying principles, which are not always inflexible laws or absolute promises. (Example: Proverbs 10:27)

III. Looking at the Universal Problem (Proverbs 29:25a)

- A. The Fear of Man Brings a Snare
 - 1. Biblical Examples
 - a. Example #1: _____ (Genesis 4:13-14)
 - b. Example #2: _____ (Genesis 12 and 20)
 - c. Example #3: _____ (Genesis 26:6-7)
 - d. Example #4: _____ (Genesis 27)
 - e. Example #5: ______ (Genesis 50:15-21
 - f. Example #6: _____ (Exodus 3-4)
 - g. Example #7: _____ of _____ (Numbers 13-14)
 - h. Example #8: King _____ (I Samuel 15:24)
 - i. Example #9: _____ (I Kings 19)
 - j. Example #10: Apostle _____ (Galatians 2:11-14)
 - k. Example #11: The Spiritual Leaders of Israel (John 12: 42-43; Matthew 6:1-2, 5, 16-18)
- B. The Result of the Universal Problem (Proverbs 29:25)
 - 1. Brings a snare
 - 2. We have seen that the fear of man results in:

IV. The Universal Answer (Proverbs 29:25b)

A. Answer to Fearing Man: Trusting in the Lord

Remember: Proverbs are divine guidelines and wise observations, teaching underlying principles, <u>which are not always inflexible laws or absolute promises</u>.

B. Look at the Result First:

Proverbs 18:10– "The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe, secure."

- C. Anytime We Trust Humans/Run to Humans
- D. Anytime We Trust God/Run to God
- E. Consider Two Elements:
 - Proverbs 3:5-6– Psalm 125:1-2– Psalms 37:5-8– Proverbs 1:7– Proverbs 9:10– Luke 12:4-5– Ecclesiastes 12:13-14–
- F. Jeremiah 17:5-8

V. Conclusion:

- A. 1st: Godly people have and do struggle with the fear of man.
- B. Go to War on the Fear of Man in Your Life
 - 1. Identify Specific Ways You See the Fear of Man
 - 2. Consider Your Specific Thoughts
 - 3. Consider Your Worship
 - 4. Replace Wrong Thoughts, Wrong Worship, Wrong Actions with Righteous and Biblical Thoughts, Worship and Actions.

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