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The Proverbs Series

God's View on Anarchy

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Proverbs 28:1-10 ¹The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion. ²A land in rebellion has many rulers, but a man of understanding and knowledge maintains order. ³A destitute leader who oppresses the poor is like a driving rain that leaves no food. ⁴Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, but those who keep the law resist them. ⁵Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the LORD comprehend fully. ⁶Better a poor man who walks with integrity than a rich man whose ways are perverse. ⁷A discerning son keeps the law, but a companion of gluttons disgraces his father. ⁸He who increases his wealth by interest and usury lays it up for one who is kind to the poor. ⁹Whoever turns his ear away from hearing the law, even his prayer is detestable. ¹⁰He who leads the upright along the path of evil will fall into his own pit, but the blameless will inherit what is good. (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. Obeying what you know to be true protects you from **cowardice**. V.1
- B. Anarchy leads to **disorder** and **chaos**. V. 2
- C. Oppressing the poor leads to many **cultural** problems. V. 3
- D. The law-abiding keep the **wicked** from taking over. V. 4
- E. Seeking YHWH leads to **justice** in a society. V. 5
- F. Walking in **integrity** is the best route to take. V. 6
- G. Moderation in a child brings **honor** to their parents. V. 7
- H. Systems that prey on the poor will be **destroyed**. V. 8
- I. Obeying God's word builds on the **relationship** that one has with God. V. 9
- J. We must be setting good examples for others whom **YHWH** has put in our life. V. 10

II. How can we apply these truths?

- A. Be willing to **examine** what you know with what God's word really says. So much of our beliefs are mere religious traditions given to us from our parents.
- B. Resist the culture of **anarchy** you see around you. Vote according to God's word and not our political opinions.
- C. We need to seek a **balance** in the way that we exercise our civic duties. Sincere Christ-followers should not hate others!
- D. **Obey** the laws of man as long as they do not violate the laws of YHWH.
- E. Seek **moderation** in all things.
- F. Fight against **injustice** as you fight against anarchy.
- G. Our prayers become **stronger** when we are walking in light of God's word.
- H. Find a young person to **mentor**. Pray for God to bring someone in your life that you can walk with.