

The Fear of the Lord in Nations

Ecclesiastes 10:16-20

Notes

- 16 Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child,
And your princes feast in the morning!
- 17 Blessed are you, O land, when your king is the son of nobles,
And your princes feast at the proper time--
For strength and not for drunkenness!
- 18 Because of laziness the building decays,
And through idleness of hands the house leaks.
- 19 A feast is made for laughter,
And wine makes merry; But money answers everything.
- 20 Do not curse the king, even in your thought;
Do not curse the rich, even in your bedroom;
For a bird of the air may carry your voice,
And a bird in flight may tell the matter.

Small Group Questions

1. Most of Solomon's comments regarding the woes and blessings of various sorts of leadership pertain to the national level. How do these things work on a more local level, whether that be in business, home or community?
2. In verse 18 Solomon comments on the consequences of lazy leadership. How does this show up on our level, in our lives?
3. Complaining about leadership on almost any level becomes almost a reflex. How can we avoid this temptation?