

Motherly Advice Fit for a King

Proverbs 31

Introduction

- A. Mothers have been regarded as so important throughout history, and have helped so many become great.
- B. King Lemuel in Proverbs 31 felt that the words of his mother were important to share with the world. She taught advice that was truly fit for a king!

Body

I. Shun Sensuality (v.3)

- A. David was among many who have failed in this area, though he was a king.
- B. Moses, however, taught about shunning the things of this world (Hebrews 11:25).
- C. Purity is a constant Biblical teaching (Matthew 5:8; 1 Timothy 5:22; 2 Timothy 2:22; Philippians 4:8).

II. Avoid Alcohol (vv.4-5)

- A. Many, as they advance up this world's ladder, feel it is their right to drink.
- B. Lemuel's mother felt differently, and her teaching is consistent with Scripture (Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Corinthians 6:10).
- C. Lemuel's mother even said that alcohol is a pointless pain killer (vv.6-7)!

III. Use Position Properly (vv.8-9)

- A. Leaders are to be respected (Romans 13:3-4), but those in positions of leadership should earn respect, too.
- B. Nehemiah is a wonderful example! Whatever place we might have in life, we need to use our influence for the Lord.

IV. Look for a Lady (vv.10-31)

- A. This is not describing a specific woman, but teaching Lemuel who to look for.
- B. Mothers (and fathers) need to teach their sons to look for inner beauty and lady-hood above outward beauty.

Conclusion

- A. While all of these are important, they are remarkable when we consider who said them. It is possible that Lemuel is actually a poetic name for Solomon himself, which would mean Bathsheba could be the speaker.
- B. Whoever this is, though, she gives advice that is fitting for our little princes and princesses!

