

Confronting Sin I Kings 1:1-37

Review:

1. Failure to confront or even to acknowledge sin can have serious consequences
2. When others have sinned against us, we must confront their sin with humble grace and respect
3. When we have been confronted about our sin, we must abandon our pride in confession and repentance, seeking to set right whatever harm we may have caused

Reflect:

1. Have you ever had to confront someone about a sin in their life? How did that go? Given what you've learned from this passage, what could you have done to improve the conversation?
2. Has anyone ever been honest with you about how you have hurt them? How did you react? How should you have reacted?

Go Further: Read Proverbs 1:20-33

1. In these verses, Solomon personifies Wisdom. Where do verses 20 and 21 say she cries out? Why would she want to proclaim truth in these places?
2. In verse 22, what does she say that naïve people want?
3. In what do scoffers take delight?
4. What do fools hate?
5. In verse 23, toward what does Wisdom call all these people to turn?
6. What two things does she promise to these people?
7. What does Wisdom say happened when she called out?
8. What happened when Wisdom stretched out her hand?
9. From what two things does verse 25 say the people turned away?
10. As a result of their rejection, what does Wisdom say will make her laugh and mock?
11. How does verse 27 describe the dread and calamity that come when people reject Wisdom?
12. According to verse 28, what two things will people do when dread and calamity come upon them?
13. What will be the results of their actions?
14. What four reasons do verses 29 and 30 give for the people's suffering?
15. How does verse 31 describe the results of the people's sin?
16. What eventually kills those who are naïve?
17. What eventually destroys those who are fools?
18. What promise does Wisdom make to those who listen to her?

Summary and Application:

1. In verses 23, 25, and 30, Wisdom speaks of her ability to reprove, which means to point out the faults of those who are heading in the wrong direction. David refused to reprove his son Adonijah, but did accept the reproof offered by Bathsheba and Nathan. How did David thus display both folly and wisdom?
2. How do you react when the Scriptures point out areas of your life that need to be changed? Is your attitude more like that of verse 25 or verse 33?