

Daily Devotional, April 30, 2020

“A Corner of a Housetop”, (Proverbs 25:24, NKJV)

“It is better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman” (Proverbs 25:24)

Solomon also goes on to compare “a contentious woman” with “a continual dripping on a very rainy day” (Proverbs 27:15). What can we learn from these divinely inspired proverbs? “If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men” (Romans 12:18). And let us begin at home. It isn’t just women who can make home life miserable. Men are fully capable of the same. Not just spouses, but also parents and children.

Today, let this be a call for peace. Husbands and wives, families, read this together, without immediate comment, looking in the mirror and not at each other. Arguments over trivial things, naggings, and our own little obsessions about how, when, and where things ought to be done just so, let them cease! Let us have peace in our homes. It may be that there are times when you make those you live with miserable, so much so that they regret the absence of a flat roof to lay upon in hiding from the incessant barrage of your words and senseless behavior. The more time we spend at home, the more we must redouble our efforts to keep our homes as sanctuaries. Is the atmosphere in your home such that if Jesus were to come to call in the flesh, He would feel comfortable? If it is not so, well then, I suppose we have come upon the answer. Jesus Christ is not being welcomed daily under your roof as He ought. Here we must offer two caveats—that we are not to be doormats, and neither shall we ever tolerate abuse—God is not a part of nor does He sanction these things, and they need to be remedied. Notwithstanding, if neither of the two caveats can truly be said to be the case, then we are called to be peacemakers, watch our words, seek reconciliation, and find ways to incorporate peace, prayer, and quiet into our home environments. Let us be careful not to constantly introduce or feed on drama into our daily lives, for that will inevitably lead to strife, as such a disposition is a contentious one. Surely if we work at it, our living rooms can become far better accommodations than “a corner of a housetop.”