

Chapter 29

What Is Sweet Now Turns So Sour

BIBLE

Yahweh's angel came up from Gilgal to Bochim. He said, "I brought you out of Egypt, and have brought you to the land which I swore to give your fathers. I said, 'I will never break my covenant with you.'"¹

He had in his hand a little open book. He set his right foot on the sea, and his left on the land.²

I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. He said to me, "Take it, and eat it up. It will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey."³

He went out again by the seaside. All the multitude came to him, and he taught them.⁴

He told them this parable:⁵ "Now on the mountainside there was a great herd of pigs feeding.⁶ They all ate, and were filled."⁷

"Behold, I have found this," says the Preacher, "one to another, to find out the scheme;⁸ put a knife to your throat, if you are a man given to appetite.⁹ Don't be among ones drinking too much wine, or those who gorge themselves on meat."¹⁰

COMMENTARY

¹ **Judges 2:1** ["Yahweh's angel" is George] Egypt, which Moses led his people out of, represents bondage. An undisciplined person is in bondage to the carnal nature.

² **Revelation 10:2**

³ **Revelation 10:9** "You know that what you eat you are, what is sweet now turns so sour," George warns us in "Savoy Truffle." Self control may not provide instant gratification, but it can lead to long term happiness.

⁴ **Mark 2:13** Aristotle: "What lies in our power to do, lies in our power not to do."

⁵ **Luke 15:3** Bum Phillips: "The only discipline that lasts is self-discipline."

⁶ **Mark 5:11** In "Piggies," George uses pigs to represent gluttonous behavior: "And for all the little piggies, life is getting worse."

⁷ **Mark 6:42** David Campbell: "Discipline is remembering what you want."

⁸ **Ecclesiastes 7:27**

⁹ **Proverbs 23:2** Peter De Vries: "Gluttony is an emotional escape, a sign something is eating us."

¹⁰ **Proverbs 23:20** In "Piggies," the "piggies" are "clutching forks and knives to eat their bacon."

“For the drunkard and the glutton shall become poor; and drowsiness clothes them in rags.¹¹ Yes, the dogs are greedy, they can never have enough; and these are shepherds who can't understand: they have all turned to their own way, each one to his gain, from every quarter.¹²

“Like a city that is broken down and without walls is a man whose spirit is without restraint.¹³ Or don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which you have from God? You are not your own.¹⁴

“All chastening seems for the present to be not joyous but grievous; yet afterward it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been exercised thereby.¹⁵

“My son, don't despise Yahweh's discipline, neither be weary of his reproof.¹⁶ The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge; but the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.”¹⁷

His brothers also went and fell down before his face; and they said, “Behold, we are your servants.¹⁸ The entrance of your words gives light. It gives understanding to the simple.”¹⁹

He said to them, “Come again to me after three days.” The people departed.²⁰

¹¹ **Proverbs 23:21** In “Savoy Truffle,” George cautions against overindulgence: “You might not feel it now, but when the pain cuts through you're going to know it and how. ”

¹² **Isaiah 56:11** Pietro Aretino: “I am indeed, a king, because I know how to rule myself.”

¹³ **Proverbs 25:28** With self-discipline, we are liberated from our earthly and animalistic instincts and conditioned responses.

¹⁴ **1 Corinthians 6:19** The more we exercise restraint and self control, the easier it will be for Spirit to express itself through us.

¹⁵ **Hebrews 12:11** “All the world is birthday cake, so take a piece but not too much,” George advises in “It's All Too Much.”

¹⁶ **Proverbs 3:11** Theodore Roosevelt: “With self discipline, most anything is possible.”

¹⁷ **Proverbs 1:7** Wisdom and self control are gifts of the Spirit, but they still need to be developed in order to navigate effectively here on the Earth plane. Just like we have to remind ourselves to choose love in all circumstances, we have to learn to rise above our feelings and be disciplined in all our affairs.

¹⁸ **Genesis 50:18**

¹⁹ **Psalms 119:130**

²⁰ **2 Chronicles 10:5** Mick Jagger: “It's alright letting yourself go, as long as you can get yourself back.”