

Frederick Douglass, Part II: Chapters 16-18: **Unlikely Reunions and Grateful Remembrances**

"Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, so a curse without cause shall not alight." (Proverbs 23:23)

1. How did Douglass' *Narrative* help his grandmother?

It caused Capt. Thomas Auld to provide better care for her.

It allowed his grandmother to receive a proper burial.

It provided money for her to live somewhere different than a hut in the woods.

2. Read Proverbs 25:21-22. Describe three ways in which Douglass both showed love to and received love from his old "enemies" on the Eastern Shore and Harpers Ferry:

1)

2)

3)

3. Give the definitions of the following words or terms Douglass uses in his narrative (use a dictionary and pay attention to the context in which the word is used):

1) Umbrageous (adjective), p. 297:

2) Phaeton (noun), p. 326, 333:

3) Disapprobation (noun), p. 336:

4. Read Proverbs 25:4-5. Recall how Douglass described his home plantation almost fifty years before (see page 18-19) What kind of changes did Douglass observe during his visit to Talbot County that demonstrated that the “dross” of the wickedness of slavery had been removed and that both the North and the South were being “established in righteousness?” How did these changes come about? Answer in 3-5 sentences.

5. Proverbs 25:11 describes “words fitly spoken” being as beautiful as golden apples set in silver. Give three examples from Douglass’ recollections (chapter 17) where someone (including Douglass) spoke the right word at the right time on another’s behalf:

1)

2)

3)

6. “Frederick Douglass received assistance only from Republican politicians.” Why is this statement true or false?

7. Which principle from Proverbs 26 is best illustrated by Douglass' telling the story about the black and white horses all eating from the same feeding trough?

Answering a fool according to his folly (26:5)

Meddling in someone else's quarrel (26:17)

Deceiving a person by claiming to be joking (26:19)

8. Read Proverbs 26:2. How did Douglass illustrate this verse in response to the "curses" of those who opposed him because of his skin color? Answer in 3-5 sentences and use at least two illustrations from the assigned reading.

9. Match the person Douglass honored in Chapter 18 with the specific epitaph he gave each of them:

"A brave man himself, he knew how to esteem courage in others."

Jehiel Beman

"There was no contradiction between her thought and act."

Lydia Child

"She always managed to infuse a spirit of brotherly love and good will."

Lucetia Mott

"A noble man, [who] kindly took me by the hand."

James Smith

10. Read Proverbs 26:24-26. How did Douglass encounter the kind of person described in these verses within the evangelical community? In at least three sentences, compare and contrast his experiences with those who claimed to be Christians versus those who did not claim to be Christians.

Douglass concluded that “genuine goodness is the same, whether found inside or outside the church, and that to be an ‘infidel’ no more proves a man to be selfish, mean, and wicked, than to be evangelical proves him to be honest, just, and humane.” Read Luke 18:18-23 and Romans 3:9-20. Based on these passages, do you agree with Douglass? Answer in at least three sentences.