

# Let's Worship God

31st May - 5th June 2021

Proverbs



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[Proverbs 3:5-6]

## Monday - Proverbs 10:23-25 - Sand or Rock

Delighting in doing what is wrong shows a sinful heart and mind. But there are many people who enjoy doing what God has said is wrong. Even though they may realise that it will bring disastrous consequences, they still want to do it. The television is full of pictures of men and women delighting in doing evil. But a man of wisdom is not going to be happy about God being disobeyed.

The pleasure of the wicked is soon gone, and what he dreads will come upon him. But what does a wicked man dread? God. The unbelieving man dreads coming to stand before God. This is why he spends his life avoiding thinking about God, distracting himself with people and things, trying to convince himself that God does not exist, because in his heart of hearts he knows that one day God will call him to account, and he fears this. Life is short, and the day will come sooner than he thinks. But what the righteous most desire will be granted. What a loving Father God is to His people! He not only saves us, He gives us a desire for Him, and He grants that desire. What should be the greatest desire of a Christian but to be closer to God, to be more loving and more obedient to Him, to understand Him better and to experience His love. God grants this desire not just throughout our life but perfectly in Heaven.

The wicked has taken pleasure in doing evil, but what he dreads most overcomes him and what is the result - he is gone. Everything he thinks he has achieved or owned or done in this life is taken from him in a moment and nothing is left. But a man of wisdom, who hates sin, and desires God, has built his life on a foundation of solid rock - on a foundation of Christ and nothing can sweep him away.

## Questions

1. What does an evil man fear?
2. What does a righteous man desire most?

## Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would build our lives on Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## Memory Verse

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**Praise: Psalm 61 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## Tuesday - Proverbs 10:26-28 - Hope

Laziness! Solomon can't say enough about laziness. A lazy man annoys his employer, he is completely unreliable in most every situation. Are you a sluggard to your heavenly Master? Do you take very little effort to love and obey Christ? Spending your time not serving Him but yourself? Being lazy to obey God is really the same as disobeying Him.

Verse 27 contrasts the lazy man with someone who fears the Lord. The man or woman who loves God, who can't be busy enough for God, has eternal life added on to this life. But the wicked man will find that the days that he can do what he wants are very short when set against an eternity of punishment.

Those who fear the Lord can look forward to the future with joy and hope. They know that a time is coming when there will be no more pain or sorrow, no more sin or evil at work, but eternity spent with our Lord and those we love doing God's work. This makes their hardships on earth bearable, and their attitude joyful. But the wicked hopes in all the wrong things. Maybe they are hoping that the fact they are baptised will save them, or their gran's church attendance will save them, or the nice things they do for others, or their money or intelligence will save them. But if they put their hope in anything other than Jesus Christ and what he has done for them, they will be disappointed, but worse than that, they will be destroyed.

What is your hope in? How do you see the future? What will happen to you after you die? Make sure your hope is built on nothing less than what Jesus Christ has done on the cross.

## Questions

1. How can we avoid being lazy?
2. What does it mean to fear the Lord?
3. What must our hope be in?

## Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for what Christ has done for you.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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## Wednesday - Proverbs 10:29-32 - Refuge, Promises, and Speech

We don't often think of the way of the Lord as being a refuge or shelter. It's described throughout the Bible as narrow, difficult, and open to persecution. It's definitely not seen as easy, but a refuge - the safe option? In the light of eternity, obedience to God is the safe thing to do. But in addition to this walking in the ways of God, running to Him in prayer with our troubles, gives us comfort and strength. It is a refuge from the storms of the world, and it is a refuge that the wicked just don't have. Instead the way of God destroys them as they rebel against it.

Verse 30 is a tremendous promise. Those who have put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ will never be uprooted. Their position, safe in the hands of God, is secure. Nothing can separate them from the love of God in Christ. But the wicked have no such hope; their time on earth is very short, and they will have no part in the new heavens and the new earth.

Verses 31-32 give us another image of how our tongues can be used to do good - to bear much fruit. They can be used to bring forth wisdom, to speak of Christ, to tell of the things of God, to take the opportunities that arise to share the Gospel. The righteous man thinks before he speaks, so that he knows what is the fitting thing to say in each situation. He sets a guard over his mouth and thinks through how best to encourage others and speak of Christ. Listening to what people are saying, genuinely caring for them, and desiring to bring glory to God enables him to use his tongue for good.

### Questions

1. How is the way of God a refuge?
2. What promise does God give us in verse 30?
3. How can we use our tongues for good?
4. How will listening to people make us better at saying the right thing?

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would help others by what we say.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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## Thursday - Proverbs 11:1-2 - Honesty and Humility

The Word of God doesn't just deal with the big issues of life - it deals with the everyday details as well. How we run our businesses, how we deal with money - that's important to God. He hates and forbids double-dealing, deceit, lying measurements, trickery, and thieving of others through worldly shrewdness. The world may say that this is the way to get ahead, but God says it's an abomination. But those who deal with others honestly, justly, and fairly, God is pleased with. The world is full of hypocrites - men and women who pretend to be upstanding, respectable citizens while they cheat and lie to get what they want. Christians should not be seen this way, but everything they do should be done God's way. The small details of our life should match the big things we say.

Verse 2 describes a truth clearly seen throughout history. Pride is at the heart of sin. It was the root of the Fall - Adam and Eve thought they could be like God. And following hard on the heels of pride is disgrace. When we are puffed up, when we forget how sinful we are and refuse to rely on God, we will fall back down to earth with a crash. Why? Because the truth of the matter is that we have nothing to be proud about. Without God we can do nothing, and when we try to do things without Him, we'll fail. It's as simple as that.

But what about the humble? Not a false humility where we are so self-centred we dwell on our low opinion of ourself, but true humility that realises our state before God, what He has done for us, and what we desire to do for Him while trusting in His strength not ours. When we have this spirit of humility within us, where we see God as our salvation and put others before ourselves, we are on the road of wisdom - of loving obedience to our Heavenly Father.

## Questions

1. Why does God care how we run our business?
2. Why does pride go before a fall?

## Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would have a humble, honest heart.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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## Friday - Proverbs 11:3-8 - Our Guide and Our Safety

Integrity or righteousness is a valuable guide in all situations. The desire to know the will of God in order to do it will always bring light upon our path. It will also protect us from many evils. Often obeying God delivers us from death in this life. How? Just think of all the people who are killing themselves through disobeying God in regards to alcohol, drugs, violence, sex, gluttony, worry, anger, malice, greed, etc. But always those who trust in Christ are delivered from eternal death. But the unrepentant sinner who does not walk in the ways of God, brings destruction upon himself. When the final day of judgment arrives nothing that he can say or nothing he has ever done will deliver him.

Verse 8 illustrates a principle we see in the Bible. The Israelites are delivered out of the Red Sea; the Egyptians are destroyed in their place. Mordecai is saved from the gallows, and Haman is hung upon it. Daniel is preserved from the lions, but his accusers are devoured. Peter is rescued from prison, and his captors are condemned. Precious in the eyes of God is the life and death of His people. Why? Are we especially loveable? No, it's nothing in us, but God's gracious love towards worthless sinners that makes Him value us. It may not always show itself in immediate deliverance from a trial, but the love is unchangeably the same. This should both humble us and make us strong in our trust of God.

## Questions

1. What is integrity?
2. What kind of consequences does disobeying God bring?
3. What is the only thing we can trust in to save us?
4. Why does God care so much for His people?

## Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for God's love for us.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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## Saturday - Proverbs 11:9-11 - Whose Way?

There are plenty of people like those described in verse 9. People whose only desire is to destroy others by what they say. Sadly, even the church is full of people who use their words for evil to tear down and destroy their brothers and sisters in Christ through lies, deceit, false teaching, and slander. But we can guard against this through knowledge. The more we know about what God teaches, the more we can recognise lies for what they are. The more we learn from the Bible about how we are to treat others, the more we can keep silent and not spread gossip and deal with our quarrels in a Biblical way.

Verses 10 and 11 are so true and so ignored by the world today. When a nation or city or people are doing what God says, they will prosper. God will bless them. It has happened throughout history. Nations who are ruled by Godly men who seek the Lord and want to obey Him, people who use the Bible to guide them in all that they do, who love and obey their Saviour, are blessed with prosperity, peace, success, and much more. But again, and again, and again, we fail to do things God's way, substituting what we want, what we think is best. And what is the result? Wars, poverty, crime, unemployment, drought, floods, earthquakes, fires, disease, and much more. Of course, there are always exceptions - there are always men and women who seem to prosper in their sinfulness, and there are always Godly people who suffer despite being Godly. But these exceptions make the general rule stand out even more. Doing things God's way leads to blessing and always eternal life; doing things our way leads to suffering and always eternal destruction. It's so simple, so true, and so ignored.

## Questions

1. How can we use our tongue for good?
2. What generally happens if we do things God's way?
3. What happens if we don't?

## Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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**God tells us that  
Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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