

Let's Worship God

19th-24th July 2021
Proverbs



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[Proverbs 3:5-6]

Monday - Proverbs 15:1-5 - The Tongue

We want to try to pick out key points of application in these verses.

Verse 1 - How often we give in to our irritation! We retort angrily to something someone has said; justify ourselves; insist on having the last word; say everything we can; and think we are right to be angry. We'd almost rather lose a friend than lose an opportunity to be clever and sarcastic. But God's example is otherwise - we are to be soft spoken, peaceable, and patient, using our tongue to heal rather than continue the fight.

Verse 2 - Verse 1 is about the tongue of love, this verse is about the tongue of wisdom. The wise man commands his tongue, not the other way around. The fool may know a lot, but he doesn't use his knowledge the right way. Remember that wisdom is found not in how much we know, but in how we use what we know.

Verse 3 - God sees all. How foolish is the atheist, who thinks there is no God to see him or to judge him. God sees our joy, our sorrow, our service, our pain, and our sin. How can we live before the all-seeing eyes of God? There is only one way, our sins must be covered by Christ.

Verse 4 - When our hearts are right with God, we talk about healing, sins forgiven, and eternal life with Christ. But an evil heart deceives itself and others.

Verse 5 - God commands children to obey their parents. Even Jesus obeys His parents, but a fool does not, thinking he knows better. If we do not obey our earthly fathers, how can we obey our Heavenly Father?

Questions

1. How are we to use our tongue?
2. How can we live before the eyes of God?
3. Why did Jesus obey His parents?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that you would use your tongue for good.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. Proverbs 15:1

Praise: Psalm 103 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Proverbs 15:6-11 - Hypocrisy or Sincerity?

Verse 6 - Whenever the righteous and the wicked are compared in this book, the way of the righteous is always better. Though the righteous may not have much of the world's treasure, he has great unseen treasure. But the wicked's eternal reward is something no one would want.

Verse 7 - The first thing we should do with knowledge is store it up, in our heads and hearts. The second thing is to spread it to others. The greatest knowledge we have is the knowledge of the Gospel. What are we doing with this knowledge? Are we telling others? Or are we, like the fool, doing nothing, sharing none of what we know?

Verses 8-9 - What kind of prayers do you offer to God? Is it the thoughtless, hypocritical sacrifice of the wicked? Or the sincere prayer of a sinner saved by grace? Do you pursue your own way? Or do you follow God's paths, living a life of obedience to Him?

Verse 10 - As Christians we should know that we need correction, we should welcome it, as something that keeps us close to God, but it is never easy. We still need to be thankful for it, even to ask for it, because if God turns us over to our own sins, we would just wander farther and farther away from Him and the end result is death.

Verse 11 - Just like in verse 3, we have here another picture of the all-seeing, all-knowing, all-powerful God. There is no thought, word, feeling, or action, that He does not know about. But if we really believe that God searches our hearts, would we think or say half the things we do? Would we be so hypocritical in going through the motions of faith every Sunday with a heart that's far from God?

Questions

1. What is the wicked's eternal reward?
2. Why is it useless to pretend with God?
3. Why do we need correction?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would share the Gospel with others.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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Wednesday - Proverbs 15:12-15 - A Cheerful Heart

Verse 12 - It's so hard to love a truth-telling friend. When they criticise something we have done, our pride is stung, and our first impulse is to be defensive. But just as we need correction from God, we need truth from our friends. They are often the means God has provided to hold us accountable to doing what is right. Do not be like the fool, but swallow your pride, and go to the wise for help, no matter how much it hurts.

Verse 13 - There's a close connection between how we feel and the expression on our face. The Gospel should make us happy, the knowledge that sins are forgiven should bring us joy. But often sorrow breaks our spirit. We become so sad and depressed that our energy is paralysed for the work of God, and we sink deeper and deeper into gloom. We need to make every effort to be joyful, to not let our feelings rule over us, and to set our minds on God's love for us and the hope of Heaven.

Verse 14 - It is one of the amazing facts about the Christian life, that the more we know about God, the more we want to know. The more we read His Word, the more we will want to read. The more we come to Him in prayer, the more we will want to pray. If you want to hunger and thirst after God, begin by reading His Word and praying, regularly and faithfully. As you grow, your desire to grow will increase.

Verse 15 - The cheerful heart has a continuous feast, because he has joy in the Lord. All is a blessing to him, hardship and riches equally bring him joy. But how often are we determined to be miserable, and nothing makes us happy.

Questions

1. Why do we need others to hold us accountable?
2. How can we make sure that sorrow doesn't overwhelm us?
3. How can we get the desire to know more about God?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for the blessings we have in Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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Thursday - Proverbs 15:16-21 - Diligence in Doing Right

Verses 16-17 - How do we have a merry heart? By fearing the Lord and loving our neighbour. Then we are content with whatever God sends us, preferring it to all the riches of the world without Him. Then we know that though we have little here on earth, there is much saved for us in heaven. If we want our children to be happy, let us teach them to expect little from the world and everything from God.

Verse 18 - What is a Christian's job? Instead of stirring up quarrels, we are to be peacemakers. Remember Christ Himself is our peacemaker.

Verse 19 - The sluggard makes his way hard through his own foolishness. He half-heartedly attempts to go forward, but gives up very quickly. Maybe he makes an effort to pray, to read God's Word, but the hard work involved in faithfully keeping at it day after day seems too much, and he gives up. But the righteous man obeys God's commands, feeds upon His promises, continues in prayer, and finds that the more he strives to go forward, the easier it becomes. Yes, there are hardships, but through faithfulness they are overcome, and the way is made straight.

Verse 20 - What greater joy can any parent have than to know that their son or daughter fears the Lord? And what greater sorrow is there than to see their child rebelling against God. We need to pray often for our children, that they will walk in the ways of God.

Verse 21 - A foolish man doesn't just sin, it makes him happy to sin. He enjoys doing what God forbids. But the righteous man enjoys obedience; he loves to do what God has said. Which are you?

Questions

1. How can we be content?
2. How can we be a peacemaker?
3. What is the greatest joy a parent can have?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for our children and young people.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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Friday - Proverbs 15:22-27 - Thoughts

Verse 22 - This verse is one of the many reasons we have a Session. Our minds have been affected by sin, and it's wise to distrust ourselves, and to take into account the fact that we might be wrong. And when our advisers are led by the Word of God, their advice is to be highly sought after.

Verse 23 - How good is the right word said at the right time! It may point a sinner to a Saviour, it may call back a friend from doing what is wrong. God can use our words to do much good. But notice that the right time is important as well. Speaking out of exasperation or irritation, brooding over something for a long time until it finally boils out, can hardly be considered the right time.

Verse 24 - The life above is the life eternal, and there is only one way to this eternal life - faith in Jesus Christ. The only other option is eternal death - the way of the grave.

Verse 25 - God often humbles the proud and exalts the humble. Those whom many in the world are ready to ignore and trample on, God cares for, defends, and provides.

Verse 26 - How lightly do we take our thoughts! We think they belong to us, and we can use them however we want. We'd be appalled if we committed some sins, but we aren't upset to think those same sins. And yet all sin begins with our thoughts. If you took the time right now to look at what you've been thinking about this last half-hour, would the results amaze you? Would it displease God?

Verse 27 - Greed comes from loving money more than God. Whenever we put anything in the place of God the result will be disastrous, for us and for our families. But putting God first, keeps us in the way of obedience.

Questions

1. Why is it wise to have a multitude of advisors?
2. What is the only way to eternal life?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for our Session.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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Saturday - Proverbs 15:28-33 - Prayer and Grace

Verse 28 - A Christian should think before he speaks. If we want to be able to say the right thing at the right time, we need to think it through first. Speaking quickly or impulsively usually causes nothing but trouble. So think, think, and think again before you speak, asking through prayer for help in what you say.

Verse 29 - God hears the prayers of His children. Our feeble muttering and confused requests in the hands of our mediator, Jesus Christ, are made perfect. Satan will do all he can to make us doubt this for he knows that prayer is our refuge from him. We are not righteous ourselves, but our Saviour is, and we belong to Him, and He speaks on our behalf. God hears, and He will answer in His will and in His time. Bring to Him all your requests; become a living soul speaking to a living God.

Verse 30 - We can bring much joy to people. Think of the joy of parents hearing the voice of their grown child on the phone or coming through the door. Think of the joy of hearing good news from your doctor or your employer. But how much more joy is there with the good news of the Gospel. It is an eternal joy to see men and women come to faith, and to have that faith ourselves.

Verses 31-32 - Again and again throughout this chapter we are told that rebuke and correction is the way of life. If we think we know everything, our pride will bring us down.

Verse 33 - When we love God and want to do what He says, we learn wisdom; we learn obedience; and we learn humility. It is grace and grace alone that makes us wise, that loves us, that enables us to obey. The more we understand this grace, the more humble we should be.

Questions

1. Why should we think before we speak?
2. How does the love of God make us wise?

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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