

# Let's Worship God

26th-31st July 2021  
Proverbs



# trust

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ing; in all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make your paths straight.

[Proverbs 3:5-6]

## Monday - Proverbs 16:1-4 A Plan For Everything

Verse 1 - The King James Version translates this verse, "The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord." God is the one who prepares our heart to hear His Word. He is the one who changes our heart from death to life. He is the one who gives us the faith and the words to confess that faith. And He is the one who causes us to grow in that faith daily. Does this mean we are not responsible for what we do? No. We still have the duty to do what is right, but only God can give us the strength to do it. But He promises that those who seek grace and strength and help will find it.

Verse 2 - If man were allowed to judge himself, he'd be very lenient, making excuses for all his sins. Even if an unbeliever admits he's a sinner, he doesn't think his sin is that bad. But to God all sin is bad, and He sees the heart, the secret sin, the inward thoughts, the motives that drive us to do what we do. Do you realise what a sinner you are?

Verse 3 - What does it mean to commit what you do to the Lord? It means to hand it over to Him, to live your life for Him not for yourself. If you do everything out of a desire to bring Him glory, to obey Him, your plans will succeed. Form the habit of constantly praying to God about all that you do, that He use it for His glory and service, then in any trouble or crisis, you will instantly turn to Him with that situation and find the peace that comes from knowing your life is in His hands.

Verse 4 - This verse seems to follow on verse 3. God has a plan and a purpose for everything. Even the destruction of the wicked brings glory to Him and is part of His plan. Is God the author of sin? No. Can He bring glory to Himself out of it? Yes.

## Questions

1. Who is the one who changes our hearts and causes our faith to grow?
2. How can we commit all we do to the Lord?

## Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that God is in control of everything.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## Memory Verse

By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the the fear of the Lord one turns away from evil. Proverbs 16:6

**Praise: Psalm 109 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## Tuesday - Proverbs 16:5-9 - The Gospel

Verse 5 - Do you realise how much God hates the proud? Do you understand how little reason anyone has to be proud? To be proud is to say, "I know best"; it is essentially to say "I am as good as God." Is it any wonder God hates it? Even if we never say it, even if it's hidden deep in our heart, how often do we think we know a better way than God's way. Beware of this sin.

Verse 6 - This is an amazing verse - the Gospel in a nutshell. The Hebrew word translated as 'love and faithfulness' is 'hessed'. This is a powerful word that describes the covenant love and faithfulness of God to His people. And it is this, it is God's love for His people, God's faithfulness in being their God, that has provided a way of atonement. Why did Christ come to die on a cross? Because of God's covenant love for His people. And what happens when that sin is atoned for, when that heart is changed? The fear of the Lord comes in - respect and love for our Saviour God causes us to avoid sin. This verse is the Gospel.

Verse 7 - It's far better to have man as your enemy than God. And when we are at peace with God, we can be assured that no one can touch us unless God allows it for His glory and our good.

Verse 8 - There is no peace, unless it is found with God. The wealthiest man or woman alive, whether their riches are gained fairly or unfairly, if they are enemies of God, they are not to be envied. Seek first the things of God - the way of contentment is there.

Verse 9 - We can have all the plans in the world, but if they aren't God's plans, they won't happen. God will overrule. This is a good thing. Which would you prefer - your own way, or the all-knowing, all-powerful, absolutely good way of God?

### Questions

1. What is a proud person actually saying?
2. Why did Jesus die on the cross?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for Christ's atonement for the people of God.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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## Wednesday - Proverbs 16:10-17 - The Path of the Wise

Verses 10-13 - Here is an instruction book for kings; showing, not what they are, but what God requires them to be, so that they may be a blessing to their people and a benefit to the world. It is a picture of our heavenly King. This king not only hates what is wicked and unjust, he loves what is good and right, surrounding himself with righteous men. We need to be praying that the leaders of our country will be the kind of ruler described in these verses.

Verses 14-15 - How much more true are these verses when applied to our heavenly King. His wrath is death, eternal death to those against whom it is directed. The wise man flees to Christ to make peace for Him against this wrath. And when our King looks on us with favour and love, how joyful we are.

Verse 16 - Solomon knows what he is talking about here. He has had the opportunity to possess both great wealth and great wisdom, and he judges wisdom to be better. It is more lasting - our love and service for the Lord will last long after our earthly possessions. Many work day and night for riches, and they never achieve their goal. But God has promised that those who pursue wisdom, who pursue the ways of God, will have success.

Verse 17 - The highway is the plain, beaten path of holiness. Simple obedience. Doing what God says and avoiding the diversions of sin. Stick to the path marked out for you in His Word. Don't take shortcuts, don't follow diversions, keep a straight course. Guard yourself. You know what sins are greater temptations for you; you know when your foot is stepping off that path. Stop yourself and get back on the road.

## Questions

1. How can we be at peace with an angry God?
2. What is better than gold and silver?
3. Where do we learn how to love and obey God?

## Prayer Points

1. Pray for the rulers of our land.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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## Thursday - Proverbs 16:18-21 - Wisdom and Faith

Verses 18-19 - If we want an example of these verses we just need to look in Genesis. Adam and Eve's pride in wanting to be like God put us all on the road to destruction. The proud man or woman is always looking above them, grasping after greatness, and they forget to watch their own steps, their own life. Is it any wonder that they fall? Are you proud? Are you proud about your looks, your brains, your job, your family, your kindness, your Godliness, or your service? Are not all these gifts from God that you don't deserve? Do you want to avoid pride? Then seek humility. Remember who you are - a sinner saved by grace.

Verse 20 - Two things are needed for success - wisdom and faith. One teaches us what to do for ourselves; the other what to expect from God. With wisdom we love and obey God, we follow His instructions in the Word, but we must also depend on Him for the success, for the strength, for the grace to obey. It is good to know what God wants and to desire to do it, but we have to do it in His strength not ours else pride sneaks in again. Martin Luther said, "I have had many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have been able to place in God's, I still possess."

Verse 21 - It's not enough just to know what to do, we have to know when to do it. This is true wisdom, not just knowing the right thing but doing it, discerning when it is time to do what's right. And a heart that's full with this kind of wisdom will overflow in speech. The things we say will be an example and an influence to others.

## Questions

1. How were Adam and Eve proud?
2. What do you need for success?
3. What is discernment?

## Prayer Points

1. Pray for humility.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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## Friday - Proverbs 16:22-25 - The Word of God

Verse 22 - When God changes our hearts, we understand. We understand His Word, we understand what the minister is saying, we understand the psalms we are singing. We are alive. What before was foolish gibberish, now is a fountain of life. But those whose hearts are dead, continue in their sinful folly on the way to destruction.

Verse 23 - When our hearts are filled with the love of God, with understanding of His commands, with a desire to obey them, it guides what we say. We can restrain our tongues from running away with us, from gossiping, or speaking hurtfully. Our love of the Lord comes through clearly in what we say, we speak of the grace of God, the love of God, the peace of God. We talk about Christ and His Word. It is obvious from our speech that we are genuine believers who love the Lord.

Verse 24 - Who hasn't benefited from kind, encouraging, sympathetic, loving words or wise advice? As pleasant as the words of others can be, how much better the words of God. They are completely trustworthy, absolutely true, and for our good. God's Word heals our broken heart, forgives our sin, strengthens our hands, clarifies our thinking, and guides our path.

Verse 25 - Pride, pride, pride. Just because something seems right doesn't mean it is right. We can't trust ourselves. We're sinners, and sin blinds us. So, how do we know if something really is right? Test it by the Word. Does it make us do something God's Word says is sin? Will it keep us from doing something God's Word says we should be doing? Don't lean on your own understanding. Look to the Word.

### Questions

1. How is our talk affected by our heart?
2. What are the benefits of God's Word?
3. How can we test our ideas?

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for unbelieving friends and family.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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## **Saturday - Proverbs 16:26-33 - Mischief Makers**

Verse 26 - A Christian should hunger for God; he should want to serve God, to honour God, to love God. This is the motivation that drives him on - that in everything he does, he brings glory to God. Do you have this hunger?

Verses 27-30 - These verses paint a graphic picture of men given over to their wickedness, used by Satan to stir up trouble wherever they go. They are singleminded and tireless in their efforts to do mischief. The tongue is usually their main tool. Jealousy, arguments, coldness, and hatred are all stirred up. If they don't lie outright, they whisper in words plain enough to be understood, misinterpreting, exaggerating, guessing, and telling stories as fact. The gossip spreads like wildfire destroying homes, churches, and relationships. How can we stop this evil? By guarding our own tongues, watching our own speech, and not giving in to the persuasions of those who want us to sin.

Verse 31 - Those who are elderly are to be respected. They have seen much and know much. But how much more should those who have lived lives of faithful, loving obedience to God be honoured. They are an example to us. And how sad are those who have lived long lives without trusting in Christ as their Saviour, thinking that they are ok, with no awareness of their sin and no turning to Christ for salvation.

Verse 32 - God's values are different from the world's. A man who is putting sin to death and growing in Christlikeness is the man God is pleased with.

Verse 33 - We just finished studying Esther, and here is a proverb that illustrates that book. Give thanks for a God who controls all things.

## **Questions**

1. How can we stop evil men from working mischief?
2. How can we grow in patience and self-control?

## **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.

## **Memory Verse**

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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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