

# Let's Worship God

9th-14th August 2021  
Proverbs



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[Proverbs 3:5-6]

## Monday - Proverbs 18:1-7 - Foolish Ways

Verses 1-2 - A man or woman who has not come alive in Christ doesn't want God's way - they want their own. Everything they do, no matter how it appears, has a deep selfish motivation. We can only truly put others before ourselves when we have put God first in our lives. Otherwise, we think, even if we don't admit it, that we know everything, that our way is best. But when we have faith in Christ, we see we're not perfect, and we believe God's way is best.

Verse 3 - To be wicked is to hold God in contempt. It is to say to God that you don't care about what He has said or done, you are going to go your way. A person given over to wickedness is happy to mock those who try to live a Godly life. But when they stand before God to give account of themselves, they will be disgraced.

Verse 4 - God's Word needs to go deep with us. It needs to be something we think about and put into practice in our lives. It needs to penetrate. When our lives and our hearts and our minds are full of God's Word, it will come out in all we do and say and think, like a fountain.

Verse 5 - We live in a world of sin, and injustice comes naturally to sinners. But God calls us to see sin the way He does, to hate injustice and wickedness the way He does, and to make laws that punish the wicked and protect the innocent.

Verses 6-7 - Again and again throughout the Bible we are told about how much trouble the tongue causes. Through gossip, slander, and a hot temper, our tongue draws us into quarrels, arguments, and trouble. With our tongue we can make a lie of what we say we believe and cause others to question the truth of Christianity. The tongue is a deadly instrument.

## Questions

1. How can we hide God's Word deep in our lives?
2. How can we control our tongues?

## Prayer Points

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

## Memory Verse

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Proverbs 18:10

**Praise: Psalm 119:part 3 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Tuesday - Proverbs 18:8-11 - Gossip, Rebellion, and Security**

Verse 8 - A gossip loves to point out the faults of someone to others, they love to spread rumours, and insinuate all sorts of evil. It's deadly to listen to this kind of talk. It may seem harmless, it may cause no outward hurt. But often a deep, unseen, incurable wound is inflicted. We may act like we don't take what the gossip says seriously, we may pretend to despise them, but if we even listen, the poison will enter our hearts. We begin to think it might be true, there might be some ground for what they say. Suspicion, distrust, coldness, and the separation of friends will follow soon after.

Verse 9 - What's the difference between a lazy man and a man who actively destroys things? Very little. They both are ruining lives, families, jobs, belongings - one by being destructive and the other by neglect. What about in spiritual things? One is actively rebelling against God, but the other can't be bothered doing anything for God - he just goes through the motions? Are they really that different? Neither is loving and serving God. What is the difference between the man who fights God and the man who can't be bothered with God? If all you do is warm a pew every Sunday morning, are you really any different than the drunk who curses God?

Verses 10-11 - Here's a vivid contrast between two types of security. The wealthy, who have no faith in God, think their riches will protect them. They couldn't be more wrong. When they stand before God, all the money they accumulated in their life will not shield them from God's wrath. But for the righteous, they are safe. Safe in the way that matters most, safe eternally. No matter what dangers they are in, God's arms are around them, His presence is with them, and nothing will happen to them that won't be for His glory and their good. And when they die, they are safe with Christ for all eternity.

### **Questions**

1. How can we deal with gossip?
2. Why is laziness in spiritual things wrong?

### **Prayer Points**

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

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## Wednesday - Proverbs 18:12-14 - Broken Hearts Healed

Verse 12 - We've had proverbs like this before. Again and again we are told that God will humble the man who exalts himself. We're blind to the pride in our own lives, and often it takes God crushing us in some area for us to realise how proud we really are. But this is a mercy for which we should be thankful. For when God allows a man or woman to carry on in their pride until they die, the result is dreadful. We need to keep always before us a sense of our sin and complete dependence upon Christ. Left to ourselves we will get it wrong, we need Christ to get it right.

Verse 13 - How often do we not listen. We think we know what the other person has to say, so we interrupt and answer before they're even done talking. Do we listen to God's Word this way? Do we listen to sermons this way? Are we so sure we know what is being said, that we get our answer ready in our head and stop listening to what's being said?

Verse 14 - We can put up with outward troubles and circumstances, we can bear sadness and fear, if our hearts are right with God. A stable soul can keep us going in unstable times. But when the trouble, and doubt, and despair, and grief are inside, when our soul is under attack, how can we bear up. Even our Lord Jesus Christ struggled with a crushed spirit in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the cross, as He looked ahead and endured separation from the Father. If He struggled, we certainly will. But it is His struggle that gives us the victory. He endured the grief and the pain and the separation, so we can have hope, comfort, truth, salvation, forgiveness, and life eternal. Through trusting in Him, our crushed spirits are healed.

## Questions

1. Why should we be thankful for God humbling us?
2. How can we better listen to the preaching of God's Word?
3. How can we fight despair?

## 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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## Thursday - Proverbs 18:15-18 - Love and God's Gift

Verse 15 - The more we love God, the more we want to know about God. If you love somebody you want to find out all you can about them - what to do to make them happy, how to avoid annoying them or making them sad, and the more you know about them, the more you love them. It's the same with God. The more we love Him, the more we want to read His Word and speak to Him in prayer, and the more we spend time with Him, the more we love Him.

Verse 16 - Gifts can be used for good - to show respect, to show love. Showing kindness and care to others, sometimes opens a door to telling them about Christ. But we can be thankful that God does not require a gift of us to come into His presence. What gift could we possibly bring? Instead He gives us the gift, His Son, and through faith in Him, we can come before Him.

Verse 17 - This goes along with the verse about not listening to others and jumping in before they're finished. The principle is not to be hasty in jumping to conclusions. Sin affects our thinking and judgement in ways we may not even realise. We need to listen, think, and test everything by the Word of God, before we draw conclusions.

Verse 18 - There is nothing wrong with casting lots as long as we realise that God is in control of the outcome. But if we are ignoring what the Bible has to say about an issue and casting lots instead, we are being foolish. The Bible is the tool God has provided to show us what to do. Not our feelings, not our friends, not the lot, not an experience, not even our brain, but the Word of God should be the ultimate guide in all we do.

## Questions

1. How can we love God more?
2. What gift has God given us?
3. What is our guide in every decision?

## Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for the Word of God.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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## Friday - Proverbs 18:19-22 - Restoration and Blessing

Verse 19 - Why should you work so hard to avoid stirring up quarrels and arguments, to be peaceful? Because once a relationship is broken, it's very hard work to restore it. The closer you are the harder it is, because the more painful the hurt and sense of betrayal. But just because it's very hard, doesn't mean it's impossible, or that you aren't obligated to show love and try to mend the breach. It is a poor witness to the world when Christians, who have so much in common, destroy their relationships through petty squabbles and trivial arguments.

Verses 20-21 - 'Death and life are in the power of the tongue' - do you believe this? Is your silence a sentence of death to those who need to hear the Gospel? Does your speaking of Christ open the way of life to others? God has given us speech to serve Him, to praise Him, to love Him, but we struggle with using our speech for evil - speaking out of anger, spreading gossip, or just keeping silent. And as with everything, we reap what we sow in our speech. Work today to use your tongue to praise God, to tell of Him to others, to encourage your brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Verse 22 - A good wife is a blessing from the Lord. If Adam needed a wife in the Garden of Eden, how much more do husbands and wives need each other in a world of sin and trouble. But what makes a wife good. A wife is good when she loves the Lord. The beauty of her soul needs to be more important than the beauty of her face. How can we find this good thing? The same place we find every blessing - as an answer to prayer. Have you thanked the Lord for the blessing of a Godly wife?

## Questions

1. How can you work to restore broken relationships?
2. When is it wrong to keep silent?
3. Where does a good wife come from?

## Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for Godly husbands or wives.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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## Saturday - Proverbs 18:23-24 - The Friend

Verse 23 - A poor man knows what it means to depend on someone else. This can be a blessing, for as Christians we all have to depend on Christ. When we are used to depending on others, it might be easier to cast pride away and rely on Christ alone. And while the wealthy are often too self-absorbed to care for those below them, we can be confident that God hears the prayers of His children. Those who come to Him in Jesus' name will not be answered harshly.

Verse 24 - Another more common translation of the first part of this verse is: "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly". We can all see the wisdom in this. If you want friends, you must be a friend - love your neighbour as you love yourself. But who is the friend who sticks closer than a brother? Our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the greatest, best, most loving, and most faithful of friends. He loves at all times. He is a friend to those who have no other friends; to those who have been His bitterest enemies; a friend who stays, when all others have gone away. He understands all that happens to us, He provides an escape in temptation, He comforts us in sickness, He sustains us in death, and He receives us into Heaven. No matter how many mistakes we make, when we belong to Him, we can't lose His friendship. How can we respond to this love? By putting the highest value on His friendship. Live a life of joyful confidence in His all-sufficiency and love. Talk about Him. Avoid what He dislikes. Go to worship where He meets with His people. Long to be with Him forever. Love Him as your best and dearest friend.

## Questions

1. How does God respond to the prayers of His children?
2. How can we show friendship to others?
3. Who is the 'friend that stick closer than a brother'?
4. How can we respond to Christ's friendship?

## 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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