

Let's Worship God

23rd-28th August 2021
Proverbs



trust

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[Proverbs 3:5-6]

Monday -Proverbs 20:1-4 - Harvest

Verse 1 - The history of the world from the days of Noah proves the truth of this proverb. The sinful abuse of alcohol is seen everywhere - it destroys homes, jobs, and lives. But how does it begin? It begins when someone puts something else before God - they love it more, they have more time for it, and they listen to it more. You may not be drunk with alcohol, but you might be drunk with your work, your relationships, your holidays, your possessions, etc.

Verse 2 - If the wrath of a king is so fierce here on this earth, how much worse must God's wrath be, the King over all? He is justly angry with rebellious sinners. We need a Mediator to turn away His wrath, and in His love He has provided one - the Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse 3 - The world defines honour as taking revenge for insults, being quick to jump to the fighting defence of your name. But God sees honour in peace, in loving someone enough to overlook the insult, to not seek revenge. Sometimes strife is unavoidable, but the Godly man or woman doesn't go looking for a fight.

Verse 4 - If we want to reap a harvest in our lives and the lives of others, we have to plough. We have to be reading our Bibles, spending time in prayer, faithfully attending worship to hear the preaching of God's Word, going to Bible studies and prayer meetings, spending time in Christian fellowship to grow spiritually. Those that are too lazy to use these means will not see growth in their lives. If we want to see others come to Christ, we need to befriend them, spend time with them, speak to them of Christ, invite them to hear and study God's Word, and faithfully pray for their salvation. If we're too lazy to do this, there will be no harvest.

Questions

1. How can we appease the wrath of God?
2. What do we need to do to reap a harvest?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for those you know who have not put their faith in Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the Lord has made them both. Proverbs 20:12

Praise: Psalm 119:part 15 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Proverbs 20:5-11 - The Goodness of God

Verse 5 - Only God can see and read the hearts of men. But the more we grow in Godliness, through His Word and prayer, the more we will grow in the understanding of the basic heart attitudes and purposes of men and women. God's Word can teach us what men and women are really like, and so we will see it around us.

Verse 6 - How often have you claimed to have unfailing love of Christ? Do you practice a false humility so that others will be quick to assure you of your worth? Do you take care to let others know the good things you have done? We are all quick to point out directly or indirectly the good work we are doing. But are we really faithful? Are we in the Word and prayer? Are we putting God first in our lives? Are we loving others as we love ourselves? Despite all our boasts, are we faithful?

Verse 7 - Godly mothers and fathers are a blessing from God to their children. Not only are they good parents, their faithfulness in bringing up their children to know and serve God will be blessed. It's never too late to start being a Godly parent, or to thank God for those who were.

Verses 8-11 - If a good king can sort through evil and good, how much more can a good God. We can't make ourselves clean, we can't stop sinning, we can't erase our past sins. None of us are without sin. God is a God of justice and perfection. He will not call evil good and good evil. He will not wink at sin. His measure is fearfully accurate - perfection or death. And just as a child is known by their actions, our sinful hearts give us away every time. This is why we need the perfect sinless Saviour to pay our penalty and to credit our account with His holy and perfect life.

Questions

1. How can we understand people better?
2. Can we purify our lives?
3. Why do we need Christ?

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 20:12-16 - God and Wealth

Verse 12 - God has made us, He has made our eyes and ears. But we, through our sin, have made those eyes blind and those ears deaf to the love, service, and Word of God. But our Lord, in His grace, opens the eyes and ears of men and women, so that His Word pierces straight to their heart, they see the truth, turn from their sins, and turn to Him.

Verse 13 - Sleep is a gift from God, but the man or woman who loves it too much will end up in poverty. But it's even worse to be asleep spiritually, to not be awake and alive to the things of God, to not be busy about His work, but to just drift away, this leads to worse than poverty - it leads to destruction.

Verse 14 - The world is full of deceivers who are called clever men, because they lie to drive a hard bargain and brag about their deceptions. A Christian is to be honest in his business dealings as much as anywhere else. We're not to be driven by greed but grace.

Verse 15 - The world says the wealthy are to be honoured and catered for, but God says of far more value is the man or woman who speaks wisely, who knows the things of God and speaks of them. Do you really believe this? Do you really consider your ministers and elders far more valuable to your life than your employer, your football players, or your pop stars?

Verse 16 - Be wise in your business dealings. If someone is buying something off you, and they are in partnership with foolish, sinful, or unknown people, be careful. Show kindness, but remember that men and women are sinners.

Questions

1. What happens if we are lazy about spiritual things?
2. How can you honour God with your money?
3. Who does God say to value?

Prayer Points

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

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Thursday - Proverbs 20:17-21 - Look to the Wise

Verse 17 - We're such sinners that we think it's more fun to do something in a clever and deceptive way than to do it honestly. But what is the result of lies and theft - sadness, bitterness, heartbreak, destroyed homes, families, and lives. But doing things God's way, though perhaps not as attractive at first, leads to joy upon joy.

Verse 18 - Again and again we are told in Proverbs to stop thinking we know it all. We need wisdom, we need advice, we need help, we need guidance. Besides gaining these things from Godly men and women, most of all we need to go to God's Word for our instructions. We have plans to make for God, we have battles to fight for God, where else can we get instruction but from God.

Verse 19 - How much we need to guard our tongues, to resist the urge to tell another's secret, to stop hurting each other with our sharp and deceitful words. Be wise. Be wise in your friendships. Refuse to listen to gossip and be careful of those who do.

Verse 20 - What a fearful punishment is set forth in this verse! This should show us how seriously God takes the respect and obedience we owe our parents. An ungrateful heart that would curse them has nothing to look forward to. We are not the judge of our parents - leave that to God. Instead, focus on the good things they have done for you and be thankful to God for the good He has done you through them.

Verse 21 - Those who want to get rich quickly are in danger. They are in danger of putting their greed before everything else, and using whatever means necessary to satisfy it. Though they may succeed, when they die what will they really have?

Questions

1. Where should we go for instructions on how to live?
2. How should we treat our parents?

Prayer Points

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

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Friday - Proverbs 20:22-26 - Trust in God

Verse 22 - Revenge belongs to God. Who besides Him is fit to take revenge? He is all-knowing; we know imperfectly. He is without passion; we are blinded by selfish desires. He is just; we are prejudiced. To brood over wrongs done to us is foolish, and it will destroy us. Instead we are called to overcome evil with good. How? In humility and faith lay our troubles before the Lord. Put them in His hands. Wait on Him. Revenge rises only because we have no faith. If we really believed God would take up our cause, would we not leave ourselves in His hands?

Verse 23 - God is honest, just, and true. He sets a straight standard and never wavers. He expects us to do the same in whatever job He has placed us in. To do less is not only disobedient but detestable.

Verse 24 - We can't see into the future, we don't know what God has planned out for us. But we know that God is in control, that He has a plan, and that the plan for His children is good. Joseph in taking his walk to look for his brothers, never anticipated a twenty years separation from his father. But God planned all in Joseph's life for good. Do you believe He does the same for you? Then trust Him, rely on Him, rest in Him.

Verse 25 - Think before you act. Count the cost and be faithful to what you have promised to do. Rush not into service of God unless you are prepared to faithfully carry it out, for half-hearted service is really no service at all.

Verse 26 - If a wise king is responsible to destroy the wicked, what will Wisdom Himself, our Lord Jesus Christ, do? As King He will divide the wheat from the chaff and the unrepentant, unbelieving sinner will be destroyed. Are you prepared to stand before this King?

Questions

1. How can we trust in God?
2. What is the danger of rushing into something?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would trust fully in Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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Saturday - Proverbs 20:27-30 - Knowledge and Love of God

Verse 27 - God knows us inside out. He has put the knowledge of Himself deep within us, and He knows it's there. He knows we're sinners. His Word shines a penetrating light into our lives, revealing our secret sins, showing us we know better, telling us how to live. Do you hide from this light? Do you fear the penetrating power of God's Word? Is that why we are so poor at reading our Bible and studying God's Word? Beware if you are. For at the day of judgement all pretense of hiding will be taken away and the light of God Himself will reveal you for who you are.

Verse 28 - God's covenant love and faithfulness has made a people for Himself and a King for those people. God's gracious, loving covenant with man is at the foundation of His throne, and we should praise Him that this is the kind of King He is.

Verse 29 - Every stage of life has its honour and privilege. Yet this proverb describes the use, not the abuse, of youth and age. It is the strength of youth used for God that brings honour, and the righteous elderly that deserve respect. The beauty of old age is most likely to be found when the youth has been dedicated to God. The church needs them both - the strength of youth for energy, and the maturity of age for wisdom.

Verse 30 - We need to learn the hard way. Why? Because we're sinners. We need the discipline of God to call us closer and closer to Him. So, when you encounter hard things in your life, try to see what God is teaching you about yourself and about Him. Trust Him that He knows what He's doing.

Questions

1. What does God's Word do for us?
2. Why does the church need youth and elderly?
3. Why does God discipline us?

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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