

Let's Worship God

30th August - 4th Sept. 2021
Proverbs



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[Proverbs 3:5-6]

Monday -Proverbs 21:1-4 - The Need of Christ

Verse 1 - This verse teaches us not to worry. God is in control, even over the most powerful people on earth. He is the King of kings. His will will be done, and for His people it is always good. We should also pray for our rulers that they would rule to the glory of God.

Verse 2 - Our hearts don't just deceive other people, they deceive ourselves. We judge others actions differently than our own; we justify in ourselves the very things we criticise in others. We need to be always praying that God would show us who we really are, so we can turn from our sins and turn to Him for forgiveness. We should also thank God that, even though He knows our hearts, He loves us and forgives us.

Verse 3 - This proverb looks back to Samuel telling Saul that to obey is better than sacrifice. Is sacrifice unimportant? No. But putting on a show instead of actually doing what God says is wrong. If we're warming a pew every Sunday, going along to our MET, reading God's Word to our family, but the things of God have absolutely no effect on how we live our lives, we are just putting on a show. There is no heart obedience.

Verse 4 - This proverb tells us that even the lamp of the wicked is sin. How can that be? Because a man's motive affects what he has and what he does. When a Christian uses lights thankful for what God has given him, and seeking God's strength and blessing, he is bringing glory to God. But an unbeliever who does the same thing without any thought of God is sinning. Really, no matter what an unbeliever does, it's sin. Whether he prays or neglects to pray is sin. He can do nothing but sin, yet he is fully accountable for his sin. To die is to be destroyed and to live is to heap up wrath upon himself. What can he do? Flee to Jesus Christ.

Questions

1. How do we put on a show about being a Christian?
2. How do our motives affect what we do?

Prayer Points

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

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 119:part 21 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Proverbs 21:5-9 - Patient, Godly Work

Verse 5 - The diligent is usually contrasted with the lazy, here with the hasty. The patient, persevering man carries on in spite of all difficulties; content to increase what he has by steps; never giving in to discouragement. The hasty person may be diligent, but he doesn't think, he acts on impulse, and so he makes a mess of things. This is true in the Christian life as well, patient persevering is important, not quick jumps forward without thinking that result in great falls.

Verses 6-7 - Fortunes may be made by lies, but it is worthless in the end. The evil deeds of the wicked destroy them, but they have only themselves to blame. They choose to have nothing to do with God, to lay up treasures on this earth, and nothing they do is of eternal value.

Verse 8 - We are born sinners. No one has to teach a small child to lie, or have a temper tantrum, or fight, or disobey. We are sinners, that is our nature. But man, by grace, can be made alive in Christ, can become new creatures who desire to love and obey God. The old habits and ways still must be fought and overcome, but the heart seeks after God.

Verse 9 - How sad to see the kind of home described in these verses, where the wife, instead of being a help to her husband, makes him miserable. How many bring this bitter trouble upon themselves! They do not seek their husband or wife from the Lord, and marry based on their own selfish desires. We need to commit to God in our marriages, putting him first and our husbands and wives second. And we need to pray for Godly spouses for our children.

Questions

1. What is the danger of being hasty?
2. How are we born?
3. How should we treat our husbands or wives?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for Godly spouses for our covenant children.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Wednesday - Proverbs 21:10-14 - God's Wrath

Verse 10 - Evil is the very nature of the wicked - it's what he desires. This is the difference between the wicked man and the believer. The one desires to disobey, the other desires to obey. The wicked makes a god out of himself and cares for no one but himself.

Verse 11 - No punishment of God is without its effect. The blow that hits one, reaches two - the mocker for punishment, the simple for improvement. The mocker is not just one who has no time for God, but one who makes fun and scorns His ways. His punishment can help those who are in danger of following his bad example. The wise man thankfully receives more knowledge. He knows he is a sinner and is glad to be corrected and kept closer to God. He wants to grow in his understanding.

Verse 12 - Sometimes we wonder why wicked men and women are allowed to get away with their wickedness. This verse reminds us that their day is coming. God sees all they do and will call them to account.

Verse 13 - We are to show not only a helping hand but a feeling heart to the poor; hearing them with sympathy, cheerfulness, and self-sacrifice. We are not to be cruel or insensitive, turning away from real trouble, or oppressing and beating them. Showing love to others means doing what's best for them. Sometimes this requires us not to give them money but to find them work. It always requires us to tell them the Gospel. God warns us if we turn a deaf ear to the needy, He will turn a deaf ear to us.

Verse 14 - Men and women can be easily bought. They can be flattered and bribed out of their anger and resentment. But you can't buy God, and He is angry with the sinner every day. There is only one way to turn that anger away - through trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Questions

1. How does the punishment of the mocker help others?
2. How can we help the needy?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would put others before ourself.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Thursday - Proverbs 21:15-19 - Pleasure in Christ

Verse 15 - To see God's will being done, His laws obeyed, brings the righteous joy. But it brings fear to the unbeliever for it reminds them of a coming day when God will judge all. Are you filled with joy or fear?

Verse 16 - This verse describes those who at one time professed faith in Christ. They said they were Christians, they even seemed to live like Christians, but after awhile they wandered farther and farther away from the things of God. They stopped reading their Bible, they stopped praying, they stopped going to MET, they stopped coming to church. They had no true faith to begin with and remain spiritually dead. We must pray for their salvation, and if this verse describes you, turn to Christ in repentance and faith, ask Him to make you alive.

Verse 17 - Are we to have no pleasure? Can't we enjoy the good things God has given us? Yes, but the way to enjoy pleasure is not to love it; to live above it, in the light of eternity. We need to set our hearts on the things of eternal value - everything else is just icing on the cake. The danger of loving pleasure is that it too easily replaces God in our lives and takes us down the road of spiritual and material poverty.

Verse 18 - Often God turns the enemies of the church to fight among themselves, or sacrifices the wicked to save the righteous. He cares for His people. We don't need to worry - God is looking out for us.

Verse 19 - This is an even stronger picture of the misery of fighting in a marriage. If either husband or wife does not love the Lord, you have no guarantee of a happily married life. What do you do if it's too late, you are already in a difficult situation. Pray. Pray, be patient, and always show love. Wait on the Lord.

Questions

1. What can we do for those who have turned away from the things of God?
2. How should we look at pleasure?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for husbands and wives in the church.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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Friday - Proverbs 21:20-24 - Guard Your Heart

Verse 20 - A wise man plans for the future and provides for his family. He thinks of others, and so he stores up good things. But even more than food and money, he stores up spiritual treasure. He leads his family in worship and prays for them. He stores up God's Word in his own house and in his own life. But the fool thinks only of himself, he has not time for God, and in the end, he has nothing.

Verse 21 - The man who pursues loving God with all his heart, obeying Him in all He says, will reap a great reward. He will find life - eternal life and new life in Christ; prosperity- he is now an heir of the kingdom of God; and honour - he has been adopted into God's family.

Verse 22 - Nothing is impossible with God. A man or woman acting in God's service will find nothing too difficult or insurmountable. His Kingdom has already won, and as we carry out His will, we have His power with us. Do you really believe this?

Verse 23 - How often we are reminded of how much trouble the tongue causes. What can we do? Walk closely with God. Keep the tongue for His use; ask for His grace to restrain it and use it.

Verse 24 - God has made it perfectly clear how much He hates pride. We should never think lightly of a proud thought, or a scornful feeling or expression. We all have so much pride. We need to put it to death. We need to stop treating the things of God lightly and instead give them the respect and obedience they deserve.

Questions

1. How can we store up treasures in our heart?
2. How can we guard our tongue?
3. Why is pride so dangerous?

Prayer Points

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

Memory Verse

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Saturday - Proverbs 21:25-31 - Victory

Verses 25-26 - The lazy man is going to kill himself. He would rather sit still and starve than make any effort. But how much worse is laziness in spiritual things. Perhaps you see a Christian and you'd like to believe like them, but you can't be bothered to make any effort to turn from your sins to Christ. Or maybe you want to be a stronger Christian, but you are too lazy to use the means God has given you. Whoever claims to want to be a Christian, but refuses to work to be a growing Christian, gives no evidence that he is a Christian at all. We don't have the power to grow in ourselves, but we do have God's promises to give us that ability. Prayer and diligence, dependence and energy go together in the Bible. God does not give us the ability so we can make excuses about doing nothing, but to encourage us that we will not fail when we put forth an effort.

Verses 27-28 - It's bad enough to put on a show of loving God without really obeying. It's even worse to put on that show with evil motives in mind. This is to be a false witness to the things of God, and it will lead others astray. God wants honest, whole-hearted obedience - nothing less.

Verse 29 - A wicked man puts on a bold face, carrying out his desires, but in his heart he hides a guilty conscience. But the Godly man lives his life by the Word of God. Before he acts he thinks through what God has to say in His Word, showing his humble dependence on his Lord.

Verses 30-31 - Is this not a great promise? Our Lord has the victory, nothing can defeat the plans of God. In our spiritual warfare, let us remember this and depend upon Him, knowing He has free, complete, triumphant, and everlasting victory over all the powers of hell.

Questions

1. What means has God given you to grow as a Christian?
2. Can God help you?

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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Praise: Psalm 123 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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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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