

Let's Worship God

6th-11th September 2021
Proverbs



trust

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[Proverbs 3:5-6]

Monday -Proverbs 22:1-3 Danger

Verse 1 - It's not a famous name or a popular name that God calls valuable, but a good name. A man or woman who is known for faithfully loving and serving God - this is the kind of reputation we should want and work to keep. Because this is the kind of reputation that brings glory to God.

Verse 2 - The rich and poor actually have a lot in common. God has made both rich and poor and put them into their situations as part of His plan. They both enter the world in the same way. They will both die and stand before God to be judged. They are both born as sinners and live as sinners. They both need new life in Christ, His blood to cleanse them, and His righteousness to cover them. They have a common need and a common salvation. And when rich and poor are Christians, they are one in the family of God, brothers and sisters in Christ, meeting together before God in worship and prayer.

Verse 3 - There is danger all around us. We live in a country and among a people that have no time for God, no love for Christ, and no obedience to His Word. Throughout history God has poured out His wrath on those who turn away from Him. How much worse in a country that once claimed to love and serve Jesus Christ. We are in danger, for we are sinners against a holy and just God. What can we do? Where can we go for refuge and safety? To God - our refuge and strength. Through throwing ourselves on His mercy and trusting in Him, we are saved and protected as His child. Do you see your danger? Have you taken refuge? Or are you like the simple, oblivious to your sin and need of a Saviour, and headed for great suffering?

Questions

1. What kind of name does God value?
2. What do rich and poor have in common?
3. Where can you take refuge from God's wrath?

Prayer Points

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

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 124 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Proverbs 22:4-6 - Children

Verse 4 - True humility is not a meek personality or selfish hypocrisy. It goes right along with fear of the Lord - loving God, wanting to serve Him, understanding who you are and what He has done for you. To those who have this heart attitude, God gives a wealth of grace and joy and peace, honour as a child of God and joint-heir with Christ, and eternal life.

Verse 5 - A man or woman stubbornly set on doing things their way instead of God's, find all sorts of trouble along their path. Things are never as easy or simple as they think when they set out on their path. But it's the opposite for those who walk in the ways of God. Though things look hard and difficult and impossible, they find the going easier and happier than they ever imagined.

Verse 6 - Who can look at a child without anxiety about their future? There are two ways before them - the way they would go, headlong to ruin, and the way they should go, the pathway to heaven. It is the wonderful promise God makes to Christian parents about their covenant children - that He will bless their faithful training. This training must be completely based on the Word of God. It must be thorough, not tacked on like a moral at the end of a story, but done throughout every day of their lives. You must see covenant children as a gift from God, entrusted to your care, belonging to Him, and to be used in His service. Ask God to help you every day, to show you how to train your child. Teach them to pray and teach them the Word of God. Train them to obey God not themselves. The more early the training, the more easy the work, and the more encouraging the results. Make the training practical, teach them to apply God's Word to their lives. Make sure you practice what you preach. And trust in God to keep His promise.

Questions

1. What is true humility?
2. What promise does God make in verse 6?

Prayer Points

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

Memory Verse

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Wednesday - Proverbs 22:7-10 - The Mocker

Verse 7 - This verse is just another proverb that describes the way things are in the world. What does it teach us? To show kindness to those we have a responsibility for, to those we rule over, as heads of homes, leaders in the church, and employers to employees. We should not be too proud to accept offers of help when we are struggling, but we should also try to avoid all needless obligations.

Verse 8 - The Bible always links together seedtime and harvest. You reap what you sow. Every thought, every action, is a seed for eternity, bringing a harvest of eternal joy or terrible sorrow.

Verse 9 - Remember that God's standard is sacrifice not convenience; giving our bread; letting the poor share with us. Our giving is to be cheerful and willing, with our motive God's glory, not our own.

Verse 10 - This is a word to rulers. The mocker, the one who tears other people and things down, is often at the heart of fighting in the church. He must be restrained, and if this doesn't work, he must be cast out. If the mocker is in the family, quarrels and insults are constant. A harsh or sarcastic word is more provoking than a physical blow. If we really love peace, we have to deal with the mocker. Not argue with him, not compromise with him, but boldly and openly rebuke him, so that he will not be a bad influence on others. If we cast him out, we should not cast him off, but pray for him, and remember that we too are sinners. What if we aren't able to get rid of him? Well, then we must show by our words and actions that we don't agree with him and that we have no time for his words. Turn to God for help and strength to deal with this trouble.

Questions

1. How does God say we should give?
2. What is a mocker?
3. How should we deal with them?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the leaders in our church.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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Thursday - Proverbs 22:11-14 - Love and Courage

Verse 11 - What does God want from us? He wants us to love Him and to love others. What does it mean to love a pure heart? It means to love those who do what God says, to love to see God being obeyed. Why would you feel this way? Because you love God - it makes you happy to see people bringing glory to Him by bearing the fruit of a pure heart. A person who speaks graciously to others, loves others. He is showing to others the grace that has been shown to him. This man or woman who loves God and others is the friend of our King, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse 12 - Down through time, God has kept watch over the truth. He has preserved His Word from being destroyed many times, bringing it to us perfect and undamaged. When men have taught lies, He has raised up those to defend the truth of His Word time after time. All the plans of Satan and evil men He has destroyed and overcome.

Verse 13 - A lazy man will come up with any excuse to keep from doing his work - even improbable ones. There are difficulties in the path to Heaven, but God calls us to be bold and courageous, not to shrink away from any work that will involve trouble. God promises that He will give us all we need for whatever task He has set before us, and He promises to be with us every step of the way. What more do we need?

Verse 14 - Adultery is a deep pit, easy to get into, hard, next to impossible to get out of. Those who have turned their back on God should not be surprised when God turns His back on them, letting them get on with their evil ways and reap the deadly consequences.

Questions

1. What does God want us to do?
2. How should we react to trouble in our life?
3. What is the danger of turning away from God?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would be bold in our Christian life.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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Friday - Proverbs 22:15-21 - Wisdom Stored in Our Heart

Verse 15 - No child, no matter how cute and adorable they are, is innocent. They are all born sinners. They all have little hearts full of sin. They don't need to be taught to lie and fight and kick and scream. They are sinners. If we really love them, we need to discipline them, teaching them that it is God who must be obeyed.

Verse 16 - These two cases seem to be opposites, but they do have something in common. Both have no love of God or others. Both are seeking to better themselves. One oppresses the poor to increase his riches. The other gives to the rich hoping to get something in return. Both ways are the road to poverty because God will not tolerate such selfish, cruel behaviour.

Verses 17-21 - Solomon here changes his way of writing. His observations are now more connected and personal. He calls us to pay attention to what he has to say. He describes wisdom as attractive. It is pleasant and profitable. We should enjoy the things of God. When we have wisdom, the Word of God, stored in our heart, it should come out in what we say. The more we know of God's Word, the more our trust should be in the Lord; the more we believe, the more we love, the more we obey. Why do we study God's Word? Not just to grow in our faith, but so that we know the truth and can explain and teach it to others. Verse 21 parallels 1 Peter 3:15, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

Questions

1. What should we do for our children, if we really love them?
2. How can we delight in the Word of God?
3. What are the benefits of knowing and studying God's Word?

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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Saturday - Proverbs 22:22-29 - Giving An Account

Verses 22-23 - Robbery and oppression, under any circumstances, are a breaking of the eighth commandment. But to rob the poor because he is poor and has no means of protection, is a cowardly aggravation of the sin. It is the same with crushing the needy in court, the very place of justice. God will bring everyone's deeds to light one day, and though they may have gotten away with it on earth, God will call them to account after death.

Verses 24-25 - Sin is contagious. Friendship blinds our eyes and makes us less sensitive to their sin. To spend a lot of time with a furious man is like living in a house that is on fire. His unreasonable behaviour stirs us up. One fire starts another, and before long we have developed angry habits. It's so much easier to learn bad behaviour than good, so we are warned to stay away from a hot-tempered man.

Verses 26-27 - Do not make an agreement without thinking it through. It's a lie to give security for more than you are worth; promising what you are unable to perform.

Verse 28 - Everyone has a right to what God has given him. He must have the means of knowing and securing his right. Moving the landmark is like stealing someone's property. God has laid out boundaries in His Word. We need to be careful that we don't move those boundaries by adding to or taking away from what the Bible says.

Verse 29 - A man diligent in business; quick, ready, actively improving his time, his talents, his opportunity for his work, will do well. When a man serves the Lord with all his heart, soul, strength, and mind, he will stand before the King of kings.

Questions

1. Why is it dangerous to spend time with a hot-tempered man?
2. Where has God laid down boundaries?

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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