

# Let's Worship God

20th-25th September 2021

Proverbs



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[Proverbs 3:5-6]

## Monday -Proverbs 24:30-25:7 - Humility

Verses 30-34 - If a neglected field is a sad sight, how much worse a neglected soul - a sign of a spiritually lazy man. It is overgrown with the thorns of sin. Time, talents, and opportunities have been wasted. They are asleep to the things of God, and Satan wanders in and out of their hearts at will. Does this describe you? Is your soul a mess? It's not too late. Turn to Christ for help and strength and immerse yourself in His Word and prayer. Become busy about the things of God.

Verses 1-3 - This seems to be a third division in the book of Proverbs. God is so far greater than us, that the little He shows us and explains to us, and allows us to discover, only reveals how much more we don't understand. We can't understand why God loves His enemies, why He gives His Son for them, how He calls us irresistibly and holds us responsible for what we do, and how all our sins are forgiven and forgotten. Earthly rulers are to be wise, to search out the truth and justice of a matter, and to do right though many don't understand or agree.

Verses 4-5 - Which are you? Dross or silver? Will you one day be removed from the presence of the King of kings? Or will you be used by the Master Silversmith?

Verses 6-7 - Our Lord applies this proverb in Luke 14:8-11. We all need this warning against pride. We need to cultivate within ourselves a deep sense of our utter worthlessness. We need to study the example of Christ which is our pattern. He is King and God, and He has lived and worked on this earth as a humble man. When we stand before Him, we are sinners saved by grace.

## Questions

1. How can we deal with spiritual laziness?
2. What is the responsibility of earthly rulers?
3. What do we need to understand about ourselves?

## Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for God's grace and love.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## Memory Verse

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## Tuesday - Proverbs 25:8-15 - The Christian Life

Verses 8-10 - Hasty strife is always wrong. Think well beforehand whether your case is right, and even if it is, whether it's worth fighting for. Think about the uncertainty and consequences of what you plan to do. If an argument is inevitable, then do it honourably. Show that you are not disputing for the fun of it, but that you genuinely want to get things resolved as quickly as possible. And do not betray the trust others have placed in you out of a desire to win your case. You will quickly be known as someone who can't be trusted.

Verses 11-12 - Truth is attractive, and when it is spoken well, it is even more attractive. We need to not only determine to do good, but look for the right time to do it. When people are in trouble or have a tender conscience, the right word, lovingly said, can do much. To speak to others rudely or harshly, may put a stumbling block in their way. Reproof should be well-timed and well-taken. It's a mark of God's grace in our lives when we see reproof as a kindness and appreciate the love that motivates it.

Verse 13 - We are God's messengers of the Gospel to the world. Do we refresh Him by being faithful?

Verse 14 - The boaster is rich in promises, but performs nothing; raises expectations, then sinks them in disappointment. Whether he speaks proudly thinking he can carry out what he says, or whether he is a hypocrite, either way, he's telling lies.

Verse 15 - Patience has tremendous power to persuade. Gentleness is far more powerful than hardness and irritation. Use it against those who hate God. God has used many patient, uncompromising men and women to win over the hardest hearts.

## Questions

1. How should we deal with arguments?
2. What is wrong with the boaster?

## Prayer Points

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

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## Wednesday - Proverbs 25:16-20 - Self-Control

Verse 16 - Enjoy your earthly blessings with self-control. They are gifts from God, but they are never to be put in the place of God. We aren't safe in loving anything else if we haven't fixed our love first on God.

Verse 17 - Without mutual respect and thoughtfulness, even the closest friendship can be in trouble. But thankfully there is no need of caution and care in our approach to God. We may wear out our friend's kindness, but never our Father's love. Our Lord is never tired of us coming to Him. His doors are always open. The more frequent the visits, the more welcome, and the more fruitful.

Verse 18 - What a picture there is in this verse of cruelty and malice, even intentional murder. Little better that false witness is the gossip and slander and insinuation that takes place everywhere. Would you shrink with horror at the thought of beating out your neighbour's brains with a hammer? The gossip that destroys their reputation, wounds their best interests, and mangles their character is no better.

Verse 19 - A bad tooth and a lame foot are not only useless, but a source of pain and uneasiness. So is an unfaithful man in time of trouble. But whoever is unfaithful, God is true. No one who trusts in Him will be disappointed.

Verse 20 - What could be more cruel than taking away a coat in the winter? What is more useless than pouring vinegar on soda and seeing it dissolve? The tender heart that knows how to weep with those who weep, as members of the same body, and directs them to their friend and God - this is Christian sympathy and precious for the broken heart.

## Questions

1. How should we enjoy our earthly blessings?
2. How does gossip hurt others?
3. How can we deal with those who are grieving?

## Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would show love to others.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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## Thursday - Proverbs 25:21-25 - Love for Others

Verses 21-22 - Circumstances may keep us from retaliating against our enemy. They may be out of our reach, or too great to offend. But the grudge remains. We think of him only in connection with how he has offended us. We determine our conduct toward him by his toward us. And if we ever return good for evil, we are filled with self-righteousness. Too often our “love” for our enemies only means that we won’t argue with them any more. We may say that we love them, that we pray for them, but unless we are ready to give them practical help, we are deluding ourselves. No man ever conquered his enemy’s heart by revenge; many by love. Isn’t that how Jesus conquered us? Even if the heart is not softened, the Lord will reward you. Remember that you are the disciple of Him who died for His enemies.

Verse 23 - A sly person, a person who gossips, who insinuates, who slanders is a pest. He is a pest in the world, among his friends, and in the church. We should be angry with these people; we should refuse to listen. But too often the faults of others, real or imagined, are the main topic of our conversation.

Verse 24 - This verse drives home the importance of marrying in the Lord, of praying for Godly spouses for our covenant children, and of working hard to cultivate Godly marriages that are pleasing to God.

Verse 25 - We all know what it’s like to receive good news. But have you heard and welcomed the good news from the far country? Do you know your need, your danger? What can compare with the good tidings of great joy brought to you from heaven of a Saviour and Lord.

## Questions

1. How should we treat our enemies?
2. How should we deal with gossip?
3. What is the best news we can hear?

## Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for the good news of salvation.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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## Friday - Proverbs 25:26-26:2 - Consistency

Verse 26 - When a servant of God gives way to the wicked, his testimony is terribly damaged. Satan makes more effective use of God's people than of his own. Faithfulness so rubs unbelievers the wrong way, that at any hint of inconsistency or hypocrisy, they are overjoyed. None of us stand or act alone, but we all have other people constantly watching and scrutinising our actions. We must pray for the grace to be faithful.

Verse 27 - Honey is good, but in moderation. A man's good name is honey to him. We should be careful of our reputation, but we should not seek our own praise or build ourselves up. We have to remember that what God thinks of us matters more than what others think.

Verse 28 - He who has no self-control is an easy target. Anyone can irritate and trouble him. He offers no resistance to attack. Without self-discipline, temptation leads quickly from sin to sin. Self-control is a daily exercise. Every outbreak of irritation, every spark of pride, has to be resisted. It is the beginning of a breach in the walls. Without attention, it will widen. Effective self-control comes from God, not ourselves. What do we do? When facing the first attack, we fortify the walls by prayer and trust in God to see us through.

Verse 1 - The richest blessings lose their value when given unsuitably. We need to learn, then, to be consistent as a Christian. What we profess to believe should match what we do.

Verse 2 - We don't need to be afraid of the undeserved harsh words and angry accusations of others. God sees and knows all we do, and He is the only Judge that matters. He will protect us and care for us every step of the way, working His good and perfect plan out in our lives.

## Questions

1. Why do we need to be consistent Christians?
2. How can we develop self-control?

## Prayer Points

1. Pray for Christians being persecuted in other countries.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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## Saturday - Proverbs 26:3-10 - The Fool

Verse 3 - The fool does not listen to reason or persuasion. They are selfish, full of pride. They need the rod, and they have it. Discipline is the test. What is the fruit? In the true child of God, discipline drives him to Christ, to obey and to love. In the fool, discipline leads to hardness and rebellion.

Verses 4-5 - Is the Bible contradicting itself here? No, it's giving two different methods, both necessary for dealing with a fool. If the fool is mocking and making jokes about God, bringing up silly arguments, it's better to just not waste your time in answering. If we have to reply, then we shouldn't reply foolishly ourselves. But sometimes it is our duty to speak. Silence may be mistaken for defeat. Unanswered words may be seen as unanswerable, and the fool becomes proud. An answer is called for, and foolishness needs to be pointed out, and the truth spoken. Pray for wisdom to know when to keep silent and when to speak.

Verses 6-10 - The fool is unfit for service. When a message is sent by him, there are so many mistakes, careless or wilful, that only damage results. We have to be careful to entrust important business to trustworthy persons. Fools are either unqualified, or they have their own interests to serve. The fool exposes his foolishness. The honour given to him makes him a curse to his fellow creatures. It's very dangerous to put unqualified persons in authority. But the fool also hurts himself. He is oblivious to the things of God - no matter how sharply the Word pricks him, he ignores it.

The man who hires a fool is not thinking about what he is doing, and the result is disaster. What a picture of the man who has no time for God in his life!

## Questions

1. Who is a fool?
2. How do we deal with what fools say?
3. Why is it dangerous to put a fool in authority?

## 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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