

Let's Worship God

4th-9th October 2021

Proverbs



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Monday -Proverbs 27:23-28:5 - Seeing Sin The Way It Really Is

Verses 23-27 - The Bible has instructions for everybody in every situation. It teaches that we all should work hard at the jobs we have been given; we shouldn't neglect the everyday practical details; and we should trust in God who by His Providence controls everything.

Verse 1 - A guilty conscience brings fear, but the removal of guilt gives confidence. Our fear of God should drown out all our other fears. If God is for us, who can be against us? If we're afraid could it be because we feel guilty, because we have neglected prayer, or just because our faith is weak?

Verse 2 - Even in times of civil war and political fighting, God is in control. In all circumstances He is working out all things for His glory and the good of His people. Both good and bad rulers are part of His plan.

Verse 3 - Often people rule for selfish reasons. Instead of looking at the big, long-term picture, they live for themselves and leave total destruction behind. We can give thanks that our King, the Lord Jesus Christ does not oppress His people but cares for them.

Verse 4 - Of course those who forsake the law praise the wicked - they are wicked! They are both disobeying God. But those who are obeying God count His enemies their own and fight against them.

Verse 5 - Evil men have no standard of right and wrong; they do not see sin the way God does. But those who seek the Lord see things the way they really are. They understand how bad sin is, they understand who God is, and they turn to Him in faith and seek Him in His Word and prayer.

Questions

1. How can we get rid of our fears?
2. How can we see things the way God sees them?
3. How do we seek after God?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would be faithful in spending time with God.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. Proverbs 28:13

Praise: Psalm 148 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Proverbs 28:6-10 - Hypocrites

Verse 6 - A man may follow God faithfully, and yet be poor. He may be a blatant sinner in every way, and be rich. But the poor man, with all his outward disadvantages, is better, more honourable, more happy, more useful than the rich. Get this fixed in your head because it's far too easy to fall in love with riches, wealth, and things, putting them before God. How many people will stand before God wishing that they had lived and died in obscure poverty, with a conscience right with God, than been given what they did only to turn their back on God.

Verse 7 - Parents, let this proverb spur you on to faithfully train your children in the ways of God. Children, be discerning. Follow the things of God more than the things of the world.

Verse 8 - The love of money is so dangerous. Everything is sacrificed to it. And for what? In the end, you keep nothing - it all goes to another, and the things that matter most, you don't have.

Verse 9 - God hates hypocrites. But the world is full of them. Don't sit in the pew pretending that you're listening to God while living a life that has nothing to do with Him. Why should God listen to you, if you're not going to listen to Him? Does God play games with us? Rest assured he's not going to let you play games with Him. Better to be honest about your hatred of God, than to lie and pretend you're His best friend.

Verse 10 - God takes care of His people. We walk in a world filled with enemies, but we have nothing to worry about. God keeps us on the straight path, He prevents us from falling, and He guides us on the way.

Questions

1. Why is the love of money dangerous?
2. What does God think about hypocrites?
3. What is most valuable to you?

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 28:11-14 - Confession

Verse 11 - To be truly wise and wise in our own eyes are opposite. The one is a wisdom based in our own proud opinion of ourselves; the other is a wisdom that comes from God, that is only wise as it imitates Christ and sees things for what they really are.

Verse 12 - Whenever people use their power to obey God the result is a blessing for all under their authority. And when those in power turn their back on God, everyone suffers. We need to pray for Godly leaders both in our government and in the church.

Verse 13 - Whoever covers the smallest sin shall not prosper, and whoever confesses and turns from the greatest sin shall find mercy. We are always trying to cover up our sins, to make excuses, ignoring our guilty conscience. Maybe we tell lies, maybe we say we're not as bad as someone else, claim we have good intentions, or shift the blame to someone else. Sometimes we accuse God, sometimes we blame Satan. Anyone or anything but us. A lot of times we try to make good deeds compensate for our sins. By balancing good and evil in our lives we hope to come out on top. But it just doesn't work that way, and all these attempts just show our own proud determination to hold onto our sins, and it makes us guilty and miserable. What should we do instead? Confess from the heart that we are sinners and turn to God for mercy and forgiveness. Real confession, real repentance includes turning away from sin. We leave it behind us, and the more we grow as Christians, the deeper our confession will be.

Verse 14 - This proverb goes hand in hand with the previous one. When we have confessed, we desire to live lives of obedience, which leads to blessing. But those who hang on to their sin, become even more hardened in it and go further and further from God.

Questions

1. Who do we confess our sins to?
2. What is involved in true repentance?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for forgiveness and give thanks for God's mercy.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Thursday - Proverbs 28:15-21 - Faithfulness

Verses 15-16 - We need to pray for rulers that seek for wisdom and understanding, and we need to thank God for the rulers we do have, that we don't suffer under any tyrant.

Verse 17 - To destroy the image of God is to attack God Himself. Such a sin should not be taken lightly or ignored. But also, like all other sins, it can be forgiven by the abundant grace of God.

Verse 18 - The blameless will be careful. When they are in doubt over what the right thing to do is, they will keep to the safe side. They don't push boundaries when they have a clear path in front of them. But the perverse man's double ways and attempt to serve two masters will only bring him trouble and shame.

Verse 19 - Laziness is a sin against God, against our neighbour, against ourselves. Everything we do should be done with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind for God's glory.

Verse 20 - A faithful man is contrasted with someone who wants to get rich quick, someone greedy for money. The faithful man loves God more than anything else, and will sacrifice whatever he has to, to be faithful in serving God. But the man with no faith walks a crooked path. He leaps over every principle hurrying to be rich, he can't wait for God.

Verse 21 - How often do we sin because we're afraid of what people will think or say. What we want is put before what God wants. Our lives are ruled by a fear of man rather than trust in God, and for something as worthless as a piece of bread, we will sin.

Questions

1. What is wrong with attacking the image of God?
2. What should we do if we're not sure what the right thing to do is?
3. Who does the faithful man put first?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would put God first in our lives.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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Friday - Proverbs 28:22-27 - Deceitful Hearts

Verse 22 - Another warning against the love of money. Remember to keep your eyes fixed on things above not on this earth. Love the things of God more. Keep the things of earth as a coat that you can lay aside, but keep heaven next to your heart.

Verse 23 - It's hard to take rebuke, but in the end it's better for us than flattery. It's also hard to give rebuke in a loving way - too often we do it because we're mad, not because we really care about the other person.

Verse 24 - Wasting your parents property, running up debts on their account, refusing to care for them, these things are just as bad as out and out robbery. They destroy homes, families, relationships, and your Christian witness.

Verse 25 - A greedy man trusts in his riches or whatever he's greedy for more than God. He values something else more than God, and he will break any commands to get it.

Verse 26 - How can we trust ourselves? Our heart deceives us from the very beginning. Everything in us is naturally bent toward sin. How can we have confidence in ourselves that what we are doing is right when we are so obviously always doing wrong? If left to ourselves, do we ever do the right thing? But for the grace of God, there isn't a single sin we would hold back from doing. Thankfully, we're not left to ourselves. We are given new hearts and the Holy Spirit to enable us to do what is right. The wise man relies on Christ not himself.

Verse 27 - The world says 'hold onto your money if you want to be rich', but God says 'do what I say if you want to be rich; follow My commands; care for others, if you want to be rich in the things that matter.'

Questions

1. How can we guard against the love of money?
2. What is wrong with trusting ourselves?

Prayer Points

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

Memory Verse

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Saturday - Proverbs 28:28-29:6 - Joy and Forgiveness

Verse 28 - The rise of the wicked to power is a national judgement. But it doesn't last forever. God's eye is on His people, and they are precious in His sight. He will protect them.

Verse 1 - The sinner who refuses, and refuses, and refuses to turn to God, hardening his heart every day, will run out of chances. Is your heart hard? Are you turning your back on the chances God gives you?

Verse 2 - Again and again we are told that Godly rulers are a blessing and wicked ones a curse. The way of God, the way of righteous obedience brings joy.

Verse 3 - We shouldn't just seek after wisdom - we should love it. We should want to do what God says, enjoy doing what God says, and prefer it. Foolishness brings shame and sorrow, to us and our parents.

Verse 4 - What good are the best laws if they aren't enforced. Partiality and injustice make them null and void. But it requires great integrity and moral courage to withstand the temptations of power. If we want to see our nation prosper, the love of God not the love of money must be the attitude of our rulers.

Verse 5 - We can't be warned enough about flattery because we all like it. We enjoy hearing people say nice things about us. But it's deadly dangerous. It puffs us up with pride, it stops us from being prepared to meet sin in our lives and trouble in the world, it keeps us from relying on God, and the flatterer always wants something in return.

Verse 6 - The righteous man is a sinner but he can sing and be glad because his sins have been forgiven. He faces no traps, no destruction, no eternal death, but life, peace, joy, and friendship with God.

Questions

1. What is wrong with flattery?
2. How can we deal with flattery?

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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