

Let's Worship God

11th-16th October 2021
Proverbs



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[Proverbs 3:5-6]

Monday -Proverbs 29:7-12 - Speaking For Good

Verse 7 - We should show mercy and sympathy to the poor because Christ shows mercy and sympathy to us. Christ has time for us, but how much time do we have for the social outcasts of our town?

Verse 8 - Mockers don't just stir up trouble, they can bring the wrath of God down upon a city for their rebellion against God, but a wise man not only seeks to pacify a quarrel, but to turn people to repent and seek God's forgiveness.

Verse 9 - It's better just not to argue with a fool. To debate a wise man, you have hope of being understood and of reaching some resolution, but an argument with a fool goes on without end. He'll neither listen to reason, nor admit that you have made a good point.

Verse 10 - Darkness hates light. The wicked can't bear Godly behaviour. It reminds them of their own guilt and sin, and they will do all they can, whether through temptation or attack to destroy the Godly.

Verse 11 - There is a time to keep silent and a time to speak, and it is wisdom to know the difference. Self-control, especially of the tongue, is one of the fruits of the spirit. How many times would it have been better if we never spoke. How many angry, detracting, uncharitable words do we say because we haven't set a watch over our lips. What wrong judgements we often pass on others' actions, because we speak without thinking.

Verse 12 - A ruler's character will influence all under him. A wicked leader makes wicked people. And a leader that is willing to listen to bribery, flattery, and lies, will only attract people under him willing to use those wicked means to advance themselves.

Questions

1. Why is it a waste of time to argue with a fool?
2. Why can believers expect to be persecuted?
3. How can we learn when to speak and when to keep silent?

Prayer Points

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

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 4 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Proverbs 29:13-18 - The Vision of the Word

Verse 13 - In the eyes of God, all men are equal. Sinners, born in sin, and living in sin, needing to repent and turn to Him in faith. Whatever your material or physical or intellectual advantages or disadvantages, your relationship with God matters most to Him.

Verse 14 - Every king wants a secure throne. But what God says you need to do is so different from the world. The world says put yourself first, seek money, power, and rich friends, but God says to be just, to do what's right, to look out for those who can't return the favour. And at the end of the day, who controls whether a throne is secure? God or the world?

Verse 15 - God chooses parents to administer discipline to their children. This discipline involves not just punishment but teaching wrong and right. A child left to himself, free to do whatever he wants results in misery. As time goes on he is hardened in his selfish ways with a stronger will to sin. Either the child's will, or the parent's heart, must be broken. Without a wise and firm control, the parent is miserable; the child is ruined.

Verse 16 - Even though sin seems to triumph, and Satan to win, we have promises throughout the Bible, that believers are on the winning side. All the kingdoms of the world belong to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse 17 - Different personalities require different treatment. But discipline there must be; not too light, not too hard; but authority tempered with love. The promised blessing to Godly parents is well worth it.

Verse 18 - Another version of this verse is, "Where there is no vision, the people perish..." Where do we find what our vision should be, where do we have revelation? In the Bible. When men and women aren't being taught the Word of God, the result is a disaster for the church, for the family, and for society.

Questions

1. Why do children need to be disciplined?
2. Where do we find our vision?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would find our vision in God's Word.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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Wednesday - Proverbs 29:19-25 - Fear of Man

Verse 19 - There is proud as well as humble silence. When those in authority over us correct us, we need to listen humbly and submissively.

Verse 20 - We have just been warned against sullen silence; now we are being warned against hasty words. It is difficult to deal with someone who speaks before they think. Until he realises that he isn't always right, he won't listen to any arguments or teaching.

Verse 21 - God puts everyone in a specific situation and He has given us His Word to tell us how we are to deal with the people in that situation. Treating others too lightly or too harshly will only lead to trouble.

Verse 22 - Anger is not necessarily sinful, but since our whole selves are sinful it's hard to be angry in a good way, if not almost impossible. A person with a perpetually angry attitude will be ready to fight over the smallest thing. We need to pray for the grace of self-control.

Verse 23 - We have nothing to be proud of. We are sinners; any good that we do is because God enables us to do it. We need to develop a humble spirit through realising who we are and who God is.

Verse 24 - Agreeing with sin involves us in the guilt and punishment. We may have less practice. We may only be beginning to sin in a certain way. But the first step is the way of death, and leads on to another.

Verse 25 - What makes so many, especially young people, ashamed to be seen praying; to be known as Bible readers; to claim to be a Christian? They are afraid of men. They don't ask, "What should I do?" but "What will my friends think of me?" They can't stand to be laughed at. How can we overcome this fear? Through faith. The greater our trust in the Lord, the more we are prepared to obey God rather than men. We care less what men think and more about what God thinks.

Questions

1. Where do we find out how to treat other people?
2. What can overcome the fear of man?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would fear God more than man.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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Thursday - Proverbs 29:26-30:6 - The Word of God

Verse 26 - Look to God to be your friend. Trusting in men alone is as sinful and dangerous as fearing them. Begin with God; all justice is in His hands. Consider everything that happens as coming from Him. In everything, great and small, deal with Him. This is the way of peace.

Verse 27 - This is the oldest battle in the world - the fight between good and evil. They are each at war with each other, but there is one key difference - the righteous hate the sins not the persons of the wicked, but the wicked hate the persons and all that belongs to them of the righteous.

Verses 1-3 - The last two chapters of this book are like an appendix to the Proverbs of Solomon. We don't know for sure who has written them, but it is enough to know that they come from God. The man writing here understands how awful sin is in God's eyes. Comparing himself to God's perfect standard, he falls on his face in genuine humility. And this is the first step to true wisdom - to understand how wrong we are and how little we know, so we will seek after God who knows all things perfectly.

Verse 4 - Agur is contemplating the majesty of God and His power. But unsearchable as He is in His greatness, He is so near to us that we can rest in Him. As Christians, ours is the privilege to be one with Him, who is One with God.

Verses 5-6 - There is no other book that is perfect, but every Word of God is flawless, so we must take care that we take every word to heart. Every part of Scripture should be read and studied, nothing should be ignored or neglected as God has made it to all work together. We can trust the promises of God found in that Word, and we can run to those promises in any time of trouble. Because this Word is perfect, it needs no addition

Questions

1. What is the difference between the way the righteous and wicked see each other?
2. Why should we take everything the Bible says to heart and obey it?

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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Friday - Proverbs 30:7-14 - Sin

Verses 7-9 - Agur's prayer reveals his wisdom. He asks for two things - the first is a spiritual blessing, the second an earthly blessing. He wants to be kept away from lies and kept close to the truth. He also asks to be given whatever he needs for each day. And the reason he asks this is not so that he can be spared of the troubles of the rich or the misery of poverty, but so that he can honour God. How many of us could pray this prayer? Could you be content with just your daily bread? Are you content?

Verse 10 - Slander is wrong no matter who it is, and how much worse when the person being slandered has very little opportunity to defend themselves. God calls on us to speak truth at all times and in all situations.

Verses 11-14 - What a disgrace to see people cursing their parents! Many are the ways we see this: resisting a parent's authority, mocking their correction, bringing shame on their name, coveting what their parents have, and refusing to care for them. How can we stop this attitude? Through discipline and prayer. The next group of people described are like the Pharisees - devoted to outward appearances and full of evil inside. They may sit in the pew and go through all the motions of being a believer in Jesus Christ, but they actually have no real heart relationship with Him. The third group is proud - self-confident even in the presence of God, with no conception of the awfulness of their sin. The last group are bullies and tyrants who attack the defenceless. These verses show us how wicked we really are and how gracious God is in saving us.

Questions

1. What does Agur pray for?
2. Why is it so silly to be proud in the presence of God?
3. How can we learn to be content?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for contentment.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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Saturday - Proverbs 30:15-20 - Wonder

Verses 15-16 - Agur is painting a picture of things that are never satisfied, never content, never full. It's a picture of the unbelieving men and women surrounding us who are searching and grasping for fulfillment yet never satisfied because contentment can only be found in the Gospel. There we find that which answers every demand, supplies every need, and satisfies every desire. What but God can fill the soul, which God hath made, and made for himself.

Verse 17 - Agur has already written about those who mock and curse their parents, now he is describing their punishment. Sometimes we see those who have rebelled against their parents go completely off the rails, other times it seems as though there are no consequences for their sin, but we know they must give an account before God, as we all must do, of our actions. But what we should be praying to see is repentance and restoration of those children and young people who are rebelling.

Verses 18-20 - Creation is full of wonder, and these wonders full of instruction. There is so much that God has created that is beautiful and good and amazing. But on the flip side of this we have a different kind of amazement - an amazement at the wickedness of men and women described in verse 20. The more we know of God, the more sin should repulse us and make us wonder at the foolishness of those who revel in it.

Questions

1. What is the only way we can be satisfied?
2. What should we be praying for in regards to children who have rebelled?
3. What kind of things in creation fill you with wonder?

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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