

# Let's Worship God

5th-10th April 2021  
Proverbs



# trust

Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understand-  
ing; in all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make your paths straight.

[Proverbs 3:5-6]

## Monday - Proverbs 2:1-6 - God's Word A Treasure

These verses answer the question: Where can you find wisdom? Wisdom is shown to be the fear and knowledge of God - knowing what God wants you to do and doing it. Where can you find wisdom? In God's Word. That is where God tells us about Himself and how He wants us to live. God's Word will teach us how to live, will guard us from temptation, and will guide us in the right and safe path. Wisdom is found in the Word of God.

How do we use God's Word to get wisdom? First, we have to read it and accept its words. We need to read the Bible certain that every word we are reading is true. We need to soak it in like a sponge, recognising that it is the ultimate authority on how to live. We need to store up God's Word in us - to hide it in our hearts. How do we do this? By reading and re-reading it, so that it sticks in our mind, and we remember it. By memorising it and training our children to memorise it. As we do this, we will have the knowledge we need whenever we need it - it will be in our head.

But if it depended on us to read God's Word faithfully and store it up in our heart, we would fail miserably. Our natural inclination as sinners is to have no time for the things of God. We need to pray to God to send His Holy Spirit to us to give us a desire for His Word and a drive to spend time in it every day and to hide it in our hearts. We need to read God's Word with a prayerful attitude, asking God to help us understand what we read and apply it to our life. Without this, everything we read becomes head knowledge only. God's Word is a treasure, and we must search for the meanings and applications found in it for us. This is the path to wisdom.

## Questions

1. Where can you find wisdom?
2. What should your attitude be when you read the Bible?
3. What do you need to pray for as you read God's Word?

## Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for the treasure of the Word of God.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## Memory Verse

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;  
Proverbs 2:6

**Praise: Psalm 13 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

# trust

Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understand-  
ing; in all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make your paths straight.

[Proverbs 3:5-6]

## Tuesday - Proverbs 2:7-9 - Victory and Security

Pride and foolishness go right along with the world's wisdom. But the wisdom of God leads to true and lasting victory. Eternal life is for those who are upright - a life and treasure stored up in heaven, for those who are knowing and doing what God requires. But who is ever able to know and do what God requires? Doesn't the Bible say that we are all sinners? Yes, but for those who have trusted in Christ as their perfect Substitute, God looks at them as upright. Their sins have been paid for. Their sinful, imperfect life has been substituted for Christ's perfect, righteous one. And there is victory in store for them.

The wisdom of God is a shield to believers. When we're living our lives the way God wants us to, it protects us from the dangers and consequences of living sinfully. When we are following God with all our hearts, He is guiding us, and the path we are in is perfectly safe. When we keep our eyes on Christ and how we are to live as His followers, we have no time for the temptations of the world, temptations that lead to sin and consequences and the discipline of God. Far safer to be in God's hands though you may anger God's enemies, than to make friends with the world and be an enemy of God.

Wisdom doesn't just help us to understand who God is, but it shows us how God wants us to live. The more wisdom we gain through God's Word, the more we understand what is good, true, and just. Wisdom that starts as a gift of God in a changed heart showing us that we're sinners and need Christ, goes on to teach us through the Bible more about God and how He wants us to live.

## Questions

1. What is the victory in store for us?
2. How does God see Christians?
3. Why is it safer to be a Christian than not to be one?

## 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

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;  
Proverbs 2:6

**Praise:** Psalm 14 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.

# trust

Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understand-  
ing; in all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make your paths straight.  
[Proverbs 3:5-6]

## Wednesday - Proverbs 2:10-11 - Heart Wisdom

Wisdom not only protects us from evil, it also brings us joy and happiness. But only when it has entered our heart. Only when it has made its way from our heads to our hearts will wisdom have any power in our life. We may know a lot about God, and we may know perfectly how He wants us to live. We may even put on an outward show of talking about God and doing what He wants. But if wisdom doesn't come from a heart that loves God and wants to know more about Him and wants to make Him happy by the way we live, it's not really wisdom at all.

Wisdom gives us discretion and understanding. It gives us direction in our lives and guides our actions. Everything we do, if we are doing it wisely, is done with these thoughts in mind: Is this what God wants me to do? What does God's Word have to say about this? Instead of rushing into situations blindly, stumbling about trying to figure out the way forward, becoming confused over conflicting advice, we have a clear plan laid out for us in God's Word - all we have to do is prayerfully search it out.

The more we search after what God wants us to do, the more we will enjoy doing it. Doing what God wants will bring us joy. Wisdom - knowing about God and doing what He says - will be seen, not as a burden, but as a delight. Our head knowledge that God's ways are best will be proved in our experience, and more and more we'll want to do things God's way first.

## Questions

1. Where does wisdom have to take root to be any good?
2. What questions should we ask ourselves before we do anything?
3. How can we get more joy in doing what God says?

## Prayer Points

1. Pray that wisdom would enter your heart.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## Memory Verse

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;  
Proverbs 2:6

**Praise: Psalm 15 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

# trust

Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understand-  
ing; in all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make your paths straight.  
[Proverbs 3:5-6]

## Thursday - Proverbs 2:12-15 - Temptation

When you read over the ways of the wicked and the dangers and traps Satan sets for the people of God, it should encourage you to pray for wisdom, not just for yourself, but especially for our covenant children. Remember that Solomon has emphasised that young people need wisdom. They are too easily blown about from idea, experience, and emotion to more ideas, experiences, and emotions. They need the guidance of the Word of God to protect them from the dangers set out here. We need to pray that wisdom will enter our hearts and the hearts of our young people; that our desire will be to do the things of God, God's way; that the Gospel will transform our whole lives. Nothing less than this will protect us from the traps of the devil.

Every town and city is full of those whose lives are given over to Satan and who do his work. The tempter is described here - the man or woman, boy or girl, who try with their words to persuade God's people not to follow after the things of God. They know the truth well and like Satan in the Garden of Eden, they twist it and pervert it to suit their goals. Having left the paths of wisdom themselves, they try to persuade as many as they can to join them. The love to do evil, and they love to watch others sinning against God as well. The more people they can get to act like them, the more their conscience is put to sleep. Soon, almost everything they do is sinful; it is as if they don't even know how to do the right thing. We must be extremely careful and warn our young people to be extremely careful of the influence and persuasion of unbelievers and be constantly praying that the Lord will protect us from temptation.

### Questions

1. Why do young people especially need wisdom?
2. What does a tempter try to do?
3. Why does a tempter try to persuade others to join him?

### Prayer Points

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

### Memory Verse

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;  
Proverbs 2:6

**Praise: Psalm 16 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

# trust

Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understand-  
ing; in all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make your paths straight.  
[Proverbs 3:5-6]

## Friday - Proverbs 2:16-19 - Putting God First

Here is painted another picture of the evils of this world. Wisdom not only helps us fight the tempter. It not only keeps us from straying off the path of Godliness. It helps us fight the adulterous woman. Wisdom, hidden in the heart, will keep us from giving in to our sinful desires.

The woman pictured here does not symbolise just adultery, but any thing we love more than doing what God says. It could just as easily be a picture of the love of money, the love of being popular, the love of power, or the love of pleasure. These things may not be wrong in and of themselves, but when they pull us away from serving God and loving Him, when our desire for them causes us to break the promises that we have made to God, it is as though we have committed spiritual adultery. We are being unfaithful to God. Throughout the Bible God portrays the love of other things more than Him as being like adultery. When we trust in God, it is as if we have entered into a marriage relationship with Him. If we put anything in His place or before Him, it is as though we are adulterers. And there are many servants of Satan in the world who try to seduce us away from God. They try to take away our time and our desire for God. How can we resist this? By seeking after wisdom. When we are focused on obedience and love of God, we have no time to be unfaithful.

Where does the love of other things more than God lead? Death. And after death Hell. There is no lasting joy or contentment or security to be found in people, money, power, achievement, or good health. Only when we put God first in our lives can we properly enjoy all the other blessings He gives us.

## Questions

1. What does the adulterous woman symbolise?
2. How can we keep God first in our life?
3. What is the end result of putting other things before God?

## Prayer Points

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

## Memory Verse

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;  
Proverbs 2:6

**Praise: Psalm 17 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

# trust

Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understand-  
ing; in all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make your paths straight.

[Proverbs 3:5-6]

## **Saturday - Proverbs 2:20-22 - The Path of Life**

Not only does wisdom deliver us from evil men, it guides us in the way of good men. It not only keeps us from sinning, it helps us to obey and do what is right. Knowing who God is and what He wants is like having armour with which we can face and fight and triumph over sin and all of its temptations. It enables us to follow the same paths that Christians throughout history have followed. These aren't easy paths. God doesn't guarantee the believer an easy time, but in the long run they are the only safe paths and the only paths that will give rest and life. Those who follow after the things of God will not only have true joy and happiness in this life, but an even better life in heaven. But those who have turned away from the things of God to wander lost, though they may enjoy the things of this world for a time, will be ultimately cut off and destroyed.

One of the things this chapter brings home to us is what a privilege it is to be taught from an early age the things of God - to be taught wisdom, to be reading the Bible while young, and hiding it in your heart as the rule of life and the way to heaven. All of us have a responsibility toward the young people in our church. At their baptism, we made a promise that we would pray for them and encourage and help their parents in training them up in the things of the Lord. How can we do this? By praying for them, by asking them about the things they are learning in their Bible classes and METs, by praying for their parents and encouraging them in their family worship, and by speaking to them, when opportunity arises, about the things of God.

## **Questions**

1. How is wisdom like armour?
2. What will happen to those who leave behind the things of God?
3. How can we help our covenant children?

## **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.

## **Memory Verse**

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;  
Proverbs 2:6

**Praise: Psalm 18 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

The goal of Let's Worship God is to encourage and help you in your worship of God each day.

**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!**

Let's Worship God is produced  
by the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

If you have any queries please contact - [rpchurchscotland@gmail.com](mailto:rpchurchscotland@gmail.com)