

Let's Worship God

19th-24th April 2021
Proverbs



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[Proverbs 3:5-6]

Monday - Proverbs 4:1-9 - David's Words

Why does Solomon continue to repeat himself? Because he knows what men and women are like. He knows we forget; he knows our minds wander. Again and again he wants to tell us the value of wisdom, the great treasure that it can be to us, and how we should search after it with all our heart. Though the things of God may not look all that attractive or exciting when compared to the things of the world, Solomon assures us that they are of far more value.

These commands to pursue the things of God with all our heart do not just come from Solomon, they come from King David, the man after God's own heart. Because David loves his son, he urges him to seek after and follow the things of God and teaches him about God and God's Word. If we love our children, any children, we should be teaching them the things of God and encouraging them to value and love those things.

Look at what David has told Solomon - he tells him to store up his words in his heart. If the wisdom of God is in our heads only, it's useless. We must hide God's Word in our hearts. Many worldly parents encourage their children to get a good education, to get a high-paying job, a lot of money, and prestige, but Godly parents encourage their children to gain the things of God before anything else. And they should encourage their children to pursue doing what God wants no matter what the cost to themselves. Many a Godly family has had to cheerfully say good-bye to a child when that child has been called to serve God far from home. But not only are parents to urge their children to get the things of God; they must encourage them not to lose the wisdom they have gained - to persevere in doing right. For the things of God are more valuable than treasure.

Questions

1. Where has Solomon learned about the value of wisdom?
2. How can we encourage our children to gain wisdom?

Prayer Points

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

Memory Verse

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. Proverbs 4:23

Praise: Psalm 25 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Proverbs 4:10-13 - Hold On To Wisdom

What a joy it is to parents as they come to the end of their life to know that their children have not been brought up for the world but taught in the ways of God. But this won't happen if their children are never disciplined; if they've always got their own way; if they've been taught to love the things of the world. But it will happen if Godly discipline has been used; the Bible laid down as the rule of life; and habits of prayer and love of serving God and fellowship with God's people have been encouraged. But not just parents, all who are part of the church can encourage young people to pursue the things of God and rejoice to see boys and girls following after God.

But to pursue the things of God is not easy. It is often a rough and lonely path, but it is a right path and happiness and peace will come from doing what God wants. When we have our eyes fixed on God and His Word, we will not stumble and fall into sin; we will not be confused or deceived by the lies of Satan. But it is a struggle - a struggle against our sinful nature, the temptations of those in the world, and the attack of the devil. Wisdom that has only taken root in our mind will be easily discarded when mocking, trouble, persecution, grief, or suffering come. Our hearts must be full of loving God and the desire to serve Him. How? How can we fill our hearts? By studying His Word, by turning to Him in prayer, by worshipping Him and praising Him. The more we pursue the things of God the more we will want to pursue the things of God. But we must pray that God will enable us to hold on to Him and His Word and not be swayed or shaken.

Questions

1. What should we desire most for our children?
2. How can we keep from falling into sin?
3. How can we fill our hearts with the love of God?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would have an increasing desire for God.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Wednesday - Proverbs 4:14-17 - God-haters

How often does friendship with those who hate God damage our own faithfulness and love of God! Their path is so contrary to the one God has told us to follow that to even take a step down it is to forsake the way of God. Their very character imitates their father, the devil - first they are sinners, then tempters. To cause trouble is what they live for. With almost inexhaustible enthusiasm they try to hurt God and the people of God. They don't care to what extremes they go, as long as they can drag others with them. The history of the Church is full of those who tirelessly pursue God's people. Have they all disappeared? Are there none like this in our town? We are not speaking of those who do not know God and are dead in their sins with no interest in God; we are talking of those who actively hate God and hate God's people and are happiest when they can hurt and destroy anything to do with God. We are, perhaps, naive if we think they do not exist anymore, that this is a tolerant age and the time of persecution is past. The more open and forthright we are about what we believe, the more these people will be revealed to us. They do not show their hatred openly because they have no need to, they are not threatened by any outspoken Christians, the churches are too silent. But if the people of God started speaking more openly of the things of God, rest assured that the enemies of God would surface.

So, how can we protect ourselves from these God-haters? First, by prayer. Second, by doing what God wants. If we are busy serving God we will have no time for those who try to persuade us to turn from Him. We will see their path for what it is, and we will avoid it, we will flee from anyone or anything that keeps us from following God.

Questions

1. What do those who hate God try to do?
2. How can we protect ourselves from those who hate God?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that God would protect our young people from temptation.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Thursday - Proverbs 4:18-19 - Light and Darkness

It is a beautiful sight to see someone grow as a Christian. They are saved from the darkness and death of sin, and just like a sunrise at first, what is black just becomes less black. Their sin becomes less, and then, the first streaks of light appear, the beginnings of a love of God and a life lived in service to Him. The light grows stronger until the full glory of day is shown, just as a Christian grows in their new faith and perseveres in that faith until they enter Heaven and are perfected. It is always a long struggle, a struggle with ourselves and our desire for our way not God's. Even when we see that God's ways are always best and that we can do nothing without Him, we struggle to apply this to our lives and give up self-rule for God-rule. Our happiness grows as we grow closer to God, and our understanding of how sinful we are and how much God has done for us grows as well. Our desire to get rid of sin and serve God increases. Now, there will always be times of weakness in our faith, but overall that faith should be growing stronger each year of our lives. We must beware a time of no change, of standing still, stagnating as a Christian. We should always be growing, advancing as a Christian, constantly aiming at the perfection we will reach as a Christian.

The path of believers is filled with light and joy, but the way of the wicked, of unbelievers, is darkness. It is without direction, comfort, safety, or peace until they fall into the darkness of Hell forever. Their sin and misery darkens their life, but this is what they have chosen. They prefer the darkness of sin to the light of God. They prefer stumbling forward into sin and misery than following what Christ says. They prefer making their own way to Hell than asking Christ to take them to Heaven.

Questions

1. What is the life of a Christian like?
2. Why does an unbeliever prefer his sin?

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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Friday - Proverbs 4:20-22 - Love of God

Solomon repeats again the value of wisdom. He is encouraging us in desiring wisdom, the first step in the path. We have to want wisdom if we're going to start looking for it. How do we obtain wisdom? Through the Word of God. A neglected Bible is a sure sign of a heart that is far from God. If we love God, we are going to want to do what He says, we are going to want to know more about Him. We will search His Word to understand better and better how we can serve and please Him. But if we have no love of God, we will have no desire for His Word, no hunger to do what He says. Do you feel your desire for God is gone? Do you think you have no love for Him? Do you see reading His Word as a duty that must be got out of the way as quickly as decently possible? Do you secretly dread going to church, family worship, METs, or your own quiet time? Do you wish that you had a desire for God the way others seem to do, or the way Solomon encourages you to have? Do you wish you got more excited over reading God's Word, that you enjoyed it more? If so, pray. Pray that God would give you a desire for Him. Pray that God would give you an ever-increasing love for Him? Pray. Even if your words trip over themselves and you don't know what to say because it's been so long since you spoke to your Lord, pray. And while you are praying carry on being faithful in reading His Word, going to worship and METs, and having family worship. And keep praying until He gives you a love for Him and His Word. Then pray that you will not lose that love. For the love of God and the love of His Word is true life and joy and peace.

Questions

1. Where can we get wisdom?
2. What do we want to do if we love God?
3. How can we grow or get love of God?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would grow in our love of God.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Saturday - Proverbs 4:23-27 - Guard Yourself

These rules are our safeguard. Surrounded everywhere by sin, every inlet must be strongly guarded - the heart, the mouth, the eyes, the feet. First, the heart - where man keeps its treasure. It must be guarded, but it must be known to be guarded. We have to know our weak point because it is guaranteed Satan knows them. It is God who guards our heart, but He uses our efforts as His tools. So what are these tools? A strong faith, prayer, a spirit dependent on God, a life lived in the Word of God. We must resist anything that God declares is sin. If the heart is drawn away from God, the whole man will be drawn away. All that we do elsewhere is useless if we do not guard our heart.

But don't forget to guard the outlets of sin. What a fierce amount of evil pours out of our mouth! Commit both your heart and your mouth to God. Use prayer and God's Word to watch over the things you say. Think, think, and think again before you speak.

Keep your eyes; they are a dangerous inlet for sin. Govern them by the Word of God. Determine to look only on what is pleasing to God and to turn them away from sin. Fix your eyes on the things of God and they will not be easily drawn away.

Finally, keep your feet. There are traps set for the Christian everywhere. Constantly we are tempted to wander from doing what God has said. Every step we take in our life should be carefully weighed against the Word of God. Do not dare to go one step without God. Fix your whole self on Christ and go forward to love and serve Him.

Questions

1. How can we guard our heart?
2. How can we guard our mouth?
3. How can we guard our eyes?
4. How can we guard our feet?

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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Praise: Psalm 30 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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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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