

Let's Worship God

10th-15th May 2021
Proverbs



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[Proverbs 3:5-6]

Monday - Proverbs 8:5-11 - Treasures of God

The great Teacher of Wisdom, Jesus Christ Himself, calls the simple and fools to hear what He has to say. Where can we hear what Christ says? In the Bible. This is the Word of God, and Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Where else but the Bible can we find what is worthy and good and necessary? Jesus Christ is calling out to us through His Word. If we want to be wise, if we want to know more about the things of God and grow in understanding, if we want to increase our love and obedience of God, what do we do? Read His Word, read it again and again and again. Never stop reading it, never stop thinking about it, never stop using it to show you what to do. The things found in God's Word, the wisdom there is worth our full and complete attention. The covenant God has with man, His love toward sinners, the way of salvation, the way in which God's people are to live, the sins they are to avoid, the promises He gives - these are all there, rich treasures found within the Bible.

But if this is true, why don't more people read God's Word? If it's so valuable; if it's so amazing and helpful and wonderful, why are so many Bibles gathering dust on people's shelves if they're even there at all? Because men and women do not love the things of God. They love themselves, they love others, they love things, but they don't love God. They are relying on themselves to get what they want, instead of trusting in God, and they see the Bible as useless, boring, and hard to understand. How can this attitude be changed? Only by God coming and changing their heart and giving them a love for Him and what He has to say. But we can pray, pray that God will increase our love for Him and His Word and pray that He will change the hearts of those around us who do not care about Him.

Questions

1. Where can we hear what Christ has to say?
2. Why do so few people read the Bible?

Prayer Points

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

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 43 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Proverbs 8:12-14 - Being Like Christ

Christ is not only wise, He is prudent. He is wise in knowing what He should be doing, He is prudent in using the best means to accomplish it. As we work to be more like Christ, to pursue wisdom, we work as well to be more prudent. We don't just want to know what God wants us to do, we want to use His means to do it. We want to do God's work God's way. Christ also has knowledge and discretion. He knows what is going on in the world, He is not naive. But He also knows how to discern between right and wrong. As Christians we need to chase after all these qualities. Knowing and doing what God wants, using His means, in a world that we know something about, discerning between right and wrong, for His glory.

To be wise is not just to know and do what God wants, it is to hate what He hates - to hate sin. If we love God it only makes sense that His enemies are our enemies, the things He hates, the things we hate. And at the root of sin is pride, thinking our way is better than God's way - wanting what we want rather than what God wants. Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself is not proud but humble wanting God's will before His own. Proud followers of a humble Master? This just doesn't make sense, but our churches are full of it and many suffer because of it.

Christ, true Wisdom, also knows all things, plans all things, judges all things, and rules over all things perfectly. He never makes a mistake in assessing a situation or planning out what to do. He is never thwarted in His goals. But what about us? As we pursue wisdom, as we try to be more like Christ, as our goals fade and God's goals take over, we too will make the right decisions and see our desire accomplished. Why? Because our desire is not ours but God's desire, and our decisions are God's decisions. The more we do what God wants, the more we'll succeed.

Questions

1. What does it mean to be prudent?
2. Why do we have no reason to be proud?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would make God's priorities our own.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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Wednesday - Proverbs 8:15-16 - God's Rulers

The kings of the earth, the members of Parliament, the city councillors, the heads of multi-billion pound businesses, the employer at the factory, the minister, the elders, all these leaders have been put into their position of power and authority by the Lord Jesus Christ. He hasn't just allowed them to rule - He's placed them in that position. They will have to answer to Him for how faithfully and well they have carried out this responsibility; and in many cases God has blessed us by providing us with a way to hold our leaders accountable as well. So, what does this mean? It means that if you are a leader of anyone, no matter how seemingly insignificant, you have a huge responsibility to be faithful and Godly in your leadership. One day you will have to answer to God for what you have done. There is no room for pride here, as no one is ever the ultimate or highest authority. This means that everyone should be praying regularly for their leaders and supporting and encouraging them to be better and more Godly and calling them to account when they are not. But it also means that unless they are asking you to sin, you need to submit to them because their authority has been given to them by God and rebelling against them is like rebelling against God. This can be hard to stomach if your employer or MP or father or Bible teacher seem to be really getting things wrong. It was hard for David as well, but in the end he does not lift his hand against the Lord's anointed, and we have got to do the same. What proves true for David in regard to Saul will prove true for us - the Lord, controlling all rulers and events, will bless our faithfulness.

Questions

1. Who put leaders into positions of power?
2. What can we do about bad leaders?
3. What must we do even if our leaders are bad?
4. How can we encourage our leaders?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for your minister, elders, and deacons.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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Thursday - Proverbs 8:17-21 - Rich Christians

None of us naturally love God, none of us want to be like Christ, none of us desire wisdom. But God, in His great grace, has chosen us to love us. He has drawn us to Himself, wrapped His arms around us, changed our hearts, and now we love Him because He first loved us. We seek after Christ because He has sought after us; we want to do what He says and be more like Him, because He has done so much for us. God's love for us is not based on what we do, but our love for Him is only possible because of what He has done. Yes, we are saved by works, but not our works - Christ's work on the cross. Fix this in your mind and heart - you are not saved because of anything you have done but because of everything Christ has done for you.

Those who seek after Christ, those who love God, those who turn from their sins to Christ, not only are they promised that they will find Him and His love waiting for them, they will have an abundant treasure both in this life and in Heaven. Treasure of joy, treasure of peace, treasure of eternal life to come, treasure of understanding how to live, treasure of knowing that there are greater and better things to come, treasure of being able to endure through the hard times on earth, treasure of contentment, treasure of direct contact with God through His Word and prayer, and treasure of other Christians. A believer is wealthy beyond anyone's understanding in the things that really matter. Have you grasped this? Or do you feel that being a Christian has cheated you out of some good times? Pray that you will realise that the only lasting things are the treasures and blessings found in Christ.

Questions

1. Why do we love God?
2. How are we saved?
3. What treasure do we have as Christians?

Prayer Points

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

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Friday - Proverbs 8:22-31 - Before The World Was Made

Remember that the person speaking here in these verses is ultimate Wisdom, Jesus Christ Himself - the "Word that was in the beginning with God, and was God." (John 1:1) Jesus Christ, as God, is there from all eternity, before the world is ever made. As part of the Godhead, He is there at the beginning of God's work, the only-begotten Son of God.

Christ doesn't just exist from all eternity - from all eternity He is appointed for the work He is to do. He is set apart to be the final Prophet, Priest, and King. What He will do, on the cross, purchasing the salvation of His people, is planned and decided before the world is made.

Jesus is the only-begotten Son of God. He has no beginning and no end, but in some sense He is the Son of God. To explain this, even to understand this, is very difficult to do. As creatures we just can't really comprehend eternity and God's existence very well.

Jesus is not just an observer at Creation, as God, He takes a part in creating the world, and He rejoices over what has been done. He is filled with joy and delight when He thinks of what God has done and is doing. In this as well, we can imitate Him when we are thrilled at what God is doing.

Questions

1. Where was Jesus when the world was being made?
2. What work was He given to do?
3. How can we rejoice about what God is doing?

Prayer Points

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

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Saturday - Proverbs 8:32-36 - Doorposts of Wisdom

Listen. The Wisdom of God, the source of all light and knowledge, the King of kings, the lover and guide of His people is calling. The only-begotten Son of God, the Mediator between God and man, the Almighty Creator of the world, and the Friend of sinners is speaking. Shouldn't we be listening? But the promised blessing does not come to those who just listen. It is not enough to hear what God has to say. We must obey as well; we must keep His ways consistently and perseveringly. We must not obey in spurts, but fix our eyes on Jesus, set our hearts on loving Him, and put our feet in His paths. Then we will be truly blessed. We will make right choices, we will be joyful and happy in our Lord, and at the end of our life we will go to a glorious eternal life with Him.

Verse 34 says we are to watch at the doors. What does this mean? How can we watch at the doors of Christ? Well, where does Christ speak to us? In His Word. How do we watch and wait for Christ? By reading His Word, listening to what He has to say in it. And this isn't a one-off. It's a daily occurrence. Every day we should be turning to God's Word, waiting, expectant for what Christ has to say to us. We should be looking forward to going to worship on the Lord's Day, waiting with joy to hear Christ.

The reward of those who listen and obey Christ is immense. They find life. For the One on whom they are waiting is the Author, the Dispenser, the Keeper of life. Not only do we find eternal life, we find our life on earth of more value, bringing more joy and peace as it is focused around God. But those who hate Christ bring death upon themselves. They love what will kill them and turn their backs on life.

Questions

1. Where are the doorposts of Wisdom?
2. Why do those who hate Christ love death?

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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