

2023.11.10 Family Worship lesson in "the Proverb of the day"

Proverbs 10:1

"Gospel Joy for Parents of Grace"

- <sup>1</sup> The proverbs of Solomon:  
A wise son makes a glad father,  
But a foolish son is the grief of his mother.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In this verse of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that the parent-child relationship is one in which grace to believers produces gospel joy.

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Proverbs 10 verse 1. These are God's words. The proverbs of Solomon. But why is sun makes a glad father? But a foolish son. Is the grief? Of his mother. And then, the sends this reading of gods. Inspired. And In our entwirtz.

One of god's prophecies about solomon. To david, and Second Samuel 7, one of the ways in which Solomon would prefigure christ. Is that god would have a special adoptive relationship with Solomon. That prefigures. Christ's not adopted sonship but christ's only begotten, sonship And so there are something in. The fatherhood of god that is actually reflected in the fatherhood of all good fathers and there's something in that sunship into which jesus brings us.

That is reflected in the sunship of all good sons. And so there's something here for believing fathers and mothers. That reminds us where our children's sin has come from, where our children's folly has, come from especially Uh, describing sin as folly in the book of proverbs as failing to acknowledge god, although the new god they did not acknowledge him.

They did not glorify him as god or give him. Thanks. And so in a home where the dad is not knowing and glorifying and thanking god, and the mom is not knowing and glorifying and thanking god. One of the things that we see as children. Who do not know god?

Who do not glorify him as god, who do not, give thanks to him as god even if his name is used even if his practices Are followed. Uh, yet. The folly. Passes on from generation to generation. And as we see our children, Being. Living ungrateful. Lives. Unhappy lives undisciplined lives.

Uh, we are grieved. Uh, we're at least grieved because those things bring misery. Uh, into into the home or increase the misery of the home. But a thoughtful theologically aware spiritually aware parent. As grieved, because he knows. That the sinfulness of the child was from him. And, The failure to know God and live independence upon him through them.

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That the failure to. Live in the knowledge of god and dependence upon him through the means of his grace. Has also brought into the home. Or failed to remedy. Um, Has resulted in. Uh, not seeing The the children convert it by that grace. And therefore continuing. In their folly.

And so a father and A mother read. Proverbs 10 verse 1 as both a Um, warning from god. Uh, but also a blessing from god because that which is described here is not the Um, first the foolishness of the sun who brings grief to his mother, but first named is the wise son who brings gladness to his father and of course, he brings gladness to his mother as well.

In the first half of the verse just as the foolshan doesn't bring grief only to his mother but he brings grief also to his father in the second half of the verse. And so there's a reminder, Here, that's grace does work. That god has appointed parents as his servants that when they use the means of god, they'll use the means of god's grace that the god of grace graciously works through those means to provide that wisdom to produce that wisdom, which, of course, is a lot greater gladness than accomplishment.

The gladness of accomplishment would be gladness of pride and success. But the gladness that, That proverbs 10 verse 1 is. Describing isn't just a fruitfulness that comes from our faithfulness. Yes. The lord uses the faithfulness that he gives us, but it's he who gives it? It's the fruitfulness of his faithfulness.

It's his power and his mercy and his faithfulness that have brought about a wise son, a wise son from a sinful father A wise son from a father who started out in folly a wise son, who himself started out as a fool. How did this happen? That happened. Because the god who's glory, we had denied and rejected in our folly and from whom we deserved wrath, has instead in mercy and forgiveness given a salvation in which He converts us to himself.

And he gives us faith. And, He gives us then the wisdom. Of knowing and glorifying. God, how great is the gladness of the father and the mother? Who not only? See this knowing of god in their children. But who know that they're snowing of god, came by god's mercy by god's grace and that our instrumentality or that the parents instrumentality is something that has been appointed by god and has been a privilege.

It's not that it's unimportant or unmeaningful. No, god is the one. Who has put the parent in that place and designed it this way. And so that ought to be a motivation. To knowing God ourselves and knowing his grace and knowing his glory and using his means Because there's this promise of the gladness that comes.

Not only. Because god has done it but because he's given us a place in doing it. There's also a motivation here then. Uh, for children. It is not. It is not necessarily emotional manipulation. For. A father to say, make me glad Or a mother to say, make me glad.

Now if you take god out of the equation, then it is emotional manipulation. Then you would say, i Yeah, i should be the center of your existence.

Look at how sad you've made me. Look at Uh, look at how miserable you you've made me. That is very different than saying, You know, god who gave me to you?

And you to me. Promised me. A gladness that will come as he works in your life. And i continue to wait on him and grieve. For the lack of that gladness and god who gave me to you and you to me has given you in the fifth commandment. This motivation, to honor your father, to honor your mother.

That you should care about pleasing me. Because you care about pleasing god. And part of honoring him is to honor me. And part of honoring him is to honor your mother. And so it should matter to you. Whether you are bringing the biblical joy that has promised to your parents by god's blessing.

Upon his means in their hands. And even if they're not using his means particularly well, or employing, his means particularly faithfully Then you still hope that god will work beyond the means, and he's able even to work apart from the means. But the fifth commandment teaches you that you should want to bring gospel joy.

To your parents. By the difference that god makes in your life, in your heart, and your mind, and your behavior That you would be a god knowing god trusting thankful joyful. Person. Not just, For god's sake, although that is first. That you were to glorify him. And not even just for your own sick.

Although, that is second. That your relationship between yourself and god would be the greatest relationships. So there's not only the desire for what it does for god, but the the place that your trusting him and thanking him and loving him, knowing his love for you, serving him living in that living in that wise, way living in that skillful way, the difference that that makes in your relationship between you and the lord.

But even as another motivation. That seeing that and being a beneficiary of, it would be one of the ways that you honor your parents. That's a right motivation. Um, No. Even if a parent were to use it the wrong way. That doesn't mean that the right way. Is somehow negated.

And each of us should have, i still have In fact, probably more now than at any other time in my life, as God has matured me, each of us should have that crying out of the heart. Oh god. Help me to know you and love you and walk with you.

In a way. That. Um, Brings blessing to my father. That brings blessing to my mother. That they would be able to to see what you have done in my life. And that my mom and dad would be able to say look at what god has done for me. This is something.

Um, I think some of you maybe who, Remember. Um, The beginning of john patent's autobiography. And the desire that is godly dad. Uh, would receive As a blessing from the lord. The difference that the lord had made in his son, john Um, And then, i don't remember if we've ever read, for instance.

Um, Well. We don't need to make the illustration. Some pretty sure there's Uh, something in. Samuel Miller's. Writing about desiring, the same with his parents. But we should want. To. Make glad our father. In the first part of the verse, And we should. Can be chagrined. We should hate.

Um, the idea That we would be a grief to our mother. And the second part of the verse there, So, let's pray and ask the lord. To help us. Our gracious. God and our heavenly father. We praise you for the announcement from heaven. That christ is your beloved son with him.

You are well pleased, we pray that in him. You would not only make us to know ourselves as beloved but to love you who have first loved us. And that you're not only be pleased with us for his sake. But that by your spirit applying him to us, we would live in a More and more pleasing way unto you that we would be wiser and wiser.

In the lord, jesus. We ask our god that you would help us to be mindful. Of our parents. The fifth commandment. That you would. Make us to be sources of gospel. Joy. On to them. Not that their self-pleasure. Would motivate us. But that they're delight in you. On a count of us would motivate us.

So, please help us. Oh lord, and i pray for myself, my wife. And for these children, when they come to be parents, That we would look for the fulfillment of the promise of that gladness. Even as we depend upon you, And using your means. Uh, we pray o lord that you would help us.

Because it is not only the cares of this world. That threatened to choke out the good seed of your word and the plant that comes from it. But also the pleasures of this world and there have been many other comforts and many other pleasures that we have sought Um, Instead of the gladness that your word promises in so many places, And this part of that gladness that your word promises in this place.

And so help us. Oh, lord. To seek after that, joy, that is in you. Which we ask in jesus christ's name. Amen.