

2022.12.01 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 1:20–22

“Why Men Don't Grow in God's Freely Offered Wisdom”

- 20 Wisdom calls aloud outside;
She raises her voice in the open squares.
- 21 She cries out in the chief concourses,
At the openings of the gates in the city
She speaks her words:
- 22 “How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity?
For scorners delight in their scorning,
And fools hate knowledge.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from “the Proverb of the day.” In these three verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that although God has made His wisdom freely available in His world and His Word, men are not wise because their fleshliness hates wisdom.

(The following is a machine-generated transcription. Please be aware of—and patient with—transcribing errors. If there is something confusing or obviously erroneous, you are invited to listen to the audio recording via hopewellarp.org)

Proverbs 1 verses 20 through 22. These are God's words. Wisdom calls aloud outside. She raises her voice in the open squares. She cries out in the chief concourses. Let the openings of the gates in the city. She speaks her words.

How long you simple ones? Will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning. And fools. Hate. Knowledge. So far the reading of gods inspired and And they're intertwined.

On these three verses, we learn. That god's wisdom. Is on display and readily available. It's on display in his creation. It's on display in. Our knowledge of right and wrong. This is very similar to some things that Romans one teachers. First wisdom, calls aloud outside. You can see. That, which is true, that which is beautiful.

That, which is, why is even in how God has Made things and ordered his world, he has caused made, himself known to us. And made. His divine attributes, a parent. And the things that are made. Uh, furthermore, in the open squares and the chief concourses and the gates The places where people have dealings with one another.

Uh, everyone knows that there's such a thing. That's right and wrong even those who say truth is subjective, you can nail them down and ask them if that truth is subjective. Um, And you can, Often proposed to them hypothetical situations. No one is. Actually, completely a moral in fact, The end of.

Romans one, the lord tells us that people know the righteous requirements of god and that, those who do such things referring to the The 22 breakings of god's law at the end of the chapter there. Uh, deserve death, but they're not only do them. They approve. Of those who do.

And so wisdom is obvious and wisdom. Appeals to us and even more. So, in the context of proverbs we have a Young man who has a godly father and a godly mother who are speaking the lord's wisdom. Uh, to him. Which we hope. Uh, by god's grace has been the case with you.

But your father and your mother speak. The lords wisdom from the scriptures to you. And have done so, throughout your life. Why then? Aren't we wise? The first part is Um, That wisdom is available that wisdom openly appeals to us, that all are without excuse. And especially, Those who Are in the lord's church among his people have his preaching here, his word, etc.

And the reason is, Because we have bad hearts. Not because we have bad minds. Not because we don't get it. Not because we forget, we are finite, and we are weak. Uh, but the primary problem. With us, the primary reason that we are not wise. Is because our original nature.

And even if we have a new nature that remaining fleshliness within us, Loves simplicity delights in swearing. Hates knowledge. How long you simple ones? Will you love simplicity? If we can see that there is a god and we can see that he has all powerful. We can see that he has Perfectly wise and we can see that he has infinitely.

Good. Then doesn't it expose about our hearts? If we are not, Loving him and fearing him and walking in his ways. Having our thoughts shaped by his word and doing the The good that we know from him that we ought to do. Isn't the? And necessary conclusion, that just as the bible says, Is that our hearts are deceitful above all things?

Unknownable. And desperately wicked. And fixable. And that the reason that we are not wise, Is because we have bad hearts. We have bad desires. We have all of that remaining fleshliness that is opposed to knowing god. That wants to be god for ourselves that wants to determine for ourselves.

What is good and evil? That wants to find pleasure. In ourselves and in the creek in the creature. Rather than the creator. Who is blessed forever? And so, Uh, the great thing that we need. Is for the lord to change our hearts. For the lord. To give us of his spirit for the lord to kill.

That original version of us. With Jesus and his cross. And to raise a new version to create a new version, By Jesus's resurrection. In us. Now, like we

said, Even with our new nature. Uh, we then have that new nature that is Uh, from the lord by the spirit.

And yet, we have that remaining flash. And there's a question, which, according to, which one will we live? Well, if you live, according to the flash, you will die. But if by the spirit you put to death, the deeds of the body, We will live. If we sew to the flesh.

If we feed the flesh and Look for Either our power or our pleasure or our purpose. For our principles from ourselves. Any of those will reap corruption. We will. Uh, be destroyed. But if we sow to the spirit, Uh, we will reap a life of righteousness, that means That we are to depend upon the lord we're to delight in the lord.

We're to be devoted to the lord. And were to be directed. By the lord. And his word. We must begin by looking outside ourselves. For our purpose. And then for our power by which we would fulfill that purpose and for our pleasure that we would enjoy in Uh, most of all and enjoy loving him and serving him.

And then, of course, our principles. If he is the one who is all of these things for us, then we can't come up with our own way. Of growing in him, or depending upon him or being devoted to him. That would just be to sneak our own power or our own pleasure, or our own purpose in the back door.

Uh, by way of the method. So, we can't allow ourselves to think that. Loving god or depending upon him as some sort of Um, Shapeless. Mushy feeling. It definitely includes our emotions. But it must be defined. By his word. Where we find with. The scriptures are able to make us wise for salvation.

The implanted word is able to save our souls. And make us do words of the word and not the hear, not hear or sound like That in part is Why we're doing this now? Worshiping god by way of reading and thinking about his word. As a family because he says for us to do so, That's why you should read and think upon his word that you either read.

Hi by yourself and your private worship or think about. Give time to think upon the word that you hear in family worship. And then, of course, especially the word breached in the assembly. But this passage these three verses. Um, Show us how readily available. The wisdom of god is in his world.

And in his word and drive us out of ourselves. By showing us that the problem is in our hearts, what we delight in scorning, what we love simplicity and what we hate Knowledge. From our remaining flushiness So let's pray that god would deliver us and grow us and help us.

Our father in heaven, we thank you for your word. We thank you that It directs us outside ourselves. We pray that your spirit Would. Give us life from christ. That we might have good habits of. Part and mind and resurrection life in us. That you would. Help us not only to attend to your word but also to meditate upon it.

Day and night, we pray that you would Uh, kill Help us kill. That what remains from the former self? That has been crucified with christ. We pray that it would be christ who lives in us. Not we, who live? And the life that we do live in the body, You would make us live by faith in the son of god, who loved us?

And give himself for us. For we ask it in his name. Amen.