2023.05.13 Family Worship lesson in "the Proverb of the day" Proverbs 13:12 "Hope Deferred: Gracious Groaning"

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  - But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In this verse of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that God works in generous wisdom when He puts off good things that we hope for.

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Proverbs 13 verse 12. Hope deferred makes the heart sick. But when the desire comes, It is a tree. Of life.

Here, the lord teaches us, the wisdom and kindness of his providence. Holding back sometimes from us. That good, which he intends to give to us for a while. When we are not like he is, he is unaffected by time. He is unchangeable. He cannot be. Improved, and certainly cannot diminish.

We however, we are subject to time and One of the. Differences for us is. Longing can be increased. By time. And so he has wisdom. And what you choose is just the right balance. And we can trust him, we can trust him, not only because he's Perfectly wise, but because he's infinitely, loving And of course, he's powerful mightily powerful.

In order to do, whatever good it is that he wills And we can see all of those things, most of all, in christ. Where is there a better place to see how infinitely loving God is towards us? Then in christ. Or to see the wisdom of how he has planned.

What he would do. And at what time, When he sent christ in the fullness of time. To be born of a woman under a under the law that he might die for our sins. According to the scriptures and rise again from the bad, according to the scriptures. And where do we see his power more?

Then in the lord jesus christ the power by which he added humanity to himself. And became the god man, the power of by which he has risen from the dead. Never came death and hell, the power by which He even endured the fullness of the wrath of god. In our place, which is How much greater thing even than to overcome death.

And so, we know. That God is wise and we can trust him, we can even trust him. When the thing that we hope for the most, There's not coming yet. And that is to come back to the tree of life. For that path that has been guarded by the charabium and flaming sword that turns.

Every, which way. To finally be opened up and in the last day. To enjoy in the new jerusalem, the The city with the river and the tree of life on both sides. And to have that, which is christ's. By right and christ's by merit. And yet even that how long has a good answer, Because the lord is, Not slow, like men, count, slowness.

With him a thousand years as a day and with him a day is, as a thousand years, Because of his love for. Those to whom whom he is bringing to salvation. And because of The wisdom with which he is executing it perfectly. Well, if that is true with respect to that desire, And the difficulty, now of waiting for it for it is difficult.

The creation groans. And we who have the first fruits of the spirit grown and surely, this does not a wrong thing because when this spirit intercedes for us, he also growns But if this wisdom and love and power of god is true with even this, Then we can trust him with every other hope.

Of some good thing that he has planned for us that perhaps we don't know, we're asking him and it's not coming yet. And many good things that he's planned for us that we do know because he's told us in the bible. And we do not see, yet. We do not yet.

See what we hope for. Because hope is For that, which we don't see. But in these times in our life and there is something you long for And your heart is literally sick. Of having that hope deferred of longing for something better. Trust. That the one who is making you wait is making you wait.

Because it will be better in the end. When whatever good it is, that he is bringing He finally brings. And you enjoy the good thing and it's better because of how much you waited for it and how much you long for it. And it's better because when it does come, You see a fresh?

You see? Um, in a new way. The greatness of god's wisdom towards you and making you wait and the love. In which he was willing to do that, which is why system best and the power with, which he executed it, And so he himself becomes even more, a part of the reward.

By the way, in which he defers it. With your children, there will be many times in your life in which you are in a season. In which you are. Aching for something to change, maybe even asking god for it. Maybe even it's a good right thing that it would be changed.

We do not forget his wisdom, love and power. Hope deferred makes the heart sick. But When the desire comes. It is a tree of life. How good our god is to us? Even in those hardest times.

Thank you for this verse from proverbs, which Strikes into our hearts with sweetness for. Difficult and painful situations. We pray oh lord that the knowledge of your wisdom towards us and How all things shall be at last for us who have christ that These things would sustain us. That you would sustain us by your grace.

As you use these truths to uphold our minds and uphold our hearts. So that we would be patient in affliction. Thank you for hearing us. Thank you for doing this for us. Praise your name. And we ask it in jesus name, amen.