

2024.05.21 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 21:3–4

“Living Acceptably to God”

- 3 To do righteousness and justice  
Is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.
- 4 A haughty look, a proud heart,  
And the plowing of the wicked are sin.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from “the Proverb of the day.” In these two verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that living acceptably to God is not only in the externals but especially in the conforming of the heart to God’s character and the righteousness of the man and his actions through faith in Christ.

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Proverbs 21, verses, 3 and 4. These are God's words to do righteousness and Justice. Is more acceptable to Yahweh than sacrifice. A haughty. Look, a proud heart. And the plowing of the wicked. Our sin. So far the reading of God's inspired and And Aaron toward,

So in verse 3, we see to do righteousness and Justice is more acceptable to Yahweh than sacrifice. God does not take particular pleasure. The slaughtering of animals who doesn't need them. And he doesn't need us to do that. Sacrifice, as an offering as a way of coming near. Uh, to God in the various types of sacrifices that he commanded.

That is acceptable to the Lord and pleasing to the Lord because it is his appointed way of coming near and Especially because the way that he is appointed for us to come near, There's a That points. And participates by faith in. The Lord Jesus Christ. Now, we understand why.

Doing righteousness and Justice. That's more acceptable than sacrifices. Because the only way we ever do righteousness or do justice is in Union with the Lord Jesus Christ. And so it's acceptable to God. Because it is consistent with his character. It's right. And it's just And it's especially acceptable to God.

Because the way we come to act consistently with God's character, Is through Union with his son. And so he Delights in that which is righteous, he Delights in that, which comes through his son and of course, properly offered sacrifices itself a doing of righteousness or Justice. Righteous conduct. So the Lord loves that which is consistent with his own perfect character.

And he especially loves that. Which is done in Union. With the person of his son. Now, that which comes from the wicked. As sinful as against God. Misses the mark. Not just those things that are. In and of themselves transgressions the haughty look. As a transgression. A proud heart, the heart exercising Pride before.

God is a transgression But even the plowing of the wicked. Or perhaps. I have not looked at. Uh, this recently but the margin Reading we have is the lamp of the wicked, but either one of those lamps or plowing neither of which are transgressions, are they? And yet, if it's done by the wicked, if it's done outside, Of Union with Christ.

If it's done. Uh, not by faith, not by the application of the righteousness of Jesus to Then it is sinful because it comes from us. Drop not from the righteousness. That is by faith. Like we heard at the end of Romans 14, Whatever is not of. There's, And so this reminds us.

That all day long. Whatever we're doing. Whether we are. Plowing or whether we are doing our school or doing chores. Or exercising. Uh, or Um, any other Uh, good and healthy and right thing. Even in the externals of it. It is much more important that it be done. By faith in Jesus Christ, that it be done trusting in him.

Let it be done according to his work. Let it be done by his life in Let it be done for his glory. So that our lives will be lived in a manner that is acceptable to the Lord. And blessed. We be mindless and thoughtless, and heartless. Not living out of Christ's life in us, but living, according to the flesh.

The scripture warns us. If we. Live. According to the flesh, we will die. But if by the spirit we put to death, the Deeds of the body. If by the spirit we live by faith in Jesus Christ who loved us and gave himself for us. Than we will live.

So may God give us to do everything in life. As that, which is done. Resting upon Christ and in Devotion to him. And according to his word, Let's pray. We pray, Lord that you would help us to do all of our work. By faith in, Jesus Christ, Union with him that your spirit Would make us mindful of you.

To live as your children to live as Christians. In your world. And we pray then especially when we come to worship you. That we would offer our worship according to Faith, according to your word. Doing what you have said and dependence upon you for your glory. And so be glorified in our lives, we ask Lord in Jesus name, Amen.