

2024.05.22 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 22:3–5

“Hiding Ourselves from the Dangerous Path”

- 3 A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself,
But the simple pass on and are punished.
- 4 By humility and the fear of the LORD
Are riches and honor and life.
- 5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse;
He who guards his soul will be far from them.

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 the prudent hide themselves in Christ, humbling themselves before the Lord and fearing Him.

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Proverbs 22 verses 3 through 5. These are God's words. A prudent man, foresees evil and hides himself but the simple pass on and are punished. By humility and the fear of Yahweh. Our riches and honor and life.

Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse. He who guards his soul will be far. From them. Men listens this reading of God's inspired. And entered. The Prudent man. Foresees evil. Foresees harm sees Uh, a danger in the path. And he hides himself from it. Uh, the simple.

Uh, those who Are unthinking. Pass on. They keep going and they are punished. Perhaps, you have seen. Video clips during uh, storm like Perhaps the one outside right now. Uh, car driving up to what just looks like a puddle. All you can see is that there's a little bit of trouble and The Prudent people.

Turning around and going another way they see the evil and they hide themselves. But then, there is a foolish unthinking person. The simple man. Who goes on and tries to drive through doesn't realize that beneath that surface of the water that looks like. It's even with the rest of the road is a great big hole and his entire car goes in And he is swallowed up.

Well, that's true with Earthly dangers, creation dangers, but how much more With the danger of being a sinner who justly deserves God's Wrath and punishment. And where can we hide ourselves? From the Wrath and punishment of God. We can hide ourselves in Christ. This is also true for those.

Who have a choice in how to live. Not just living as someone who trusts in Christ, but if we trust in Christ, Then also living as someone who obeys Christ who submits ourselves to him. Because trusting him means trusting his wisdom and counsel and instruction and morality, all is better than ours if ever the two should conflict and they often do because we're foolish and we're sinful.

So, it is by humility and the fear of Yahweh. That we come to True wealth and Weightiness and true life. True riches true honor and true life. As verse 4 says. There are two different ways to live. One is humbly and fearing the Lord. The other one is proud.

And fearing other things, but not trembling at the Lord, not honoring him not reverencing him. That would be the way that is described in verse 5, the way of the perverse, the way of the Crooked And so there's really two paths, the being described here. Uh, the one is the humility and fear of Yahweh that leads to riches and honor and life and the other As the way of those who are crooked in themselves, And it is full of thorns and snares.

And so if we are guarding ourselves our soul, If we are The Prudent one, who hides ourselves from harm from Evil, Then we will be far from the way of the Crooked from the way of the perverse. Which means since we know what the Lord Jesus teaches us, That narrow is the gate just hidden?

And confined as the way. And few who find it that leads to life. But why does the gate anything other than just him even those who think they trust him? But are trying to have Jesus plus something else trust in him and trust in their own theology? Even, or Um, Their own good works their own sincerity.

Etc. But wide is the gate anything other than Christ Alone. And Broad is the way there are many who are on it, that leads to destruction. And so, We want to be far from. Those who are walking crookedly, not in humility, but in Pride, not in the fear of the Lord, not reverencing him.

But taking him lightly or disregarding him. All together. So the Lord Grant to us. Uh, to have with life as a whole and especially with the Lord. The wisdom of those who see something that's dangerous and harmful. And turn and go a different way. Go the right way. Go the Blessed way.

Entering by the narrow gate Christ Alone, and walking in the confined way, the way of humility And of the fear of Yahweh. Where we come to inherit the Earth with the Lord Jesus riches. And when we are owned, as the sons of God, honor. And when we see God, And are comforted in him life.

Let's pray. Our Father in Heaven help us not to be unthinking and foolish. That help us to meditate upon your words to think often of You. To fear and reverence and honor you. Grant that we would trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. And entering by that narrow gate. That we would walk the confined way.

Of humility and referencing you. And bring us at last into life. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.