

2024.05.27 Family Worship lesson in "the Proverb of the day"

Proverbs 27:3–4

"The Harm of Wrath and Jealousy"

- 3 A stone is heavy and sand is weighty,
But a fool's wrath is heavier than both of them.
- 4 Wrath is cruel and anger a torrent,
But who is able to stand before jealousy?

Pastor teaches his family a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In these two verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us the great harm that is done by foolish wrath and jealousy.

(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 27, verses, 3 and 4. These are God's words. A stone is heavy and sand is weighty. But a Fool's Wrath. Is heavier than both of them. Wrath is cruel and anger, a torrent. But who is able to stand? Before jealousy.

Amanda sends this reading of God's inspired. An Aaron, tort

These two verses. Warn us both against being The wrathful fool and being the jealous one. As well as. Uh, provoking a full terrath. Are provoking others to jealousy. And the reason. Is because of how Um, destructive and deadly. The wrath of a fool is and how? Uh, persistent and damaging.

Jealousy is.

Uh, store if a stone Or a large amount of sand or perhaps a bag of sand. Um, Was to be dropped on you. You might be killed. So, also the Wrath of the fool. Is because the Um, Does not trust in the Lord. And Does not have self-control. He's not angry at things because God is angry at them.

He's not angry at things because it's righteous. To be angry. At them. He's angry because he's venting himself. Is venting. Um, His own Fury, that things have not gone how he wanted, and that he is offended. Uh, or he is embarrassed or All right, whatever it is. It's not restrained and it's not directed.

Um, Uh, in a way that Is predictable or safe. And so, we must Guard our hearts against foolish wrath, you remember, Uh, from last week when we had the children's catechism question, About what the sixth commandment teaches and is to void. Avoid angry passions. Were reviewed then three things that help us avoid angry passions.

The first is always to be glad that God is in charge. So whatever we failed to do, however, badly. Something seems to go whatever somebody does to us. God is in charge of it. And so, we aren't susceptible to Um, Uh, to rash anger. Based on circumstance, or Uh, what someone else does.

And the second thing is to remember how much we have been forgiven, Uh, angry passions. Often arise out of. Bitterness of heart and unforgiveness of someone else. But that, which especially enables us to forgive others and not to be embittered. Is to remember how much we have been forgiven, that we've been forgiven that A thousand Talent debt.

Um, that will help us not hold against others. 300 denari debt. And then, in the third place, That God himself. Would be our chief desire. Because the scripture tells us, That corals And fights come among us because we desire and do not have We don't have because we don't ask and even our asking does not obtain because we ask wrong that, we may spend it on other Pleasures.

And so that having other Pleasures, be our primary Pleasures is really at the root. Of this Desiring and not having if, if God is your Chief Delight, no one can take him from you. Not even your own. Um your own failings if you have him in Christ, I can take him from you.

And so, We must take those three measures. To be glad that God is in charge to To consider often. Meditate March upon how much we've been forgiven. To be and to have God as our chief pleasure. Those things will keep us from being fools with the wrath of a fool.

That is like, dropping heavy Stones. And and bags of sand. Upon people. Uh, fool is a deadly person to be around. And hopefully they weren't full of Wrath. But there were some children when Mom and I were In Jerusalem on a day that it snowed many inches and they were rolling big snowballs on their flat roofs.

And then pushing them over the edge of the roof unto people walking in the alley. Uh, below. Uh, not realizing I hope. How damaging it could be. Well, if we live in such a way, That is prone. To outbursts of Wrath. If we are fools with foolish wrath and we are dangerous to be around.

Uh, whether we take it into account or not. And we ought then to take into account. That. That fools who are given to wrath are dangerous for us to be around. Uh, one great way not to end up subject to their wrath is just not to be around them at all.

But if you are required to be around them, Uh, then it is wise. To make extra effort, not to provoke them. Knowing how damaging scripture says, Uh, their wrath is. And then there's the danger. That is not momentary but that is Sustained and destructive Wrath is cruel, and anger, a torrent.

But who is able to stand before jealousy? Jealousy is a Sustained hostile. Um, Uh, emotion it. Uh, one of the mirrors of love. There's a right jealousy. Uh, if you love someone, It should matter to you if they're faithful or not God's jealousy for his people. And for his own name is Right and sustained and therefore when we are idolatrous it is like a terrible adultery and will set.

Uh, Uh, the Lord against us, we put ourselves. Make ourselves the object. Of his. Sustained enmity. Uh, which is Dreadful to think about. But in

human relationships, we must avoid Jealousy of heart. Because, Once you start to build up, Um, a jealousy of heart against someone. Um, it persists and it builds and it will destroy that relationship.

And so it is important in in our relationships. To be truthful and to have open communication. And to reconcile things quickly. Uh, lest we build up this pressure? Of a jealous hostility or a hostile jealousy. A moment of Wrath. Um, A moment of anger. Those are not good, things cruel and like a torrent.

Um, But they are. Momentary. Um, jealousy is like a sustained, flooding tidal wave that eventually destroys everything in front of it. So, May the Lord give us both not to. Uh, indulge it in ourselves and to recognize when Perhaps someone else is increasing in jealousy against us. And seek to resolve it, even though.

It may be unpleasant. Uh, yet, forthrightness plainness, honesty. Communication reconciliation are very important. Um, lest The sustained. Force, or strength or weight of the jealousy build. And the answer of course, to the rhetorical question is no one who is able to stand before jealousy. No one. It will ultimately destroy.

The relationship. So, let's ask the Lord. To give us. The character of Christ, the Peace of Christ to govern our hearts and wisdom. For pursuing, peace also with all men. Let's pray. How gracious God in our heavenly father? We thank you that you have given Jesus. For us. And that in him, you have given yourself.

To. And we pray that this knowledge that we have, you would make us. To be continually praying continually thanking. And so that your peace guards, our heart and rules our heart. Make us to enjoy peace with you that keeps us from being angry. It keeps us from becoming jealous.

But also we pray for your spirit's help to give us wisdom. To know how to pursue peace with all men. And that Holiness that is necessary for seeing you. We pray that your spirit would give us wisdom to know how As far as it depends upon us. To live at peace with everyone.

Grant that we ask in Jesus name, amen.