

2023.05.17 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 31:1–3

“Covenantal Motivations to Marital Purity”

- 1 The words of King Lemuel, the utterance which his mother taught him:
- 2 What, my son?
And what, son of my womb?
And what, son of my vows?
- 3 Do not give your strength to women,
Nor your ways to that which destroys kings.

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 a covenantal understanding of marriage will help us keep it pure, out of love both for God and for others.

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Proverbs 31 verses 1 through 3. These are God's words. The words of king lemwell, the utterance, which his mother taught him. What my son and what? Son of my room and what Son of my vows. Do not give your strength to women. Nor your ways to that, which destroys Kings.

So far the reading of god's inspired and inherent work. Here. The king lamuel is. Giving some words of wisdom, notice who taught him the words of wisdom. It was his mother. Notice where these words are written. They are written in the bible. This is very similar to Uh, earlier in the book.

Uh, where Solomon. Said that addressing his own son. Telling him to heed. The words. Of his mother as the words of god. Which reminds us that moms are to learn what the bible says. Girls are to learn what the bible says. For when they become moms. So that you can teach your sons so you can teach your daughters.

The truth of god's word. If? If we're to speak god's words and have his words in our mouths, not only when we lay down and when we rise up. But when we go out and when we come in, Both parents need to know god's word. Well, And so his mother teaches him and one of the things that his mother teaches him is to be mindful of others and to be mindful of god, To be mindful of others.

What my son, what? Son of my womb? He has a responsibility, not only. For himself. But he has a responsibility to his mother. To honor her. Who gave birth to him. Keep the fifth commandment concerning her. And there's something of the Um, Agonizing of or the emotional investment agonizing over or emotional investment in her son here when she says, son of my womb, As a very tender, very earnest, very emotional way.

To address him. Reminding him that she has invested herself in him and he ought to repay her. Well, not just because god says honor your mother But because she has given so much of her life. And even. Her very own body. For the care of this sun. And so, he used to love his neighbor as himself and Up until this point is not yet married where you find that out in the rest of it after Up until this point, he has no nearer neighbor in the world than his mother.

And therefore, His carefulness with his heart with his mind, not to do anything that is self-destructive.

Not to do anything than a self-destructive. You see the second part of verse 3 there applies to all sin. Do not give yourself your strength, two ways that destroy kings. Another sorry. Do not give your ways. To that which destroys kings. And so, Uh, used to avoid any sin but especially that sin, which is most immediately destructive of Of his own life of future, generations of the family, all random Um, the sin of fornication or adultery.

Giving in to loss forgetting. That marriage is a covenant of god. And that's what she is immediately. Reminded him of in verse at the end of verse two, when she calls him, son of my vows. And she covenanted before god. With. With his father. And the the sun, mr.

Limwell, the king now, who is coming? He is the fruit of their marriage. One of the things that a man and woman seat from god is the covenant together before God. And as they received each receives, the other As the greatest earthly gift that God gives them the one.

Of all the creatures that has made uniquely for them and to be a part of them, and to be a helper exactly corresponding to them and Um, And so forth. Uh, one of the things they ask. Uh, god of war seek from god as a blessing when the covenant of marriage is fruitful offspring.

Not only that, the married, the mom and the dad would be fruitful and bear children. Uh, but there's a multiplication here. That they would bear children. Who then would? Uh, be faithful to their own marriage vows later, and be fruitful and bear children and so forth. Until the earth is full.

Of image bearers. Uh, in covenant, with god first and foremost And forming these. Wonderful, marriage, covenants. And so, it's not just Uh, his own upcoming vows. That he is to be thinking about. But he used to think about himself as a blessing that has come upon the vows of his parents.

A covenant blessing. That has come to his mom and his dad in their marriage as the lord. Has blasted. Uh, so very important. Uh, not to get taken with the looks or the modesty the showing off of oneself or Anything that a girl might do, or even the girl might not do.

Uh, but you and your mind might imagine.

You and your mind. Uh, might Dwell upon how wonderful it would be to have that specific girl as a like And already be given your mind and your heart, and your desires. Um, To one who is not yet your wife. Or one who has not your life. And then even worse.

To have. Flirtatious interaction. Which isn't careful against stirring up such interest in, in others and then even worse. Not just flirtatious interaction. Uh, but actual actions of physical intimacy, which can be Looks touches kisses, and and so forth. All of this. That is that which destroys strength destroys? Uh covenant of marriage to come future generations, that might have come or might have been blessed and that would be Would suffer much misery as a result.

Of the sin. And to be unto your parents, a grief. As the fruit of their covenant. Rather than a blessing. It's not for them. Uh, as a fruit of their you being a fruit of their That's a very, very important to guard against Olson. And especially this particular sin.

All right, that is Uh, destroyer. Not just of one line, but have generations and curse even to A misery for the generation before you that produced you. She's very careful of your hearts. And of your minds. My dear boys and my dear girls. Was not the only ones. Can fall in this way.

And the Lord give. To you to understand what his word teaches and questions like Genesis 2. And Ephesians 5. So that Uh, you will be able to teach your own children, the same From the bible. My father in heaven and thank you for giving us. Your word that we might be well instructed.

About how you have designed us, and What marriage is and what your purposes for it are. That we might love you. Well, And keep covenant before you With our spouse or our future spouts. That we might love others. Well, And be a joy and the blessing. To our parents.

You can see this and for us. And the blessing to, Well, our spouse. When we may not even know yet. And the blessing to generations that are yet unborn, Oh lord's, grants that your spirit. Would make us in our life in our thoughts and our affections. Will be. Shaped by instructed by your weird spirit, right?

Your word upon our hearts. We ask in jesus name Amen.