

2023.06.21 Family Worship lesson in "the Proverb of the day"

Proverbs 21:1

"Regents (and Rivers) in the Hands of a Sovereign God"

<sup>1</sup> The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD,  
Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In this verse of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that even though the decisions of kings are as out of our control as a river, both are under the sovereign control of our covenant Lord.

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Proverbs 21 verse 1. These are the words of god. The king's heart is in the hand of Yahweh. Like the rivers of water. He turns it wherever he wishes. So far the reading of god's inspired and And Aaron toward,

The river seems like an untameable thing. It can be very frightening to get. Caught in the flow of one. We know that they can cut quickly. Through hills. And through land. And yet, we also know that. Turning of the river is in the providence of god. Now, king might seem to us.

Like he's a bigger challenge. Because rivers don't have wills. Kings, have wills kings have hearts. And so is it possible? That someone who's as powerful as a king. Might be able to do something to us. That god. Did not intend for our good. Course, the answer is no. God turns the rivers wherever he wishes.

And god is sovereign over what the king decides in his heart. Now, the king decides, he has his own heart. Is. Responsible for his own choices. When the king decides evil. And does evil. He is responsible. Because he is evil. What does god ever? Decide evil. Does god ever do evil?

Of course not. God is good. And so whatever. Whatever the king decides to do. Wickedly God has intended that it would be for good. Just as Joseph said to his brothers, You intended it for evil. But god intended it. For good. And so that means that whether it is Some apparently uncontrollable force like a river.

Or some unapparently, uncontrollable person like a king. Whatever happens comes. In the good providence. Of our good God. May the lord. Give us more to have eyes and thought and heart. For what he is doing in every situation.

May the lord give us to have. Eyes and thought and heart more. For what he is doing in every situation. Than for what any man is doing particularly. For what the wicked is doing. Then we can trust the lord. We don't need to be anxious. With the praise, the lord.

Love him and serve.

That's all they're in heaven. We thank you and praise you for Your sovereign power. And your perfect wisdom. And you're perfect goodness. Help us. Oh, lord to remember. That these are behind. Every providence and especially That what is behind every providence for us? Is the same love. In which you gave yourself.

For us in christ. Then, once you give yourself to us in christ, To help us to remember these things lords. So that we may respond well, To every circumstance where we ask it in jesus name