

2024.07.24 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 24:3–4

“Build Your House Upon the Lord”

- 3 Through wisdom a house is built,
And by understanding it is established;
4 By knowledge the rooms are filled
With all precious and pleasant riches.

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 it is knowledge of the Lord that must be the foundation for the thriving of our homes, and especially of our households.

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Proverbs 24. Verses, three and four. These are God's words. Through wisdom. A house is built and by understanding, it is established. By knowledge, the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches. So far, the reading of gods inspired. And every twerked. And God has designed his world, so that thoughtfulness careful observation.

learning which requires humility in order to learn. You have to admit that you don't know things and you have to Conclude that. It is better to listen to those who have knowledge than to just come up with your own ideas. That God has designed that just functioning well and successfully even from a temporal Earthly material perspective, requires the acquiring of knowledge requires The employment of that knowledge, according to experience.

And with skill, That is called wisdom. And so, there is a very just Earthly material way in which this is true through wisdom. A house is built by understanding. It is established This is not just building it up and making it to stand in a lasting sort of way.

But then as verse 4 adds by knowledge, the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches so that much is true. But in the context of the Book of Proverbs remember, That wisdom is not just the accumulation of knowledge of the world and how things in the world function and the Most effective way to obtain our aims in the world in the Book of Proverbs wisdom is especially connected to the fear of the Lord knowing him as God acknowledging him as God.

Recognizing that. Not only is silly and ineffective and Uninstructed. thinking and acting. foolish but foolishness is especially Not knowing god, not knowing the Creator, not understanding that. Even The ability to get wisdom, the ability to be effective in this world. Is a result of his faithfulness and his wisdom, his wisdom, and how he created it.

His with his faithfulness in how he upholds. It, the fact that things are predictable and consistent and can be learned as actually dependent upon God, continuing to uphold all things by the word of his power, according to the design that he has put into the world. And so, even just functioning even before we talk about,

Effectively doing or obtaining what we want, from Even before we talk about spiritual things, just effectively doing and obtaining what we want in this world demands some knowledge of the Creator demands, the knowledge of the Creator to be the foundation of it. But the idea of the house and the idea of the precious and pleasant riches here is not just a physical structure.

You might get that idea with the word rooms and sadly in our culture where we do not think in terms of family, and we do not think in terms of household. And we do not think, Multi-Generationally and we do not think primarily of people as the most valuable thing, and it wasn't just It wasn't just.

Israelite culture that thought this way even ancient near Eastern culture in general. Was enough affected by and influenced by a Biblical mindset, a recognition of Of how God has designed us. That they thought that way. So the word House isn't just referring to the structure. The language of building and filling the rooms and stuff implies the structure, but they would read this and we should read this as a play on words, reminding us that it is, especially the household that needs to be built up.

It is especially the household the people And the generations that are coming from it. That needs to be established. That needs to be not just built up, but built up in a way that is going to stand. That is strong that functions healthily and effectively And that that, by which, that with which it is filled is especially the family itself.

And so there's a double meaning here and both are true. but it is especially the the fear of the Lord the knowledge of him that is the way that a household is genuinely established. That is the way that a household has genuine wealth. We've often noticed in the Proverbs that genuine wealth is found in the knowledge of God and the love of him and in the fellowship of the household in love and peace with one another Have very little you can have in at least.

Proverb that I can remember a bit of dry bread. And it's better than a feast. so long as there's peace in the house. Peace with God and peace with one another And so, the most important thing for you, As you think about our home and wanting our home to be.

A strong and pleasant. Wanting us as a family to have not just what is Pleasant but even that which is precious and rare and valuable. Is not just that you would gather information and learn various skills and work very hard, so that Earthly things can be obtained. there is value in that and that's not denied here.

But the main thing is that you would fear the lord. That you would know him in everything that you do all day long. That you wouldn't just know why? Doing whatever chore it is, or learning, whatever it is in school or Whatever it is that you're doing that. You wouldn't just know why you're doing that for how it fits into how the haps functions, but that you would know yourself to be doing that as someone who is created by God to image.

And part of how he has made us to image him is to be part of a family. To live in Fellowship to have mutual affection with one another. Take the light in the life that we have together. God has as it were a shared life in himself from all eternity.

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Exist from all eternity, in this Perfection of enjoyment of one, another and fellowship with one another in adoration Of one another. And so even down to functioning well in the house, A big part of that is Imaging God and it comes from the way you're going to image God.

Well and be Blessing. And help. To the rest of the household. The way they are going to be a blessing and help to you is through knowing him. Being known by him. Offering your whole self to God, like we were thinking about In the sof the Ten Commandments offering your whole self to God.

Your whole being your whole life. And the wisdom. And knowing of him. That we should be living with and that we should be living out of or from which Out of which we should be living. So through wisdom, a house is built and by understanding, it is established By knowledge, the rooms are filled.

With all precious and pleasant riches times, like this, when we are having family worship, We are. Working on as it were the building of the house. And the filling of its rooms with everything precious. And everything Pleasant. This is how God views. The creation with respect to us, this is how God views even the new creation with the, with the last man, the new Adam, who is his son?

Our Lord Jesus. And Who are in him? They are the precious and the pleasant riches. We, in Christ Christ himself and we with him are the precious and pleasant riches. Of even. The new creation. So, the Lord give us to be. Mindful just in the first place. Just to be mindful people.

Who think and are careful and learn and are wise. But especially to be mindful of him. To think of him. And to care about him and how we're interacting with him. And to be wise, skilled. In how we are responding to him. And how we live, and What we do?

Task. For the help of his Spirit to do this in us. Our gracious. God and our heavenly Father, we pray that your spirit would be unto us. A spirit of wisdom that he would give us. To know you especially in Christ, we thank you that he is unto us.

your own wisdom. For. We pray Lord that you would not allow us to be silly or ignorant or arrogant people. But give us to be. The serious. And Learning and humble. That in our walking with you learning about you from your word. We might also be. Helped, even to understand your world.

And so interact. Well with you. And make good use of what you have made. And what you have entrusted to us. Grant that our family would be built up. And that we would be. Effective. And that we would flourish and Thrive. With one another. And also, in Earthly things as well.

We ask these things in Jesus name. Amen.