

2024.07.27 Family Worship lesson in "the Proverb of the day"

Proverbs 27:5-7 ▫ "The Truest Friend of All"

- 5 Open rebuke is better
Than love carefully concealed.
- 6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend,
But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.
- 7 A satisfied soul loathes the honeycomb,
But to a hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

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 true friendship gives us the help that we need, and God is the truest Friend of all.

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Proverbs 27 verses 5 through 7. These are God's words. Open rebuke is better. Than Love carefully concealed. Faithful are the wounds of a friend. But the kisses of an enemy. Are deceitful. A satisfied. Soul loathes, the honeycomb. But to a hungry soul. Every bitter thing. Is sweet.

So far the reading of gods inspired and inerrant worked. Nice. These verses are true with respect to human relationships.

Love. Is afraid. To be esteemed, glass or Doesn't want to. Have difficult things. In a relationship is not. genuine A healthy. Useful profitable love open. Rebuke is better than love carefully concealed. Where you might be helpful but it might be hard. Much better. To give rebuke, of course, and love.

The wounds of a friend as verse 6 is going to say. And, A friend is someone who Can wound, you. Without despising you. And who you are able to receive.

Without. Harming the relationship. Between the two of you. So the friend's wounds are faithful, my friends hugs, their faithful, the friends kisses are faithful. A friend is faithful to you. And even when they wound, you they're faithful to you. This is one of the Benefits of having. true and genuine friendship.

Sadly, this is not the sort of friendship. Many are looking for many desire. Flattery. In friendship. So, I'm going to only tell you the things that already think And, Will only praise you, but never correct. You

But, Verses five and six. Not just about, Our human relationships. They're about the true and living God. They are about the friend who sticks closer than a brother They're about the Lord Jesus Christ. They're about how scripture often. Convicts us of sin exposes the thoughts and intentions of our hearts How God in addition to doing this, through his word often does this in his Providence?

He chastens us like a father, the son whom he loves. As Hebrews chapter 12, says

Many invent for themselves, an idea. Of God and especially an idea of Christ. In which there is only. kissing and never rebuking or wounding. But such is not the true Christ. And if it were, he would not be Our true friend. And so, when we realized that we have been doing this, we've been complaining against this Providence and complaining against to use the Language of another text.

Complaining against the crook in our lot. When we realized that, we ought to not just be ashamed of our grumbling. Murmuring. Complaining against God or against the Lord Jesus. But we ought to be ashamed that we have been. Loving in our heart. And in our mind, A caricature.

Of him. A version of him that doesn't wound and doesn't rebuke. A fantasy Idol. That is not so good. As the true God himself is, This is one of the reasons why In Psalm 119, which we've been singing for Several weeks now, especially From about verse 70 to about verse 90 and other places in the psalm.

But in that section, especially There is a thankfulness to God and his faithfulness in afflicting. Wounding us, rebuking. Now, one of the antidotes, one of the tonics, one of the helps spiritual medicine that you could take. To recognize how good and faithful God is even in rebuking us and wounding us is to hunger and thirst.

After righteousness. You know, blessed are the poor in spirit. Blessed are those who mourn? Those who know that. We are spiritually impoverished. We're Beggars. We need. Spiritual help from God, those who grieve. Over our current continued, sinful condition, blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. If you are one of these blessed ones, and You are looking to the Lord for help with your sin.

Than when he corrects you and he rebukes you when the word cuts you and exposes you and sends you to Christ Alone for healing. And you find in him forgiveness for sin and cleansing. From the unrighteousness that remains. you enjoy. A portion of the Fulfillment blessed are those who hunger and thirst, after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

well, someone who is full of himself. Someone who is full of Earthly. Enjoyment and treasures and Amusements. there's the sort of Satisfied Soul, the soul that has Been colloid with the Suites of the world. That now loathes even honeycomb. It can't endure even the sweet things about the Lord Jesus that finds no need for him.

Let alone the rebukes and the corrections, and the difficulties that come. With belonging to him. But to a hungry soul. If you're hunger and thirst after righteousness, every bitter thing is sweet. Whatever the Lord gives you for your nourishment and for your help. You're grateful. You find nourishing. And so verses 5 through 7 go together.

It's is has important application to True friendship. I'm not diminishing that or denying it. But it's especially important. For how we view our true friend capital F? A trying God and Particularly our Lord Jesus. Who is that, friend? Who sticks closer than a brother. And so may God give us the hunger and thirst after righteousness, may God, give you To be hungry.

Puts him to death to grow in Holiness. And then you may be grateful for any hard Providence, even the hard Providence of A rebuke that comes from an enemy. Or a wound. That is not faithful. From the human friend. They may or may not be wrong, but at least you know that God is doing you good by it, they might even There might even be some truth to what they say and you can learn from it or there may not.

And you may be seasoned and matured and grown by the Affliction. So, the Give us to have a right view of ourselves not to be. Satisfied with anything, but God himself. And then we may view him correctly. And, Not desire. A caricature, a false fantasy version. Of him, but him as he really is, let's pray.

Our gracious. God father, Son and Holy Spirit. We thank you. That you have in the sauna Lord Jesus. Come near to us and reconciled us to yourself. We are now not only friends with God but we have the god, man as our friend. And we pray that you would.

Help us by your spirit that hungering and thirsting after righteousness. And Desiring for ourselves the same good that your perfect love and wisdom desire. That you would make us. To be grateful for all that you do, as you are making us, holy So please help us Lord. Write the truths of this passage on our hearts.

And rent, then that we Both be grateful for true and real Christian friendship. And that we would be. True. And real Christian friends to Those whom you give us For we ask it in Christ's name. Amen.