

Proverbs 12:10–11 (Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”)

“God’s World and Our Work”

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- ¹⁰ A righteous man regards the life of his animal,
But the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.
- ¹¹ He who tills his land will be satisfied with bread,
But he who follows frivolity is devoid of understanding.

Pastor leads his family in two verses from “the Proverb of the day.” In this Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that when we love God with all our heart, His Word shapes how we treat everyone in His world as in His image and everything in His world as His creatures. But those who love not God, even if they seem to love, it has cruelty underneath which can easily spill over onto the surface. Because a life lived in empty things exposes an empty heart, it is merciful of God to give His dear ones incentive to work not only in the increased food that is gained but in the increased enjoyment of what is gained.

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Proverbs 12 verses 10 and 11. All right, just man. Regards the life of his animal but the tender mercies of the wicked or cruel.

He who tills his land will be satisfied with bread, but he who follows from volatility is devoid of understanding.

Okay, so you can see how

What you are before God, and whether you have and you nature from Christ and what he has done to you, by his spirit shows up in all of your life from the top to the bottom. If you are a righteous man, then your your care for those who are made in God's image, that is people will also will come from the same place that care for God's creation.

Also ought to come, so someone who's cruel to animals, you know, is not responding to the Lord, as creator is not treasuring, what God has made and preserving and it's goodness and serving God. And what he does in the creation, you watch out for someone who's cruel to animals because it may look like they are kind to people, but what does the second half of the verse say about the tender mercies of the wicked, even those are cruel, even those are self-seeking manipulative, the moment that it is to their advantage to turn on you.

They will even while they've seen to be doing good things to you. Their heart does not towards God or towards you and they may have many wicked motivations. Even the tender mercies at the wicked or cruel. And so we should seek from God. Not only that we would love him with all our hearts allah and strength, but if you love him with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, that has and effect on how you interact with everyone and everything else doesn't it.

Because if you are truly loving God, with all your heart, so might and strength, what will you be doing with your neighbors? You'd be loving your neighbor as yourself, right? Because your neighbor is made in the image of God. And so I murder requires the death penalty, God tells no and Romans chapter not reminisce and it's chapter 9.

There's a man who sheds the one who sheds man's blood by a man. His blood shall be shed from created in the image of God. Well, if you love God, with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, that especially affect how you treat. Believers Jesus says love one. Another is I have loved you.

You see someone who professes the name of Christ, someone who has, Christ's covenant sign on them. And you say, oh Jesus my God. And redeemer and Savior has sacrificed himself for this one. This one is a precious one and you love believers. This Christ has loved you. Well loving God, with all your heart.

So my needs strength also affects how you take care of your property. How you cultivate even plants? Not? Because the psychotic botanists things that broccoli has a primitive nervous system and might feel things, but because God is a creator of things, beautiful and things productive. And he's an orderly God, and he's a God who loves who makes things that are pleasant to the eye and pleasant for food, and loving God, with all your heart, soul, mind.

And strength means you care for animals. And you notice that God has created animals with a way of

interacting, though. They don't have souls. They don't love at least not in the way that we know that God loves and man loves because God is drawn, man up into his own love.

But according to the nature of the creature as God has created it, you interact to the creature. And so there is something to, you know, creatures that are more intelligent and whose instincts align with something like companionship. It's not bad. It isn't keeping with the way they've been created to, to have some companionship.

Not dog is not man's best friend. May God's man's best friend and a godly man as man's second best friend. But the righteous man regards the life of his animal righteous man. Also regards, how tasty his animal is because God has given the animal to us for food. That keeps us from falling into the idolatry of the environmentalists, or the beacons, right?

Because if our love for the animal comes from God, having created it and all of the wisdom and goodness of God, and the nature of the particular animal, then also God having given us the animals for food and having made some animals tastier than others. We probably won't have you read animal farm because there are some things in it, that we wouldn't want you not necessarily to be exposed to.

Or maybe when you're older anyway, one of the things in animal farm is it's a farm yard parable for communism, and the pigs are in charge and they say all animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others. And it's about how there's no such thing is communism.

Communism is a trick that people who want to rule and abuse and wonder everyone else. They tell everyone we're going to make you all equal but what they mean is we're going to make you all equally beneath us so that we can dominate you. Well, there's another truth. That is true of actual pigs.

Many animals are tasty, but some animals are tastier than others and it is good to recognize the goodness of God, things like bacon and lobster and shrimp, especially that under the old covenant administration God had held back so that when Christ comes and opens up a takes away the Levitical law, he not only reconciles Jew and Gentile with one another, but he gives us bacon and he gives us a shred and lobster and so you can see how you can come from the verse here.

Righteous man. Regards life of his animal. Why? Because God is the one who has made us, right? Just give us forgiveness, given us our life and creation and our eternal life and redemption. And he's the one who made those animals and we're now interacting with not just the creature, but with the creator who made it and with his purposes for it and second place he wholls, his land will be satisfied with bread, notice that it's not just, he who tells us land will have bread, but God gives the food and God gives the ability to enjoy or the ability to be satisfied.

Even even in, especially with bread and food. One of the great problems for many people in our culture and perhaps, I think based on this probably and every culture is that there are many people who eat, but they don't find it satisfying. And so either, they have a grumbling spirit or they eat and eaten, try to find a satisfaction that never comes.

But notice that God has designed work as not only to be the means by which we gain food, but also the means by which he makes the food more enjoyable to us, the harder you work during the day, not only the more likely you are to get a supper.

But the more likely you are to enjoy this supper that you get isn't our god and his wisdom. Good and hasn't he set before us incentives to work in his kindness, in his generosity. Why? Because laziness is a sin. And so it is generous and good and gracious of God to add, all these incentives to work, says, I'll make your dinner more satisfying.

By means of you doing this righteous. This righteous thing we ought to have desired to be diligent just because God commands it. But he adds then the the abundance and the satisfying quality of the food but he who follows vanity, okay? So there's one guy is working hard. There's another guy who's doing empty things useless things but he who follows for volatility is empty of.

Okay, so he's doing empty things and he himself as empty and new King James says understanding, but it's actually empty of heart. He has no heart in our hearts were created by God and for God and we ought to love doing that which brings honor and glory to him and does us and others, especially good.

And and and God says, feeling your day with empty activities. Exposes that you have an empty heart or as okay, papers. And we pray that you is or would be converted football coach and say, you're not bored, you're boring your desire to be entertained and you're just doing useless of appet things all the time, exposes and emptiness of heart and emptiness of life, lacking awareness that you are made in the image of God to bring him glory and that you have this limited time opportunity every day.

That is spent once it's spent, it's gone. You never get it back. God in his grace can make up the years that the locals have eaten. But you and your wickedness, ought not waste years as if they would be consumed

by locusts. And so we ought to be spending our time and those things that I'll profitable remembering that, that doesn't just mean money or productivity, or health and cleanliness around the house, but also spiritually profitable things if ever, you can't find anything else profitably to do, or if you haven't spent good spiritual time already, there's always the opportunity to meditate upon God's worth.

That's one of the blessings of having these family worship times regularly. Having your own private worship types, paying good attention in the prayer meeting holding on to your prayer, mating sheet, or your worship booklet. But you always have a bunch of material ready to hand. So that if you have an extra moment that you can, at least redeem the time spiritually by meditating, upon some portion of God's word, some good truth from God's word.

So let us treat everyone. Well, even using the creatures. Well and interacting with the creatures. Well the animals. Well let us be diligent and see how good our God is to us. That he gives us such incentives to diligence that. We'll be satisfied filled by feelful from our breath.

And let us not spend our lives on emptiness in a way that exposes us that we are empty hearted, God forbid, and grant to us instead to be conformed to the image of Christ who has already been all of these things perfectly for us and our behalf and now to whom we pray, the spirit would conform us.

Let us ask him to do that. Now, Holy Spirit, we praise you for making Christ. Our wisdom. We thank you that, that he had compassion, Lord, help us, not to be more wicked than the Pharisees over in Jesus, was grieved that they at least that they didn't have compassion on a man, but at least they had compassion on their own animals.

We pray. Lord that you would make us compassionate to both. Help us to love you. Help us to love you, with all our heart, and soul, and mind and strength. So that wherever we are and whatever whom ever, we are interacting with that. We would do. So out of love for you and recognition of people being made in your image and creatures being made in your wisdom and your goodness to us, Lord give us diligence.

We pray we grieve over how much time is wasted evaporated every day and we're humbled by your word. That tells us that it's really a symptom of being empty hearted and we pray that you would fill our hearts with love for you so that we would at least be motivated to meditate upon your word and not lose any moment that way.

But do give us good work. Make our hands to find good things to do and make us diligent all the day long that we might delight to serve, you and your world. Lord, we pray that in all of these details given to us. By these two verses, you would be conforming each of these dear ones made in your image, the sign of your triune name upon them that you'd be conforming them to Christ.

So that his wisdom and himself being your wisdom for us, would be displayed in their lives and enjoyed by them and those who you do, good through them, we ask it in Christ's name. Amen.