

Hopewell ARP Midweek Sermon
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Proverbs 3:1–12

1 My son, do not forget my law,
But let your heart keep my commands;
2 For length of days and long life
And peace they will add to you.
3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you;
Bind them around your neck,
Write them on the tablet of your heart,
4 And so find favor and high esteem
In the sight of God and man.
5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
Fear the LORD and depart from evil.
8 It will be health to your flesh,
And strength to your bones.
9 Honor the LORD with your possessions,
And with the firstfruits of all your increase;
10 So your barns will be filled with plenty,
And your vats will overflow with new wine.
11 My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD,
Nor detest His correction;
12 For whom the Lord loves He corrects,
Just as a father the son in whom he delights.

The Life of Childlike Faith

Main idea: God's wisdom brings sinners into the fullness of their sonship to Him
Introduction: the bookends of v1–2 and 11–12, and the Spirit's explanation of Heb 12:5–6.

1. Childlike faith that honors God's direction and discipline

- a. Direction, v1–2. Not just obedience but honor. Applying the heart to his commandments. (v1, cf. 2:2). Aims at a long, blessed life (v2, cf. Deu 5:16, Eph 6:14).
 - b. Discipline, v11–12. Not just endurance but appreciation(v11). The pain in a believer’s life comes not just from love(v12a) but from being pleased to have us as His children (v12b).
 - c. Behold God’s fatherly love to you, and take the whole book of Proverbs (and the whole of Scripture) in that love! Behold God’s fatherly love to you, and take all of His providence in that love(even and especially the pain).
2. Childlike faith aims that the family resemblance
- a. “Mercy and truth”(v3a)are especially divine attributes(cf. Ex 34:6, Jn 1:14)
 - i. More and more identified as His children (v3b)
 - ii. More and more thinking/feeling/choosing according to His character (v3c)
 - b. “Favor in the sight of God and man” (v4) is a conforming to Christ (cf. Lk 2:52).
3. Childlike faith depends on the Father we know
- a. Trust entirely. Refusing to trust in anything else(v5a). This isn’t just urging us never to lose hope in the Lord. It’s urging us to hope only in Him Himself, and when we use means, only to use them in dependence upon Him.
 - b. Trust humbly. Refusing especially to trust in our own understanding (v5b, 7a). The pride of self-assured “wisdom”is one of the greatest obstacles to trusting in the Lord. Humble yourself before the Lord. Enjoy and take advantage of those times when you have to do so.
 - c. Trust personally. v6a isn’t just saying “give God credit”but “know Him.”
 - d. Trust expectantly.
 - i. Blessing for our souls. The straightening of our paths (v6b)and departure from evil (v7b). Perfectly at death.
 - ii. Blessing for our bodies(v8). Generally true, but age and death will take it. Contentment with Him is especially the health and strength. Perfectly at the resurrection.
 - iii. Blessing in what we have (v10). Generally true, but death and providence may take it. Contentment with Him makes it enough. Perfectly in the new earth.
4. Childlike faith devotes everything to Father
- a. Firstfruits is not merely a fee(v9b), but recognition that all that we are and have is His(v9a).

b. Honoring God as Father doesn't just show up in how we receive everything from Him, but also in how we give everything to Him.

Conclusion: don't forget the Scripture that addresses you as sons! Receive all of life—and especially His Word, and HimHimself—as coming from Him in His fatherly love. And live all of life—and especially obedience and worship in childlike love unto Him.

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Proverbs 3 verse 1 through 12. These are God's words. My son, do not forget my law. But let your heart keep my commands.

For length of days and long life and peace. They will add to you. Let not mercy and Truth. Forsake you Bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. And so find favor and high esteem. And the sight of God and man. Trust in Yahweh, with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge Him. And he shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes fear, Yahweh. Apart from Evil. It will be Health to your flesh and strength to your bones. Honor, Yahweh with your possessions and with the first fruits of all your increase, So, your barns will be filled with plenty and your Vats will overflow with new wine.

My son. To not despise the chastening of Yahweh. Nor to test his correction. For whom, Yahweh loves. He corrects. Just as a father of the In whom he Delights.

And since this reading of, Inspired and Aaron tort. One of the great reasons to give ourselves to Uh, the Lord's word to give ourselves to the Lord and put ourselves in his hands as he uses his word in our lives. Is because he is far better at loving us than we are loving ourselves.

We of all the things and we'll think about it a little bit. Of course, when we get to verse 7 in the text, Of all the things that we are wise in our own eyes about perhaps, loving ourselves is one of the ones to which we are most susceptible.

We think that we love ourselves well, One of the places that we can immediately have exposed to ourselves that we don't love ourselves nearly. So, well, as we think is that we are not vicious enough in putting sin to death. We are not vicious enough in our sanctification. That's the point that Hebrews 12 is making when it says, you have not yet resisted to Bloodshed striving against sin.

It's encouraging us as we Are surrounded by the cloud of witnesses to lay aside every weight and especially the sin, which so easily ensnares us and to run with endurance looking to Christ. But one of the reasons that we don't do that is we don't love ourselves. Well enough.

We don't love ourselves enough to fight sin. As for our life, to the point of Bloodshed, And it is in that context that Hebrews 12 raises for us. The love of our father. You have not yet resisted

to bloodsheds driving against sin and you have forgotten the exhortation, which speaks to you as Sons.

My son. Do not despise the chastening of the Lord nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by him. For whom the Lord, loves he chastens and scourges. Every. Whom he receives. And so, We can recognize that of course, immediately as being from the latter book, end of our passage verse 11 and 12.

And these are the bookends of this section of the Book of Proverbs. There's the my son at the front end and verses one and two and then the repetition my son in verses 11 through 12 and this isn't the first time we've seen this is it We have seen.

Uh, throughout the book and we'll continue to see this address my son. But it is in this particular context that the book of Hebrews comes now and helps us to understand how to read this phrase, my son throughout the Book of Proverbs. Because, It is true that it was originally from a father to a son, or maybe generally to all of his sons for there were many.

Although Just one of them Solomon would have been preparing for the kingship But the my son is not just from Solomon to his children. And it is not even only for fathers, generally, to learn how to speak to our children, and children, generally to learn how to hear and listen to our father's instruction.

Hebrews 12 says, The scripture addresses you as Sons. Because God is your father. And so, we We began. Or at least mentioned in the first sermon and have mentioned at other times that Proverbs is especially a book for use. It is especially a book for the Youth and it is especially a book even among the youth, especially, particularly for the men for The young men.

But Proverbs. Is also and Primarily for A book because we are God's youth. We are God's children. The scripture addresses us as son. We still are not wise like we should be. He addresses everyone, generally at the beginning of Hebrews chapter 12 and says, don't forget the scripture still calls you children.

To connect it to what we have been hearing in Matthew 11. We are those babies. That Jesus is so thankful to his father that his father is being father. Not only to Christ. But now father to those who he gives to know themselves as babies, those who have not just a broken and contrite Spirit about their sin, but a humble Spirit before God.

That we know that we need wisdom from him. And part of that, wisdom is even Learning to love ourselves. Learning what loving ourselves looks like. Indeed, as children, we have this heavenly father from whom we may learn everything. He literally teaches us about everything. He breathes out his word to us.

That's how we got the inscripturated. The inscribed on the page words of the Bible as God has breathed them out to us. And he breathes them out to us as father. And he breezed them out to us by way of his son, who is the word? And he breathes them out to us by his Which is another word for breath.

A spirit who proceeds from the father and also from the son, the spirit of Christ who carried along the prophets. The spirit of Christ, whom Christ poured out. Upon those of his servants, whom he called to be Apostles and Prophets. And evangelists. And so, There is a sense in which the Bible as a whole and Proverbs especially is teaching us how to be God's children.

And that's the great theme. Then of these 12 verses that our book ended by these two my sons And then that scripture itself refers back to you when it says, don't forget. Don't forget

that, the Bible addresses, you as children don't be wise in your own eyes. Giving up is Being wise in your own eyes.

It's saying this isn't worth it and I won't be able to do it, but God says it's worth it and God says he will carry you in doing it. And so, don't be so wise or Eric wise in your own eyes. Don't be so arrogant as to give up on putting sin to death or to become slack in sanctification.

That's what Hebrews 12 is saying. And so, This passage is about, especially about, what does the What does the life of childlike faith? Look like, Well, first childlike, Faith honors, God's Direction and discipline and we'll see that a little bit more in these bookends. When we can consider them themselves versus one, and two, and verses 11, and 12.

Second of all, Childlike Faith, aims. At the family resemblance. Childlike Faith. Aims at the family resemblance. We'll see that. Especially in verses three and four. Um, Third childlike. Faith depends on the father whom we know. The father, childlike Faith, depends on the Father whom we know and we'll see that especially In verses.

Five through. And then, Picking up. Uh, a little bit. Uh, from that. But also, especially in verse 9, we'll see that verses 9 and 10. Childlike Faith. Childlike Faith, especially devotes everything. To our father. So first childlike, Faith honors God's Direction and God's discipline my son. Do not forget my law.

But let your heart keep my commands. For length of days and long life and peace. They will add to you. This. Basically saying, Honor your father and your mother. And, It will go. Well with you, you know, there's a difference, a slight variation. Of course, there's a big variation in the way, the fourth Commandment is written in Exodus, 20 and As compared to Deuteronomy 5.

But there's actually, A variation, a little bit of a difference in the fifth commandment, as well. Um, Deuteronomy 5 doesn't just Promise. A long life. It promises long life and good, good life. Your days will be long, and it will be well with you. And so, verse 2 is recalling for us, the fifth commandment, but now not just the fifth commandment with honoring our Earthly father, The fifth commandment, especially with honoring our heavenly father, This of course is going to have a lot of overlap for you.

If you have a Godly father because your Godly father is going to be giving you the instruction of the Lord and your Godly father is going to be giving you the discipline of the Lord. So that when your dad is teaching you the Bible and applying it to you, your heavenly father is using your dad to teach you and here is one on Earth with great love for you.

In heaven with. With infinite, love for you, who is teaching you and then the discipline as well. When our Earthly dad Giving us. Those. Those SWATs those spankings that are painful in the moment, they are doing it as seems. Right to them says the Hebrews 12 passage that To which we were referring earlier.

It's not always as according to their intentions. And according to their wisdom, their wisdom is flawed and their intentions are not. Are not perfect. Although, Praise God, if we have a Godly father and He has Grace sustained, scripture. Informed intentions towards us. But he, that is the father of spirits.

Hebrews chapter 12, says he always disciplines us for our good, That includes when Daddy or Mommy are giving you discipline. God is disciplining you for good. That's one of the reasons why we pray before or after And, Often in the parent's heart and I hope in the child's heart.

Uh, during Uh, as As. Receive the the pain that's being inflicted that you would be asking. That God would be using this pain for your good because it comes to you in his Providence and long after you've stopped getting the spankings from your Earthly father, You will still continue to have pain that comes into your life.

Difficulty that comes into your life. That is in and under the Providence of your heavenly father Who knows that what he is doing is wise and good and producing in you the peaceful fruit of righteousness that very Holiness that he commands you to pursue. So that you may see the Lord.

Well, we are Uh, to honor our heavenly father as he instructs us, and we are to honor our heavenly father as he disciplines us. Now, look at verses one and two, and you'll see not just obeying his commands, but honoring him in that obedience, my son do not forget my law, this isn't saying, don't let it slip your mind.

Make sure you memorize it, it means. Keep it in your mind, keep it in your thoughts. Let it shape the way that you that you think there is an honoring with our thoughts. So that our practice, if you remember all the way back to, when we were studying, Christian meditation, our practice of Christian meditation isn't just stated times of dwelling carefully, upon God's word, but

Constant conversation in our thoughts. Do not forget my law but let your heart keep my Commandments. Uh, now I don't know if you have a refrain in your household. Like, We have had. But, Uh, the, the three uh, that that Have stuck and lasted over time. Sometimes it's been longer in different scenes of our house right away all the way and cheerfully We don't just obey.

We mustn't just obey. We must obey right away all the way and cheerfully and then we have at other times added every time. Even when Mom's not looking And other things. But the reason we say right away all the way and Cheerfully. Is because those are often the things that make the distinction between just obeying Daddy, just obeying Mommy and honoring our father, honoring our mother If you do, what Mom says, but you're whining.

Or stomping or grumbling or scowling, are you honoring your mother? Of course not. You may be rendering obedience, but you're not. Letting your heart keep. Her command. Well, our heavenly father comes now. And he doesn't just say keep my Commandments. He says. Let your heart keep my commands. All that God would give us not only to receive the Commandments of his word as instruction for what we ought to do and what we must do.

But may, he Grant to us that right away all the way cheerfully aspect, so that we so that our hearts keep his commands. So that we honor him as our father not merely obey, God, as our father, some of you. May. John Calvin's personal motto. My heart, I offer unto you promptly and sincerely.

And so we are to honor. Honor God, childlike Faith, honors God, as we receive his Direction, but childlike Faith also honors God as we receive his discipline. It's not just his word that we receive. As coming from his love. Uh we I hope I hope every one of you who are fathers have given your children much experience in seeing Daddy's face smile on them as you instruct them even at times as you give them corrective instruction.

Because, Uh, that is an image to us or that would be a picture to them of how their heavenly father is to them. Our heavenly father instructs us in his love. His Spirit goes out from him. His son, he begets. Is eternally begotten of him. And given to us in his love.

For he so loved. That he gave his only begotten son. But his discipline also comes to us in love His discipline also comes to us in love if you and I could by the grace of the Holy Spirit get verses 11 and 12 into our hearts, how it would transform?

The painful experiences in our Christian Life. Because they would be painful in the experience itself, but Pleasant In knowing the father who gives the experience and love my son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor to test his correction. You hear what he's saying there? He's not just saying, don't give up.

Under his chastening in correction. He's answer saying, don't despair under his chastening, correction chastening or his correction. He's, he's not just commanding us to endure discipline. He's commanding us to. Appreciate discipline. Don't despise it. Don't detest it. Well why and how would I appreciate this pain that has come into my life?

This suffering that has come into mind. There are a lot of good biblical reasons for that. Not the least of which is I have a suffering savior. A suffering King. A suffering Redeemer. Who did not add a human person to himself to do this suffering? I have a suffering guide.

And if suffering preceded, glory for Christ in his human nature. Then I Rejoice to have that in common with him fellowship with Christ in his sufferings is sweet because it's fellowship with Christ. That's true but that's not the truth here. The truth here is we appreciate chastening, and we appreciate correction in In part.

Because it comes to us in love. For whom, Yahweh loves. He corrects. Just as a father the son in whom he Delights the son, whom he is pleased to have as his son. Not pleased with our Behavior just now. There is a fatherly displeasure. That falls upon us with respect to our behavior and we're grateful that God loves us enough to do that.

But his chastening the pain that comes from him comes into our lives. From his Providence, from his hand comes in fatherly, love and pleasure. When you are going through whatever it is in your health or your work life or even suffering consequences of sin that has come out of your heart that original sin from your former nature and expressed itself and uh yet another actual sin, and now, you're suffering consequences from that.

It's because if you're a Christian it's because God is pleased to have you as a son. The translation. Well, it's a translation of the Greek, which is translating or paraphrasing. Uh, the Hebrew here from Hebrews chapter 12, which we read about the the son whom he accepts.

And so we are to honor. We are to honor our God's fatherly love. Both. He addresses Us in that love with his word and so we honor him receive that direction. His fatherly love and also, when he disciplines Behold. God's fatherly. Love to you. Take all of his Providence.

Especially and even but especially the pain that comes in his Providence in his love to you. In the second place childlike faith. Doesn't just honor. God's Direction and discipline it aims at the family resemblance. Let not mercy and Truth, forsake you let not and Emmett. Forsake, you This is what God declares about himself when he's announcing his name to Moses in.

Exodus 34 verse 6 and he says abounding In steadfast love and faithfulness or Covenant, love and faithfulness, it's the same phrase, it's the same two things, two attributes here that are translated mercy and truth here. And it's It's that that made those who saw Christ by faith, recognize him as God, the son, with the glory of God himself, the word became flesh and we beheld, his glory Glory is of the only begotten as the only begotten of the father full of and there in John 1, many of our translations will say, Grace and truth.

But it's the same Greek words that the Greek translation that they had in Exodus 34. Used to translate these Hebrew words that we have in Proverbs 3 verse 3. What's that mean? Well, it means that God intends towards us, what a Godly father desires for his children. That they would grow up to be like him to imitate him in his godliness and of course, Godly Earthly, father's desire, that our children would surpass us.

There is no surpassing or heavenly father. He says let not mercy and Truth. Forsake you he's he's saying that as God speaks to us in fatherly love. He intends to produce in us the family resemblance. That we would be more and more identified as as children. And so mercy and Truth would be bound around our neck.

Would be something that we all that always adorns us and always identifies. That our character would be conformed to that of our heavenly father, that's how he loves us and that's how we also ought to love. Not only him but ourselves Would you not love yourself enough to desire that you would be adorned by the reflection of God's character in your life?

Would you not love yourself enough that you would be identified?

And then also more and more thinking, and feeling and choosing. According to that character. How are we going to be adorned by mercy and Truth. How are we going to be? Identified. By mercy and Truth. If they're not installed in our heart written on the tablet, of our of our heart verse 3 describes and not just, you know, one writing on the tablet.

You know, this isn't a parchment, this isn't a book, this is practice time, this is school time. Continuously pressing upon our thinking and our feeling and our choosing, remember the heart is the seat of all of those things in the biblical mindset and particularly the the Hebrew mindset here.

That we would be continually writing onto our thoughts, the attributes, the character of God, and onto our feelings, and onto our desires and choices. And as the Lord, as the Lord does this and us, whom will we be like Well, we'll be like our father but It's difficult for us to Comprehend, understand grasp that that's not nearly, so palpable.

As being like our elder brother. The Lord Jesus. And isn't verse 4. Exactly what Luke 2. 52 says about the Lord Jesus. That as he grew, he grew in wisdom and stature this wisdom. And as he grew in wisdom and stature, he grew also in what favor with God.

And with men, Because he was more and more characterized. By steadfast love and faithfulness. By mercy into truth. And so we must aim at the family resemblance. That we would be like father in the same way that elder brother. Is like father. The third place. Childlike Faith, depends upon the father, whom we know trust in Yahweh, with all your heart.

This isn't just urging us never to lose hope in the Lord. Although that certainly is part of it. It's urging us to Hope only in the Lord himself. If you're trusting in him with all your heart, then you're not hedging your bets. You're not trusting in other things, you don't take the things that he commands you to do and you do what he says and trust in your doing and then for everything else, you trust in the Lord.

No. Even as you believe what he says, you don't trust in your good Doctrine. Even as you do what he commands, you don't trust in your good behavior. You believe what he says you. You pursue that good Doctrine because it's his and you're trusting him. You do those right?

And good things because those are the things that he has commanded and you're

To sustain you in doing it and you must trust him to produce the fruit that you hope to get from doing it. And so we are to trust him entirely but we're also to trust him humbly. You know, one of the chief things. That threatens or keeps us from trusting him.

Entirely is the second part of verse five, or the first part of verse seven leaning on our own understanding. Because we are wise. In our own eyes. Oh, how much we need humility? If we are going to trust, And the Lord with all. Of our heart, humble yourself before the Lord, and when he gives you times where you have to do so where whether it's, you don't know what to do or even more painfully.

Sometimes more humbling, sometimes you thought you knew And you did it and maybe you were even zealous for it. And then he brought you to a fuller understanding of his word. That you had to be humiliated before him. And you Rejoice. Thank you Father. For disabusing me. Of being wise, in my own eyes.

Thank you, Father. For making that leaning on my understanding to crumble. So that I would be thrown back again. Leaning upon you. So trust entirely trust humbly, trust. Personally, he says, in all your ways acknowledge Him, he's not saying give him credit, although you should give him credit. Yeah, he's, he's not, uh, he's not just saying, you know, whenever he receive a compliment, make sure you try to divert it to God, um, although we We ought to give him praise and thanks in all things and Not denigrating that at all.

But the command here isn't really, so it isn't so much acknowledged as it is. Know him. In all your ways. Remember that it's he who tells you, what to do, remember that, it's he upon whom you depend in order to be able to do it. And do it in relationship with him.

So not just give God credit but know him so trust entirely trust humbly. Trust personally and then trust expectantly. It's not really trust is it? If you're saying to yourself or you're kind of feeling in in your heart in your mind? Well, I know that it's not going to be the best but God says so.

So I guess I will. He will straighten. Our paths this and he shall direct your passes. He will make your path straight, and this is both uprightness and Effectiveness. We may not see that the path is strict, but it is. That which is best for us that which he has has willed.

As he works, all things according to the Council of his will that, which he is working together for good, for those who love him and are called according to his purpose. But even with respect to our own walking, if you want to walk uprightly, you must walk dependently. You must walk obediently.

And so that's one thing we trust him for is blessing for our souls, the straightening of our paths, The depart from Evil. Uh, in verse 7, it is imperative in form. But in the structure, the idea is Trusting in Yahweh knowing Yahweh fearing. Yahweh are the means by which we will be able to depart from Evil.

I mean that's a wonderful command, isn't it? Depart from Evil, I would love to how By trusting him. By knowing him. By fearing him. Because he will straighten your path. He will divert you from Evil. So that you depart from it. Well, not just blessing for our souls which We have mixed but by God's grace increasing results in this life as we are Sanctified but then perfectly at death.

You say I will never walk in straight paths. That's just not true. Is it? If you're a Believer, there's coming a day. When you will be so holy and so righteous. That you will be able to give full vent

to all of your desires. You will never have to wonder if a theological idea, you just had is actually Blasphemous.

You will never have to restrain an affection because you're not sure you should feel like that about something or especially toward God. There's coming a day when we'll be perfect in Holiness. And that I think helps us a little bit with understanding these other blessings in verse 8 and verse 10.

It will be healthier flesh and strength to your bones. Now, there is a sense in, which knowing god produces a contentment in your life, in which You may you go through times of even, great, physical, weakness, and great, physical pain. With a benefit in your heart that is better than if you had actual physical strength and health.

There are many who whose bodies are in great shape, very functionally strong. And yet, they are miserable in such a way that it feels to them, like their bones are rotten. Well, the inverse experience can also be true for the believer. And there is even a sense in which walking according to God's word is literally good for your physical health.

Self-Discipline and even the world and it's trying to ape things without God and discovering things like Stress Management and mindfulness and you know there's an app for that. There's a thousand apps for that now and you know, those sorts of things but none of those things are so good as knowing your creator, knowing his fatherly love, knowing his fatherly pleasure in you.

His fatherly instruction receiving, even the pain. Even the, the interruption of your Of your physical health as coming in that love and it is as healthy your flesh and strength to your bones. It's a sweet substitute. But there is There is a promise in here that is very, very physical and literal, isn't there?

Because when God predestines, his adopted children, In Eternal electing love which just becomes adopting love. When he brings you into your adoption when he predestines you to be conformed to the image of his son. It's not just that your soul would be conformed to the image of the soul of his son.

Does not scripture. Also teach you That your Resurrection body will be likened to Christ's Resurrection body. It is the ultimate Remedy. To illness to injury, even to aging. You want the Fountain of Youth?

Knowing god, being his adopted children in Christ. Coming into the fullness of our inheritance. At the Redemption of our bodies. Like we heard about in Romans 8. That is the literal Fountain of Youth, in fact, Physically Superior. To any physical state in this world. But then there's also the blessing.

In verse 10. Uh, for the sake of time, we'll just note honor Yahweh with your possessions and The first fruits. Of all your increase. It means yes give God the first and best it has everything to do with what you do, with what you earn and making sure that A significant portion at least to tithe because the Bible says a tithe but then you're also to determine cheerfully And so, You, you know, give more than the tithe and you put it In the black boxes here.

If? A member here, which all of you are but then there's this trusting expectantly With respect to what we have. So your barns will be filled with plenty and your Vats will overflow with new wine. And again that's something that's generally true. Working hard, being frugal refusing to be self-indulgent, does tend to accumulate wealth over time.

But that is the smallest way in which verse 10 is true. Now there was a covenantal aspect here because this was in the land and the fruitfulness of the land and the time of Israel. But there's also that contentment. That we were thinking about with respect to physical well-being.

That comes also with financial well-being. If you have God as your father and you know that all of his Providence comes to you in the same love that elected you in Christ, the same love that gave Christ for you. The same love that indwelt you with his Then whatever he decides for you.

You will count as plenty? Oh, dear Christian. If you're struggling financially, That if you are not content. With God. And whatever you have financially now. You would not be content with God and a hundred times. Where you have financially now. But if we have him, Then we count what we have as plenty and overflowing because we have him.

And yet just as with our soul and being perfected at death and our bodies being perfected at the resurrection is not our property even our material wealth perfected, in the new heavens and the new Earth. We not inherit, not just this Earth, which is Bound to corruption and Decay on account of our own sin.

But we will inherit a new Earth. That corresponds to the righteousness and glory of Our Savior, the last Adam, the Lord Jesus.

And so, We must. Trust entirely and humbly, and personally but also expectantly This is the true Prosperity Gospel, isn't it? It's not what those who. When we would lump under that term mean by it. But it is the true Prosperity. And it is true. And so, don't forget the scripture.

That addresses you as Sons. Receive all of your life. Especially God's word, your father's word and your father himself by means of his word receive it as coming from him. In his fatherly love. And so, as you receive all of life from him in, as coming from him and fatherly love Then obey and offer him and to vote to him.

All that you are. In childlike, love For your heavenly father. Amen.