

2023.29.02 Family Worship lesson in "the Proverb of the day"

Proverbs 29:2

"Joyous Authority"

² When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;
But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In this verse of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us to rest in and imitate Christ for the sake of those under our own authority, and to rejoice as those who are under His own authority.

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Proverbs chapter 29.

Proverbs 29 verse 2, these words. When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice. But when a wicked man rules. The people. Grown.

So, for the reading of gods inspired and Inertward. Those who are going to end up. Some measure of authority. Our instructed in verse 2. That the most important. Skill. The most important qualification. For being an authority is righteousness. Righteousness. Before god. Authority. There's established by God Romans 13. Tells us he is the one who is Ordained for us.

To have authority structures to be in authority or to be. Under authority, and so it's An assignment from god, he has ordered his providence. That righteousness and authority. Makes things go well. With the people. And so, Most important thing for you. His first of all. That you would belong to god by faith in jesus christ.

Whether you're going to be a husband, or a father, or a mother, Over her children. The most important thing, the most important preparation for any of those things. Because that you would be righteous before god through faith in jesus christ. That you would be delivered. Not just from your sin's guilt but from the dominion of your sin nature.

That you would be in dwelt by god's holy spirit and united to jesus. And that you would see your sin. As the great enemy. Of your life. The one who will be helpful in restraining the enemies of those under their authority, even either from within their domain or from outside of their domain.

Enemies foreign or domestic whether we're talking about, A household. Uh nation. Those who are going to be most effective against their enemies are those who recognize that their own sin. As their own greatest enemy. It is. A an honor to be counted worthy to suffer for the name of the lord, jesus christ.

Other enemies are all secondary. And so, The fact that authority is from god, and the fact that God has Um, has in his providence. Arranged so that righteous authority. Uh, makes those under the authority rejoice. It's a great help with help to us. Making righteousness the first priority and wickedness.

Enemy number one on the righteous are an authority. That people rejoice But when a wicked man rules that people grow, and And there is at least one more, very important application that comes immediately to mind here. And that is that jesus christ is sitting. On the throne of glory.

So not only does god rule and never rule all things as he always asks. But the lord jesus himself. Has been elevated to a place of authority. From which he. As our mediator as our representative as our profit priest and king. Actively rules over what is going on on earth especially by what he sends his spirit to do.

For the gathering and building of his church. This church is always winning. There are those in his church. In the visible church. Who are unfaithful and he will remove their lampstands. He is being Faithful and powerful in building his church. When he disciplines and even removes. Congregations or churches.

Local churches in areas. That are unfaithful to him. And he is always rating, the kingdom of hell. The gates of pel cannot prevail against him for him ever. He wishes to gather to himself because they have been chosen and loved in him from the before the foundation of the world.

He that came into the world to die for them. He Has risen again and taken his seat on the throne of glory and he cannot be stopped. From gathering them to himself. And not only that, but even as we heard, Wednesday evening in the midweek prayer meeting this week.

He is working all things together. For that. Good that he has designed, not from what we would call good, but for what he calls good, which is That we would be conformed. To the image of god's son, conformed to his son pressed into the shape of jesus that we would know.

God, like, jesus knows God, and we would love god, like jesus loves god. And this is what the lord jesus sitting in glory by his spirit. To me has bored out and do operates on earth. This is what he is doing. So if when the righteous are an authority, the people rejoice Then, what if?

The, the One who's an authority is perfectly. Righteous. Who is righteous like jesus? And what if the righteous one has? Uh, the authority. All authority in heaven on earth. The authority that jesus has. And so, the question ought to be The most joyous person there is They grieve. Frequently over.

The condition of our heart. We make grief frequently over the condition of our home. We may grieve frequently over the condition of a particular church. We may grieve frequently over the condition of a nation. But all of these. Are yet under the ultimate authority of our crucified risen ascended and thrownd savior.

The righteous one. Is in authority. And so how then art? We To rejoice. Lord, granted to us. To be righteous through faith in him righteous and conduct by. As grace to bring joy. To anyone who he puts under our influence, or under our authority, how sad it would be.

If we were bad reflections, Um, of the lord jesus. And may he make us to rejoice over his own. Authority over us. Praise God. Our gracious. God and our heavenly father. We thank you. That christ is your wisdom unto us and your righteousness. For us. So that when we come and we read this, We are.

Instructed by your spirit, not only in that, at which we should aim. For the sake of others. But in that, which christ is and does. For our own sake. And for his glory, We are. Chasing and rebuked. Oh god. When we sit down And we consider your word. Not perfectly, but rightly to the extent that you have taught us and we realize How very different, our minds and hearts often are In the day today.

Um, moment to moment of our lives. And we pray. Oh god, then. That your spirit would cause your word. To more and more, they hold of our hearts and our minds. In particular, in this case, we ask That we might have a clear view by faith. Of jesus, the righteous one.

Having all authority and heaven and earth. That we might rejoice. Granted, we ask him his name. Amen.