

2024.10.05 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”
Proverbs 5:21–23 ▫ “Three Ways We Must Not Be Our Own”

- ²¹ For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD,
And He ponders all his paths.
²² His own iniquities entrap the wicked man,
And he is caught in the cords of his sin.
²³ He shall die for lack of instruction,
And in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

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 we must live according to God’s view not ours, by God’s righteousness not ours, and by God’s wisdom not ours.

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Proverbs Chapter 5 verses 21 through 23. These are God's words. For the ways of man are before the eyes of Yahweh and he Ponders all his paths. His own iniquities entrap, the wicked man, and he is caught in the courts of a sin. He shall die for lack of instruction.

And then the greatness of his Folly. He shall go astray.

And then I'll send this reading of God's inspired. An iron word. Short passage at the end of Proverbs chapter 5. Lord teaches us that our lives need to be centered upon him and not ourselves. That is God's opinion of us and not ours of ourselves that matters the most.

The ways of a manner before the eyes of Yahweh and he Ponders all his past, we should not be satisfied to live in a way that we can excuse, or that we can. Accept we should desire to live rightly before the Lord. Heart and thought. Affection motivation. Before the Lord and then also judging our words and our actions, not according to that which others think is acceptable?

Or that which we feel like we can live with But according to that, which Is righteous and holy according to the Lord. And so, The first thing is, That we are to live. According to what the Lord sees and not according to what we see. the next thing.

Is that we need to live by the grace of God and the righteousness of God and not by our own goodness. And of course, the reason for that is that we do not have goodness. If we think that we are going to do well enough to make our lives turn out well, Then we are.

Hoping in something that cannot make good on our hope. Verse 22 says his own iniquities entrap. The wicked Man. And he is caught in the courts of his sin. And so, Our lives are not in Peril. So much because of what others might do to us, or what circumstances we might be in When the Lord in his Providence, Whether it's Wicked men rising up against us, like Pilot mixing the blood of the galleans with their sacrifices, or when the Lord in his Providence, whether it's what we might call natural disasters.

Like the Tower of Siloam, Falling upon. People. When the Lord in his Providence, Gives us. Calamity in life. It's a reminder. That apart from his grace, apart from his forgiveness, apart from his righteousness, on our behalf apart from his salvation, Then we shall certainly be destroyed, our sin will find us out and not only will our sin find us out.

Providentially But ultimately all sin must be punished. God is too. Holy. To leave sin unpunished. And so we are sinners and we need to Grapple genuinely truly with that. Which means our only hope is not in ourselves, it can't be in ourselves or from ourselves. Our only hope is in God himself.

His own iniquities entrap. The wicked Man. And he is caught in the courts of his sin. That's a double lesson. First, your sin will find you out in this life. And second, your sin will find you out eternally. And so we need to be not left to ourselves. We need to repent.

We need to ask for forgiveness. We need the Lord to mercifully spare us. All of the ordinary, temporal temporal consequences of sin consequences in this life that we might otherwise expect and we especially need the sacrifice and righteousness of the Lord. Jesus Christ. So, not our own ways or Not our own opinion.

Of our life but the Lord's opinion of our life verse 21. We need. To Hope, and Live not by our own righteousness but by God's righteousness turning from ourselves unto him. verse 22. And then verse 23, we need to be directed Not by our own thoughts. But, By God and his word, verse 23 says he shall die for lack of instruction.

And in the greatness of his Folly, He shall go astray. So The wicked Man in order to be brought out of himself and into the Lord and in order to live, not from himself, but to have his living to be also, from the Lord, he must have instruction. We cannot be wise in our own eyes.

We cannot think of ourselves as being, okay, without needing to be continuously directed by the scriptures. Being. Prayerless worshipless. In our life is arrogance. To think that we can just Coast along in life and be okay. Without reading the scriptures and meditating upon them. And In. Parts of our lives.

That God has appointed for us to consider his word and to meditate upon upon it. If we think that we can just go coasting through life, And not be in his word like that. Then we are arrogant. We think that we don't need instruction. Even if we wouldn't say that out loud, if we are living that way, it proves that it is the actual secret thought of our heart.

And that is how the wicked ends up in and of himself instead of in Christ and of Christ. And so if we lack instruction, and if we're just going on in our own Folly, rather than being instructed, then we will go astray. We will wander And we will die for lack of instruction.

And so, three ways in which we are not to be autonomous, we are not To live life in and of ourselves. Number one, That we don't judge according to what we see, But that we accept the Lord's judgment, according to what he sees verse 21, Number two that we don't think that we are going to be able to live from ourselves and be okay because what is in ourselves is wickedness of which we need to repent.

And not only do we need the Lord's forgiveness. What we need his righteousness? And number three, That we cannot live from our own mind, our own ideas. That even, When we have, Understood the word to some extent and Come to understand theological truth yet. We continually need instruction. And if we are not continually receiving it, we will be fools who have been left to ourselves.

And go astray. So let us not live. As if. We are okay by ourselves. Let us live only in Fellowship. With the Lord. Let's pray. Our gracious Godner heavenly Father, we thank you for this portion of your word. We pray that your spirit would make us mindful of it.

Don't let us just go from this worship time and then close to the rest of this day thoughtless of you. Please help us and conform. To Christ by applying this word to our hearts. We ask in his name, amen.