

The Book of Proverbs

“Wisdom and the Fear of the Lord: Proverbs as a Book on Faith”

Week 5: Proverbs 6, “Work for Your Living”

I. Proverbs 6:1-11, “Be Wise with Your Money; Work Hard”

1. What is the situation being described?
2. What is a comparable situation nowadays?
3. What does Solomon encourage his sons to do if they find themselves in such a situation?
4. How does he describe the urgency?
5. What is the metaphor being used in 6:6-8?
6. Though laziness works in small increments, what will its result feel like? (verse 11) What is the encouragement given by Paul in the New Testament? (2 Thess. 3:6-12)

II. Proverbs 6:12-19, “Avoid the Wicked Man”

7. What mannerisms go with “crooked speech”?
8. What is the warning against sowing discord referring to?
9. How is this result similar to that of the lazy man?

10. What are the seven things that are abominations to God? Where do these stem from?
verse 17 _____

verse 18 _____

verse 19 _____

III. Proverbs 6:20-35, “More Warnings against Adultery”

11. What does 6:20-22 generally refer to? See Deut 6:4-9.

12. God’s Law is a Light in this sinful world. Even though we may not appreciate the Law showing us our sin or our sinful way, what should we be thankful for? (v 23)

13. What is the first caution that Solomon gives? (verse 25)

14. How is a wife beneficial from a financial standpoint?

15. How is adultery likened to fire?

16. Even if people sympathize with the thief who steals out of hunger, he still must pay the punishment for his crime. Yet the adulterer does not have such an excuse for his crime. What are the consequences for adultery?

17. Verse 34 talks about the neighbor, whose wife someone has committed adultery with. How does he react in such a situation?