

The Book of Proverbs

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

Week 8: Proverbs 10-11, “The Sayings of Solomon”

I. Proverbs 10, “Use Your Mouth Wisely”

1. How does verse 1 connect the actions of a son with the well-being of his parents?
2. What is the general theme of verse 2-5?
3. How does God not let his righteous go hungry? What are we fed with?
4. How do the wicked try to satisfy their feelings of hunger?
5. Verses 6-23 discuss the righteous and wicked as they use their mouth? List some good words associated with righteousness, and some associated with wickedness:
6. In what verses especially does the 8th Commandment come up?
7. How do verses 24-32 emphasize the surety of the righteous, but the passing of the wicked?
8. What is the metaphor used in verse 6?

II. Proverbs 11, “Righteous Behavior”

9. As chapter 10 showed the difference between the righteous and the wicked in their use of their mouths, chapter 11 starts by showing how they use their money (1-11). How does the wicked expect to get out of trouble (v 7)? Will this save him in the end (v 4)?

10. How should our cities and governments encourage good deeds and civil righteousness? (10)

11. What is a similar proverb in our day to verse 12?

12. Even though we see the rich flourish (v 16), what does God promise (v 21)?

13. What is the metaphor in verse 22? How is this seen today?

14. What does our trust, either in riches or in God, reward us with? (verse 28)

15. How does verse 30 encourage us to help those around us and to impart wisdom to them?

Memory Verse for Today:

Proverbs 10:1, “A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish son is a sorrow to his mother.”

Proverbs 11:30, “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise.”