

The Book of Proverbs

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

Week 9: Proverbs 12-13

I. Proverbs 12

1. How are we to learn from our mistakes? (v 1)
2. What is another word for “obtain favor”? Where do the righteous have their root? (v 2-3)
3. How is verse 4 an encouragement for young men in choosing their wives? How is it also instruction for women desiring a healthy marriage?
4. Verses 9-11 speak of the working class. What is encouraged or discouraged in each?
5. Verses 12-14 speak of the fruit of the righteous or the wicked. How does our righteousness by faith manifest itself in this world?
6. How do verses 19 and 22 summarize 16-18?
7. “Concealing knowledge” might seem like a bad thing, but how does it fit with other verses in Proverbs and elsewhere?
Prov 11:12
Prov 12:16
Prov 13:3
Eccl 3:7
8. What are we to do with our anxieties? See 1 Pet 5:6-7.

9. How are we to relieve someone of their anxieties?

10. How does verse 28 describe our path as Christians?

II. Proverbs 13

11. The verb “hears” has been added in English to clarify verse 1. But what could verse 1 be referring to that goes beyond heeding? “A wise son – a father’s instruction”

12. How does craving or coveting not satisfy?

13. What is the attitude of the believer over sin? See also 2 Cor 6:14

14. How do appearances deceive? (v 7)

15. Can you describe a setting in which a hope deferred causes anguish? What is our desire that has been fulfilled?

16. How should we regard the wise? (v 14, 20)

17. Even if the righteous have nothing materially to pass on, what is their inheritance to their children and grandchildren? (v 22)

18. Verse 24 is oft-cited in our culture. How is discipline an example of one’s love?