

The Book of Proverbs

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

Week 11: Proverbs 15-16

I. Proverbs 15, “Various Sayings”

1. There are two ways that Solomon gets his message across: antithetical and synonymous parallelism. Prov 15:22-23 are examples of each. Describe each time and the uses for each.

antithetical parallelism:

synonymous parallelism:

2. How do some people care more about how we say something rather than what we say? (v 1)

3. How is verse 3 a comfort for believers and a terror to the evil?

4. What is the general theme of Prov. 15:16-17?

5. What are the thorns of v 19? how is the path of the upright a “level highway”? Where is this imagery of a highway used in the New Testament? Where does this path lead (v. 24)?

6. How are we to contemplate what we say to others, instead of speaking quickly without considering the context? (v 28)

7. Normally we associate stubbornness with the hatred of others (v 32). But how is it really a hatred of oneself?

II. Proverbs 16

8. How does verse 1 remind us of what we heard recently? Read Jn 11:49-53.

9. Verse 3 is oft-cited, but explain its context in Proverbs.

10. How is faith in God shown in love toward our neighbor? (v 7)

11. How is a popular phrase of ours similar to verse 18?

12. Consider verse 32. How is it easier to conquer a city than to rule one's own spirit?

Memory Verses for Today:

Proverbs 16:3, "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."

Proverbs 16:18, "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."