

The Book of Proverbs

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

Week 15: Proverbs 21-22

I. Proverbs 21:1-16

1. How does God work through various governments? What commandment should we dutifully follow because of this?

2. How do verses 2-3 strike down our attempts at justifying ourselves?

3. What is the meaning of verse 11? How do the simple become wise?

4. How is verse 12 a foreshadowing of Jesus in the temple courts? Read also Matt 21:12-13.

5. What is a proverb or story of ours that encapsulates verse 13?

II. Proverbs 21:17-31

6. If we put pleasure above everything else, what reward should we expect? (v 17) Yet if our goal is not on pleasure, yet what will we have on hand? (v 20)

7. What would be the evil intent of the sacrifice of the wicked? (v 27)

III. Proverbs 22:1-16

8. What is the great equalizer? (v 2)

9. What is the encouragement in verse 6 for fathers and mothers?

10. What do kings or those in authority appreciate? (v 11)

11. How are some of the excuses of the lazy simply absurd? (v 13)

IV. Proverbs 22:17-29

12. Verses 22:17-23:14 are quotes from an Egyptian source that Solomon used. He took various verses, changed a few of them, and presented them as Scripture. How did Solomon himself encourage others to seek out those who are wise and learn from them? (Prov. 1:5-6)

13. What is the purpose of knowledge and wisdom? (v 19)

Memory Verses for Today:

Proverbs 21:17, “Whoever loves pleasure will be a poor man; he who loves wine and oil will not be rich.”

Proverbs 22:6, “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”