

2023.02.21 Family Worship lesson in "the Proverb of the day"  
Proverbs 21:1–2  
"Spectacles to Correct How We See God's Ways and Our Own"

- 1 The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD,  
Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.
- 2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes,  
But the LORD weighs the hearts.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In these two verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us to be humble about the goodness of God's ways and the error in our own.

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Proverbs 21:1 and two, these are God's words. The king's heart is in the hand of Yahweh. Like the rivers of water, he turns it wherever he wishes.

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes. But y'all play is the hearts. So far the reading of God's inspired and an aereent word. We are so wicked that. We turn things completely upside down. Things happen in the nation, or in any nation. That are not the way.

That we would like them. We often in our spirits. Assumptions. And sometimes even in our conscious thoughts and our prayers. I think an act as if somehow something has gone wrong with Providence. Things are not the way they should be. If we mean Are things are not according to the law of God and we desire.

That everything would be brought into submission and obedience to him. So we pray like Jesus taught us. The kingdom come, they will be done. And yet. Things are as he is ordained them to be because he who is good, has intended good and is carrying out his good intentions even when those who are evil have intended evil, And are doing.

That, which is evil. And so, it ought to be a great comfort to us. That the king's heart is in the hand of Yahweh to turn it like a river wherever he wishes sometimes rivers can be very destructive. And very frightening. And yet it is. An encouragement. It is a comfort to know that the river can only flow in the direction that God turns it.

Now, a king thinks himself very strong and influential and those who are under him may have the same conclusion about him. And yet. He is not greater than a river. And the hands of the Lord, to direct the heart of the king, wherever he wishes, And so we can trust in the providence of God and we would have much comfort.

From this knowledge, the history is going exactly as plant in particularly, That all of those upon whom God, has set his life are being brought to faith. In Jesus Christ, God is gathering his elect to himself, and saving them and perfecting them. And when that work is done, this world will be done.

Those who think that they are the great players on the stage of the world. The kings are not even the ones. About whom. History is are not even the main subjects of the course of history. Indeed, they are kings, but in the chess of history, they are pawns. Accomplishing the end game.

In which the Lord always secures and will certainly secure. All those who are his for, the only great king is God. Is our king. Our God and king, the Lord. Jesus Christ was God and man. Well. So great is the absurdity of our pride. That we who criticize the providence of God in our hearts always give ourselves The a perfect score.

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes. But you always the hearts. This is the great reason that we need the Bible because otherwise we will do things like think that something is spiritually good or acceptable service unto God because it feels spiritual to us and because we think it's good.

And yet, at the way of a man, is right in his own eyes. So how does the Lord weigh the heart? Well, the Lord weighs the heart for himself and he will declare judgment. Won't he? And that's where the language of weighing comes from, you know, putting putting something in the balance and making a determination about it.

And yet, god is merciful to us, who is bringing us to faith, by use of his word. And so his word is living an active in sharper than any to. It sword is able to divide between bone and marrow, and soul, and spirit and it reveals the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

So that we are exposed before him who will judge everything, this is what he tells us and he rules four verse 12 and verse 13. And so we have access To the Lord's, weighing of the heart by using the Bible. And it is often been the case for for us, at least, for many of us, I'm sure.

Or maybe all of us. That we've been reading or we've been hearing the Bible talked and he says something and it exposes something from our hearts that reveals the thoughts or intentions of our hearts and suddenly what we thought a moment before had been okay before God, or even commendable We discover from the Bible or rather, the Bible discovers us to ourselves.

And, and he shows us. And he saves us from being the one who has less hope for than a fool. You remember the proverb that says, Do you see a man who is right in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool. Then for that, man. At least if a man is a fool but not so foolish that he is correctable by the Bible.

The weighing the Lord's, weighing of his heart out to him, exposing his heart to him. By the Bible, may save him from his folly and grow him out of his folly. But the one who is right in his own eyes, Is uncorrectable. Who won't even listen to God. Who every time he reads the Bible, what does he find?

Oh, it's just like, I thought I continue to be right about everything and the people who disagree with me continue to be wrong about everything.

I've had the sad experience as a preacher sometimes. Of looking out from the pulpitas, I'm preaching something that I know certain individuals need to hear to correct their thoughts or correct their actions. And you can see in the countenance, Of the one. To whom you're preaching. But it's not being received.

Do you see a man is right in his own eyes? There's more hope for a fool than for him. And that's why. We need to. Be correctable by the Bible. The living and active sharper than two inch sword. Bible. Because every way of a man is, at first right in his own eyes.

But y'all play with the hearts. And it's a mercy of him that he does. And so let us make sure. That we think rightly about what the Lord is doing about God's providence. And be content and humble and submissive. Under the the will of God, the decree of god, the providence of God, And that we also think rightly about ourselves.

And be humble about our own. Our own thoughts and our own ways. And let's ask God to grant that by his spirit, his word would give us these two things that spray Our Father in heaven. We thank you that you have given us your word to remind us. That you are good, and you do good and that everything that you do, everything that you are done.

Is right. We pray that your spirit would bless to us the knowledge from your word so that we would be content and and humble. Under your Providence. That we wouldn't met all the things too high for us, but we would be like a wind Child, who does does not panic as if we will never be fed again.

But have learned to contentively. Wait upon your timing. And we pray, Lord that your spirit would also bless your word to us. By using it to give us a right view. Not only of yourself, but of ourselves. So that we would be correctable so that we would be rebutable trainable And that you are living and active word.

Your God. Breathed word would be useful to equip us for every good work. So that we would not walk in our own ways. But that you would make straight paths before us. That we would walk in your ways. By your word, grant this to us, we pray. In Jesus name.

Amen.