2023.06.22 Family Worship lesson in "the Proverb of the day" Proverbs 22:1

"The True Riches of Being Known by (and Knowing) God and His Image Bearers"

- ¹ A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
 - Loving favor rather than silver and gold.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In this verse of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that a name—being known by others and knowing them —is true wealth.

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Proverbs 22 verse 1. These are God's words. A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches. Loving favor. Rather than silver and gold. So far the reading of gods inspired and an antwartz.

We were not created for material things. They were created for us to be sure. And riches and silver and gold have their use. In. The procuring of material things. But we are created for god. In fellowship with him and Being created a social creatures. Move others who are made in his image and To be in families.

And to be in God's church. We're also created. For each other's, good. And so, when we Think about what we desire. What we want. What we value? It needs to reflect. The value of god, the value of belonging to him. The value of doing good to others. And this is why a name is to be chosen rather than great riches.

Our. Translators have supplied, the word good. But you can see there that it's in italics. Just a name is. Uh, more weighty more valuable by itself. Now. How you do not want to have a bad name? Uh, but a name here is not just Reputation. As This translation would apply but relation imply, but relationship.

Being known to others. And knowing them. And especially being known to god and his knowing us. He shows us his great mercy and he brings us to fellowship with himself. In part by telling us his name. He makes himself known to us in many different ways. Most of all is work.

So that the scripture says, That he has glorified his word above all his name. But we also are known to one another and to him. He gives us our own name. There's a name by which he. Calls us. And we also tell each other Our name and sometimes. When you have a closer relationship with somebody.

Uh, you and they have pet names in between the two of you. That nobody else has. So, a name is to be chosen rather than great riches. And similarly then not just that we would be in relationship but we would be in good relationship. And this we do have in the text.

As you see the the phrase, they're loving favor, Rather than silver and gold. The home. For instance. In which there is little wealth earthly. Speaking. But there is much love between the family that is in the home. As much more rich. Than the home. In which there is little love.

Between the family and much wealth. Early earthly speaking. And so let us be rich toward god. And rich in the true riches with each other. And seek to know him and be known by him. To know, one another live in relationship with one another Be loving and gracious. Which is another.

Uh, worked for favor. We loving and gracious with one another. And we will be wealthy eternally. And our knowledge of him. And we'll have the greatest wealth on earth. Then our interaction with one another. The lord jesus, of course, is the one to whom all things. Than having an earth belong.

But, The great riches of christ are seen. Especially in his having the name. That is above all names. And especially even more than that. Having the name or the title. My beloved son. With whom i am. Well pleased. This pleasure delight of the father, and This knowledge being known by The father and the spirit from all eternity.

That in the beginning was the word and the word was facing. God literally And the word was god. As the gospel of John opens. These show the great riches. Of the lord jesus christ. And he is rich towards us. And making himself known to us. And, In this precious words with which he addresses the churches, or some of the churches.

In. The letters and revelation 2 and revelation 3, where he says, i know you Or i know your works. We have relation. With him. On that richness towards us. As the greatest richest that we can have. Amen, let's pray.

We thank you and praise. You are. Heavenly father that you have. Made yourself known to us in christ. And that you have brought us. It's relationship with you and you have shown us love And you have shown us grace. And we pray that you would make us to be loving towards you.

And towards one another. Make us gracious towards one another. Forgive us father for help listed. Our hearts are so often going after possessions and property. Conform our hearts and minds. To yours as you have. Opened. Your mind to us in the word. For, we ask it in jesus name.

Amen.