

Wednesday Night, Survey Service: Week 52
Proverbs 13 – 23, Galatians 3 -6

Proverbs 13: Hope deferred

Key Point:

Hope brings vitality so clinging to the promises in the Word of God and accepting correction is wise and healthy.

Key Verse - Proverbs 13:12 (NLT)

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life.

Proverbs 14: There is a way

Key Point:

Pursuing righteousness, steadfastness, and truth are wise but simple-mindedness and laziness lead to death. Those who refuse to consider their ways are fools.

Key Verse - Proverbs 14:12 (NLT)

There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.

Proverbs 15: A gentle answer

Key Point:

When we are humble to fear God, take care about our words, be diligent and avoid greed, then we will find honor and peace.

Key Verse - Proverbs 15:1 (NLT)

A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.

Proverbs 16: Even his enemies

Key Point:

When we fear God we find peace, even with our enemies.

Key Verse - Proverbs 16:7 (NLT)

When people's lives please the Lord, even their enemies are at peace with them.

Proverbs 17: Even a fool is counted wise**Key Point:**

Our words betray our hearts so the wise person takes great care in what to say, how to say it and when.

Key Verse - Proverbs 17:27 – 28 (NLT)

A truly wise person uses few words; a person with understanding is even-tempered. 28 Even fools are thought wise when they keep silent; with their mouths shut, they seem intelligent.

Proverbs 18: A strong tower**Key Point:**

If we pursue the fear of the Lord, we can find a refuge that the wicked will never see.

Key Verse - Proverbs 18:10 (NLT)

The name of the Lord is a strong fortress; the godly run to him and are safe.

Proverbs 19: A man's discretion**Key Point:**

Pride and laziness lead to ruin so seek God's ways, be kind and remember justice.

Key Verse - Proverbs 19:11 (NLT)

Sensible people control their temper; they earn respect by overlooking wrongs.

Proverbs 20: Wine is a mocker**Key Point:**

Alcohol can make you a slave and mock your effort to defeat it. It can also make you a mocker and a brawler when you would probably do otherwise sober.

Key Verse - Proverbs 20:1 (NLT)

Wine produces mockers; alcohol leads to brawls. Those led astray by drink cannot be wise.

Proverbs 21: The Lord weighs the heart

Key Point:

God is aware of our hearts, our motives and our actions so we should guard our words, our diligence and know that He will establish our steps.

Key Verse - Proverbs 21:2 (NLT)

People may be right in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their heart.

Proverbs 22: Train up a child

Key Point:

Training and correction must be employed early in life because the foolish ignore ancient wisdom or trusting God.

Key Verse - Proverbs 22:6 (NLT)

Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.

Proverbs 23: Don't withhold discipline

Key Point:

It is vital to discipline kids, teaching them not to idolize wealth, carousing, immorality and drunkenness.

Key Verse - Proverbs 23:13 (NLT)

Don't fail to discipline your children. The rod of punishment won't kill them.

Galatians 3: The law is a tutor

Key Point:

Moral rules and principles in the Bible teach us what holiness is but even if we want to keep that holiness we cannot so the purpose of the rules is to drive us to Jesus where we find salvation by faith in Him alone.

Key Verse - Galatians 3:24 (NLT)

Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith.

Galatians 4: At the right time

Key Point:

We have inherited freedom in Christ and this will be under persecution from legalists. This was illustrated in the story of Abe's two sons.

Key Verse - Galatians 4:4 – 5 (NLT)

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. 5 God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.

Galatians 5: Walk by the Spirit

Key Point:

Salvation by faith leads to walking by the power of the Spirit, seeing the fruit of the Spirit increase in our lives and is no license for sin.

Key Verse - Galatians 5:16 (NLT)

So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

Galatians 6: What you sow, you reap

Key Point:

We should live out our freedom and salvation by generously being good to each other.

Key Verse - Galatians 6:7 (NLT)

Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant.