

Proverbs V
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Today, we will pick up with Chapter 10 of Proverbs.

One of the great things about studying Proverbs – it doesn't matter where you start or where you end the study. Each proverb can stand on its own – and in many cases can be developed into a study of its own if expounded on by other verses.

Proverbs 10

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- 22 The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow (*trouble, anxiety*) with it.
 - A warning against self-sufficiency
 - **Psalms 127:**
 - 1 Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.
 - 2 It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep.
 - 3 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.
- 23 To do evil is like sport to a fool, But a man of understanding has wisdom.
 - A person's character is revealed by what he enjoys
 - Evil conduct is like sport – literally like a laugh – like child's play
- 24 The fear of the wicked will come upon him, And the desire of the righteous will be granted.
 - There is no security for the wicked
- 25 When the whirlwind (*storm*) passes by, the wicked is no more, But the righteous has an everlasting foundation.
 - The wise person is prepared for unforeseen problems
 - **Matthew 7:**
 - 24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:
 - 25 "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.
 - 26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:
 - 27 "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."
- 26 As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, So is the lazy man to those who send him.
 - Vinegar is an irritant to the teeth

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- So is smoke in one's eyes
- Sending a lazy servant on a mission can result in a confusing, unpleasant ordeal
- 27 The fear of the LORD prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened.
 - Fear = reverence
 - The prolonging of days must refer to the eternal life in the kingdom
 - Many times, the “good die young” for no apparent reason
- 28 The hope (*prospect*) of the righteous will be gladness, But the expectation (*hopes*) of the wicked will perish.
 - Contrast of expectations
 - What the righteous hope for will be realized
 - What the wicked hope for will be dashed
- 29 The way of the LORD is strength for the upright, But destruction will come to the workers of iniquity.
 - Divine justice will be security for the righteous and disaster for the wicked
- 30 The righteous will never be removed, But the wicked will not inhabit the earth.
 - The promise
 - **Romans 4:**
 - 13 For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.
 - 14 For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect,
 - 15 because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression.
 - 16 Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all
 - **Hebrews 6:**
 - 13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,
 - 14 saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you."
 - 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.
 - **Hebrews 9:**
 - 15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.
 - **Hebrews 10:**

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- 36 For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:
- **Hebrews 11:**
 - 39 And all these (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (Israel), Esau, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, the prophets), having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise,
 - 40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.
- We will all be admitted into the Kingdom of God at the same time
- 31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, But the perverse tongue will be cut out.
 - Righteous speech can be beneficial to others and pleasing to God
 - No one wants to listen to perverse words
- 32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked what is perverse.
 - Righteous words produce pleasure and delight
 - Good people use few words and choose them well and carefully
 - Wicked people say things that are worthless and perverse – usually without prior thought or attention to consequences