

Proverbs Chapter 3
Week 11, v.32-35

Review Pr 3: 29-31 **What does it say? What does it mean? How is it applied? Give an example of how this truth worked itself out in your life last week.**

In verses 29-31, we looked at a list of “do not’s”. Do not devise harm against your neighbor, do not contend with a man without cause, do not envy a man of violence and do not choose any of his ways. Basically, do not cause trouble and do not envy others’ worldly success.

The last four verses of this chapter give us detail on why there is no need to envy the wicked and remind us of the greater gifts and blessings bestowed on those who are saved. There is a clear contrast in our relationship with God between the person who is saved by grace and those who are dead in their sin.

Pr 3:32-35 **For the crooked [man] is an abomination to the LORD; but He is intimate with the upright. The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked, but He blesses the dwelling of the righteous. Though He scoffs at the scoffers, yet He gives grace to the afflicted. The wise will inherit honor, but fools display dishonor.**

First, we will look at those who are unsaved.

A crooked man (froward – KJV): to turn aside, to depart, be perverse; forward:
difficult to deal with; stubbornly disobedient or contrary

Is an abomination to the Lord: morally disgusting, an abhorrence, especially idolatry

Pr 2:15 **Whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways;**

Pr 8:13 **"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way, and the perverted mouth, I hate.**

Pr 11:20a The perverse in heart are an abomination to the LORD,

Lu 16:15 And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God.

A wicked man: morally wrong; an (actively) bad person, condemned, guilty, ungodly
his house **is cursed of the Lord:** an execration – detested

Le 26:14-16 'But if you do not obey Me and do not carry out all these commandments, if, instead, you reject My statutes, and if your soul abhors My ordinances so as not to carry out all My commandments, [and] so break My covenant, I, in turn, will do this to you: I will appoint over you a sudden terror, consumption and fever that shall waste away the eyes and cause the soul to pine away; also, you shall sow your seed uselessly, for your enemies shall eat it up.

Mal 2:2 "If you do not listen, and if you do not take it to heart to give honor to My name," says the LORD of hosts, "then I will send the curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings; and indeed, I have cursed them [already], because you are not taking [it] to heart.

De 28:15-68

De 29:19-20 "And it shall be when he hears the words of this curse, that he will boast, saying, 'I have peace though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart in order to destroy the watered [land] with the dry.' "The LORD shall never be willing to forgive him, but rather the anger of the LORD and His jealousy will burn against that man, and every curse which is written in this book will rest on him, and the LORD will blot out his name from under heaven.

A scoffer (scorner – KJV): a mocker; scorn – contempt, utter disgust or hatred; to be derisive: scathing, sarcastic, irreverent, contemptuous, cynical
Is scoffed by God

Pr 1:24-26 "Because I called, and you refused; I stretched out my hand, and no one paid attention; and you neglected all my counsel, and did not want my reproof; I will even laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your dread comes,

Pr 19:29 Judgments are prepared for scoffers, and blows for the back of fools.

Pr 21:24 "Proud," "Haughty," "Scoffer," are his names, who acts with insolent pride.

Pr 29:23a A man's pride will bring him low,

Pr 18:12a Before destruction the heart of man is haughty,

Mt 23:12a "And whoever exalts himself shall be humbled;

A fool: stupid or silly, foolish

displays dishonor (shame shall be their promotion – KJV): disgrace, confusion, reproach

Prov 1:7b . . .fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Isa 65:13-14 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, My servants shall eat, but **you shall be hungry**. Behold, My servants shall drink, but **you shall be thirsty**. Behold, My servants shall rejoice, but **you shall be put to shame**. Behold, My servants shall shout joyfully with a glad heart, but **you shall cry out with a heavy heart, and you shall wail with a broken spirit**".

Dan 12:2 "And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, **but the others to disgrace [and] everlasting contempt**.

Let's look at the blessings bestowed on those who are saved by His grace.

v. 32 **He is intimate with the upright** (His secret is with the righteous – KJV);
The word intimate <cowd> means to keep the close company of someone, a secret counsel. Intimate: having a close personal relationship as opposed to distant.

Ps 25:14 The secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He will make them know His covenant.

Joh 15:15 "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

Mt 13:10-11 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" And He answered and said to them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted."

Joh 14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him."

v.33 **He blesses the dwelling of the righteous.**

Ps 1:3 And he will be like a tree [firmly] planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.

Deut 28:2-14

v.34 **He gives grace to the afflicted.** grace – kindness and favor; afflicted – humble, lowly, meek, poor

Giveth grace unto the humble: The sure way to please God is to submit to the dispensation of his grace and providence; and when a man acknowledges Him in all his ways, He will direct all his steps. *The covetous man grasps at the shadow, and loses the substance.* Adam Clarke's Commentary

Jas 4:6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore [it] says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."

Job 22:29; Prov 29:23; Matt 23:12; Lu 1:52; Lu 14:11; 1 Pet 5:5

v.35 **the wise will inherit honor**

Pr 4:7-8 "The beginning of wisdom [is:] acquire wisdom; and with all your acquiring, get understanding. "Prize her, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her.

Ps 73:24 With Thy counsel Thou wilt guide me, and afterward receive me to glory.

Isa 58:8 "Then your light will break out like the dawn, and your recovery will speedily spring forth; and your righteousness will go before you; the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

Dan 12:3 "And those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Pr 4:18 But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full day.

Group Discussion

Consider the blessings contained in these last few verses for believers – a close, intimate relationship with the Father, blessings not only on the individual but also on his household, bountiful (greater) grace, and an inheritance of glory as His children.

How does this move you towards those who are unsaved?

What is your reaction to the precious gift you have been given?

How has this knowledge changed your life?

- your purpose
- your focus

Think about those in your life who are unsaved, those you care about deeply, perhaps even love.

Without the saving blood of Jesus covering their sin, they are an abomination to God, they and their households are cursed by Him, God scoffs at them, and they will be shamed for all eternity. Their lives on this earth may seem blessed, “lucky” or fortunate but it is superficial and temporary.

What is the greatest thing you can do for them if you truly care about them? Have you shared your hope clearly? Are you willing to take the chance of offending them with the Truth for their sake?

Next week be prepared to share how this study has practically impacted your life. After a time of discussion, we will have a potluck brunch together.

We will begin a short four-week study on Titus 2:3-5 on Tuesday, May 10th at 10am at my home. Feel free to call if you have questions: 947-9758.