



KING'S CHAPEL

Daily Devotional - Proverbs Study

Week 1 - Day 2

Approaching God

Read Psalm 34:8,11 - *"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD."*

Prayer: Take a minute to quiet your heart and become aware of the Lord's presence. Ask God to help you make the connection between His life and yours, between what he is and what you are, between what he does for you and what that enables you now to do for others.

Bible Reading, Study & Meditation - Proverbs 1:8-19

Passage Introduction: The Father's first appeal: Do Not Join Those Greedy for Unjust Gain. The appeal opens, like most of the paternal addresses, with a personal address and an encouragement to heed the instruction as a prized and beneficial possession. The purpose of the warning is to instill the wisdom to recognize that while such plots offer companionship and immediate gain, they lead down a path that ends in destruction. *(ESV Study Bible notes)*

Proverbs 1:8-19 - ESV

8 Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, **9** for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. **10** My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. **11** If they say, "Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood; let us ambush the innocent without reason; **12** like Sheol let us swallow them alive, and whole, like those who go down to the pit; **13** we shall find all precious goods, we shall fill our houses with plunder; **14** throw in your lot among us; we will all have one purse"-- **15** my son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths, **16** for their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood. **17** For in vain is a net spread in the sight of any bird, **18** but these men lie in wait for their own blood; they set an ambush for their own lives. **19** Such are the ways of everyone who is greedy for unjust gain; it takes away the life of its possessors.

Start with Engaging the Text: Take a few minutes to highlight, circle, or underline key words. What words or ideas are repeated, related, compared, contrasted? What key themes stand out to you?

Daily Study Questions

“The Bible never assumes that family pedigree is any insurance against evil. Nor does it teach that only the poor are prone to violence. The well-off can also “grind the heads of the poor” through legal but ruthless economic practices (Amos 2:6–7). We should never think that a life of wrongdoing can be avoided just because you come from “a good family.” Are there any ways in which you may be participating in an arrangement that benefits you but is cruel to someone else?”

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- What 1 or 2 principles do you observe in this section?
- When in your life or the life of someone else have you seen this observation illustrated?
- How can you put this observation or principle into practice?
- Are there any ways in which you may be participating in an arrangement that benefits you but is cruel to someone else?
- Lastly, try to summarize your thoughts by rewriting your main ideas and observations into your own words in a sentence or two.

Close in Prayer:

Lord, it is so self-serving to imagine that our friends and family could never do anything that bad. Yes they can, and so can I. Help me be apart of creating a community that “exhorts one another daily,” lest we be “hardened by the deceptive nature of our own sin” (Heb. 3:13) Amen.