

Proverbs 5

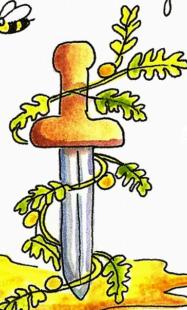
My Son, give attention to my wisdom

...the lips of an adulteress drip honey

And smoother than oil is her speech;

But in the end she is bitter as wormwood,

Sharp as a two-edged sword



Drink water from your own cistern
And fresh water from your own well

v15



Let your fountain be blessed,
And rejoice in the wife of your youth,

As a loving hind and a graceful doe,
...Be exhilarated always with her love

v18-19



For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the Lord,

And He watches all his paths

His own iniquities will capture the wicked



and he will be held with the cords of his

v21-22

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ENTRANCE

GATHERING¹

Welcome to a time of reunion, respite, and renewal.

GREETINGS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Christ, who teaches us how to love, is with us!

Praise the Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

3056. Jesus, the Light of the World

CALL TO WORSHIP²

Jesus teaches us, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” But who are the others?

Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.

Jesus teaches us, “Be merciful as your Father is merciful.”

But what is mercy?

To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.

Jesus teaches us, “Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” But how do we forgive?

By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion.

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Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN **88. Maker, In Whom We Live**
HYMN **2032. My Life Is in You, Lord**
SCRIPTURE **Genesis 45:9-11, 15**

45:9

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay.'

45:10

You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

45:11

I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.'

45:15

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

HYMN **557. Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

PROVERB **Proverbs 5:3-4,20-23 (NIV)**

3 For the lips of the adulterous woman drip honey,
and her speech is smoother than oil;

4 but in the end she is bitter as gall,
sharp as a double-edged sword.

20 Why, my son, be intoxicated with another man's wife?
Why embrace the bosom of a wayward woman?

21 For your ways are in full view of the Lord,
and he examines all your paths.

22 The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare them;
the cords of their sins hold them fast.

23 For lack of discipline they will die,
led astray by their own great folly.

RESPONSE

70. GLORIA PATRI

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

RESPONSE

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline Thine ear to us,
and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE
SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:27-36

Leader 1: 6:27

"But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies;
do good to those who hate you;

Leader 2: 6:28

*bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat
you.*

6:29

If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also,
and from anyone who takes away your coat do not
withhold even your shirt.

6:30

*Give to everyone who ask of you, and if anyone takes
away what is yours, do not ask for it back again.*

6:31

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

6:32

*"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?
For even sinners love those who love them.*

6:33

*If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is
that to you? For even sinners do the same.*

6:34

If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

6:35

Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

6:36

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

MESSAGE

HYMN

408. The Gift of Love

PEACE & OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks
for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. (2 Cor 13:14).

CANDLES 664. Sent Forth by God's Blessing

*Go into the world, the body of Christ redeemed by His
blood, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, to praise the
Father and love His people.*

In Search of Wisdom

In 2025, we will focus on the Book of Proverbs. Inspired by Joyce Meyer's *In Search of Wisdom*, for 31 Sundays we will consider each book of Proverbs, in turn. Books are available in the narthex or you may purchase them on Amazon.

Jan 19	Prov. 1	Apr 27	Prov. 12	Aug 03	Prov. 21
Jan 26	Prov. 2	May 04	Prov. 13	Aug 10	Prov. 22
Feb 02	Prov. 3	May 11	Prov. 31	Aug 31	Prov. 23
Feb 16	Prov. 4	May 18	Prov. 14	Sep 07	Prov. 24
Feb 23	Prov. 5	Jun 08	Prov. 15	Sep 14	Prov. 25
Mar 02	Prov. 6	Jun 15	Prov. 16	Sep 14	Prov. 26
Mar 09	Prov. 7	Jun 22	Prov. 17	Oct 05	Prov. 27
Mar 23	Prov. 8	Jun 29	Prov. 18	Oct 12	Prov. 28
Mar 25	Prov. 9	Jul 20	Prov. 19	Oct 19	Prov. 29
Mar 30	Prov. 10	Jul 27	Prov. 20	Oct 26	Prov. 30
Apr 06	Prov. 11				

Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Helping Hands: Soup, Crackers, TP, \$\$	Today!
Valentine's Luncheon	Today!
Pie Raffle	Today!
Blessings of Tractors & Seeds	3/15
Pi Day	3/16

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Teresa Sherman, Barry Couch, John Arbuckle,
Dan Sherman, Nick Free, Meg Dickinson, Caleb Oye, Bill Kurth

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