

Pearls from Proverbs

By Michael Pickford

Envy

“Do not let your heart envy sinners, but be zealous for the fear of the Lord all the day.” -Proverbs 23:17

The green eyed monster of envy rears its ugly head when we begin to begrudge the fact that worldly sinners often have nicer houses, better cars, and more success. Don't envy them! Instead, busy yourself in doing the work of the Lord; you'll find a sense of satisfaction and contentment that the rich sinner will never know.

Eternity

“For surely there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off.” -Proverbs 23:18

The rich sinner possesses nice stuff in this world, but earthly treasures will burn up. Don't envy him, just busy yourself with laying up treasures in heaven – eternal treasures (Matthew 6:19-21). Focus on the “Hereafter” where your hope rests; and remember, the ones who are truly blessed are often not the ones who appear to be blessed.

The elements of our worship, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



Come Worship With Us!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

- www.defendthegospel.com
- 1st Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday night of each month Following Services.



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“They...searched the scriptures daily...” –Acts 17:11

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The most essential and basic rule when trying to understand difficult and/or figurative passages is that whatever conclusion we come to cannot contradict other passages that are plain and clear. Some conclude from difficult figurative passages that the Lord has already returned. I can't help but to ask the following questions,

If the Lord has returned...

- 1) Why are we still here? Why have we not ascended into the air to be with the Lord? 1 Ths 4:17.
- 2) Why are we still partaking of the Lord's Supper? 1 cor 11:26.
- 3) Why are people still dying? 1 Cor 15:20-28.
- 4) Why am I still in a body in which I experience aches and pains? After all, when the Lord returns, my body is supposed to be transformed into His glorious body (Philippians 3:20-21).

These are just a few questions that must be asked of someone who believes that the Lord has already returned. Let's always be aware that there are those who are teaching rank religious error. And these must be marked, and their error exposed. -

“...Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet...”

Patrick Andrews

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

-Psalm 119:105 KJV

If you're lost in the woods,
With no map to guide you,
You could get so deep in,
That they might never find you.
In a situation like this,
A map could save your skin,
But only if you read it,
And let the pathways sink in.

The map has a purpose,
It must be understood,
You must take it out and check it,
Or it will never do you good.
What good is any guide,
If you never even consult it,
It is of no use at all,
If you won't take it out and study it.

God's Word is our map,
That shows us the way home,
We no longer need wander,
While lost and alone.
We should love all of God's law,
And meditate on His precepts,
We might lose our lives,
But our souls will be kept.
(Psalms 119:97; Matthew 10:28)

God's commandments make us wiser,
Than all of those who oppose it,
By adhering to His precepts,
Great evil will be avoided.

Following God's precepts,
Will give us understanding today,
It illuminates the filth of sin,
So we can hate every false way.
(Deuteronomy 4:6, 8; Psalms 119:98, 104)

God will teach us good judgment,
And instruct us with knowledge,
If we'll believe in His commandments,
And His precepts acknowledge.
(Psalms 119:66)

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Michael Pickford
Reading: Matthew 15:32-39
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Jeff Isbell
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....John Nelson
Serve.....Jeff Isbell
Serve.....Rusty Barnes
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

- Scripture Reading...Kenny Johnson
Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
- Song Leader..... Kenny Johnson
- Lord's Supper..... Kenny Johnson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader..... Michael Pickford
- Invitation.....Eli Todd

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God's Plan of Salvation

There is only one true plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will suffice. Have you truly been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!

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