

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

07-30-2023 // WEEK 30 NOTES

Psalms 133 - Proverbs 12

The last part of our readings included Psalms 133 - 150. They are from Book 5 (Psalms 107 - 150). Remember, in the psalms, there are five books. Here is a summary:

Psalms 133 - 150 (Part of Book 5)

- **Psalm 139:** One of the most beautiful statements about creation and God's oversight of us. **Psalm 140:** When you need a desire for justice, this is a good one to read. Just remember: **personal vengeance is not allowed biblically**. Desiring for God to intervene and do justice in his way (through the government/judicial system, or military force against godlessness, etc) is quite alright. Personal vengeance is not. **Psalms 145-150:** The praised songs. Read them and praise God along with David!

We have now moved into the Proverbs.

- The book self-identifies **Solomon as the author of most of them**. Other batches include people called "the wise," oracles from Agur, Lemuel, and an unknown author for the last chapter about the excellent wife/woman.
- The **major theme is that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 1:7)**. Wisdom versus foolishness is the contrast throughout the book. Most of the sayings are pithy, practical, and insightful truths on how to live life. They are given within the context of a father teaching/mentoring his son on how to live. There are inclusions of the moms value too. And I'd think these truths could be used with dads and daughters as well.
- The key themes are hard work, laziness, friendship, speech and the power of the tongue, child rearing, marriage, peace in your family, work, good manners, eternity, and other themes. I'd

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encourage you to **make notes beside each proverb** on what it's saying, and use it as a way to teach yourself and others (kids!) about what wisdom is and how to use it.

- From what you've read already (**Proverbs 1-12**), you see parental appeals about getting wisdom, staying away from bad company, fearing the Lord, sexuality, avoiding adultery, how wisdom was a part of creation and how we need it today.
- **Chapter 10** actually begins with "The proverbs of Solomon." Remember that Solomon was asked by God for one thing and he sought wisdom. Not wealth, power or influence, but wisdom. God was pleased and said the other things would come as he sought wisdom first.

Keep reading Proverbs. If you are ever looking for a devotional, read one chapter a day for a month (31 chapters). Then commit to obey one teaching per day. Your life will change.

- David