

OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION

JULY 19, 2020

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome - Chris Blackman, Pastoral Intern

***Call to Worship - Psalm 111**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

***Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

***Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

Song of Preparation and Praise - *Praise to the Lord

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Revelation 14:6-7**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Prayer in Response to Our Assurance of Pardon**

Song of Comfort - *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Cameron Barham

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Fear of the Lord: The Theological Foundation for Wisdom Proverbs 1:1-7

Song of Response - *Let Me Find Thee

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

***Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

***Benediction - Colossians 1:9-10**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

**Stand*

“THE FEAR OF THE LORD: THE THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION FOR WISDOM”

PROVERBS 1:1-7

CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: God's wisdom gained through our fear of Him forms our character in righteousness, justice, and equity for His glory and the life of the world.

Introduction:

Q: *What are the common characteristics of those that you think are wise?*

“The preamble (1:1-7) prepares you for reading the book as a whole, setting forth its theme (v. 2, attaining wisdom), its purpose (vv. 3-5), the basic contrasts between wisdom and folly (v. 7), and its theological foundation (v. 7). At the same time verse 6 offers an outline of the book, according to its main “authors” (proverbs belonging to Solomon and the sayings of the wise).”

Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart, *How to Read the Bible Book by Book: A Guided Tour*

Proverbs 1:1-6: Wisdom: The Key to the Formation of Godly Character:

“In the Old Testament these (righteousness, justice, and equity) are the great qualities of conduct which make for the good and well-being of the community...Here then the *ethical and moral* face of wisdom comes to the fore, and the sage reinforces in his own way what the Law and the prophets have to say about how God's people should live together.”

Kenneth T. Aitken, *Proverbs*

Q: *How is your character being formed by what you are currently learning or taking in through what you are reading, listening to, and/or watching? What serves as your main source of guidance?*

Proverbs 1:7: The Fear of the Lord: Foundational Theology for Knowledge and Wisdom:

“The fear of the Lord is openness to him, eagerness to please him, humility to be instructed by him (Proverbs 15:33). The fear of the Lord is a willingness to turn from evil and change (Job 28:28). The fear of the Lord is surrender to his will (Genesis 22:12). The fear of the Lord is one way we love him (Deuteronomy 6:2, 5)...The fear of the Lord is when we realize, “I am not the measure of all things. I am being measured.” That reverence toward God, perhaps surprisingly, builds our confidence and flows out as a “fountain of life” into everyone and everything we care about (Proverbs 14:26,27)”

Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr., *Proverbs: Wisdom That Works*

Q: *What does the fear of the Lord look like in your life? How has it helped you to grow in wisdom and knowledge?*

Application:

Proverbs 1:1-7 teaches us that God's wisdom:

- forms our character in righteousness, justice, and equity for His glory and the life of the world
- only comes from our fear of Him in humble covenant relationship

Benediction: Colossians 1:9-10