

OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 4, 2020

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome - Robby Baxter, Assistant Pastor

***Call to Worship - Psalm 119:41-48**

~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 - *Arise O God, & Shine

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Hebrews 10:11-18**

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

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

Song of Comfort - *His Mercy is More

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Call To Wisely Acknowledge The Power of Sin Proverbs 7:1-5, 21-27

Song of Response - *In Christ Alone

~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

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“THE CALL TO WISELY ACKNOWLEDGE THE POWER OF SIN” PROVERBS 7:1-5, 21-27 CHRIS BLACKMAN

Key Truth: Our heavenly Father has given us a precious treasure, the word of God, which leads to life and can keep us from the seductive and powerful lure of sin which leads to death.

Introduction:

Q: *What is something you ‘treasure’ deeply? Whose wisdom and advice do you value?*

Proverbs 7:1-5: Treasuring the Wisdom from Above

“Just in case there are any lingering doubts about the perils of the seductress, the sage has a little story to tell. But first he repeats his plea for his students to take his teaching to heart (v1-5) in much the same terms as 6:20-24....The word sister can sometimes mean “bride” (Song 4:9-10), and so the intention may be to suggest that Lady Wisdom is the true wife and lover in contrast with the spurious and dangerous love of the seductress.”
Kenneth T. Aitken, *Proverbs*

Q: *What are the ways in which you are keeping God's word as a precious treasure ever before your eyes?*

Proverbs 7:21-27: What You Treasure Determines Your Path

“The image of, ‘many a victim... a mighty throng’ having fallen to her advances, as if she were a warrior, is given as further grounds for staying away, and warns the sons against the foolish pride of presuming they would be different. Although the woman invites the fool to her bed (v17) in her home (v19) for immediate pleasure, the nature of the path to her house will entangle him in a way that, in the end, leads to, ‘the chambers of death’. In mentioning ‘Sheol’, the text is indicating that the consequences go beyond this life (23:13-24), life and death in Proverbs commonly corresponds to a right relationship to God and estrangement from him, continuing beyond the grave (12:28).”
ESV Study Bible, *Proverbs*

Q: *Are you taking seriously the deadly allure of sin? Do you know that you are treasured in God's eyes?*

Application:

Proverbs 5:1-23 teaches us that God's wisdom:

- is meant to be treasured as a close friend or spouse and be the apple of our eye
- shows us that sin is not to be taken lightly as its end goal is to trap and lead to death

Benediction: Colossians 1:9-10