“The Way of the Lord”

Intro: This morning we pick up our study of Proverbs midway through the tenth chapter. Two weeks ago, as we entered this tenth chapter, we were moved from Wisdom’s loving call to be ____________ and ____________ to this portion of the Book which is entirely proverbial.

A. When received as from our Heavenly Father the proverbs are a means by which He will __________ our lives, adding an abundance of ________ to our days.

I. Wisdom says, “__________ my ________________ and you will be on the path of life.”

A. The path of life is not only a path that leads to the ________________ of everlasting life but it is the path where a wealth of quality is experienced here and now. ... Those who traverse the path of life never wonder what the purpose of life is for as they live they know God, experiencing His ____________.

B. Here is a ________ by which we can know if we are on the path of life: Do we ________ instruction? Do we obey the word of God? Do we receive the instruction of our father and mother and those in authority over us? Do we heed ____________ or are we thick-headed “go our own way” rebellions?

C. There is the path of life and there is the path of death! ________ God and heed His all-wise instruction and you will ________ a blessed life!

II. Here is wisdom:

A. Do not conceal hatred in your heart but ________ for your soul as God would have you! Turn to Jesus confessing and ________________ of your sin of hatred!

B. The ________ know when enough is said and they restrain their lips when tempted to speak evil, ____________ ing only that which is ________. There is a blessedness of the path of life!

C. The blessings ____ ________ are a wealth to the wise, and such wealth comes with ____ troubling ________________. What heavenly blessings are realized on the path of life!
D. The man of understanding _________ wisdom and seeks after _______ and all His precious wisdom. While the fool delights in what is wicked the righteous delights in what is wise!

E. Chose today! _________ the Word of the Lord and _______ upon them, and you will be wise unto salvation, standing upon Jesus Christ the Eternal Rock, the Everlasting Foundation of _________.

F. What the righteous _________ for will be realized as they live in the fear of the Lord, longing for that which He desires! _______ will _________ them an abundance of life here and now, and forevermore!

G. As God Himself is our strength and refuge so then is _______ _______ a strength and refuge for the wise who travel it. He will not let the upright slip or stumble but they will be sure-footed as He guides them along His way, in paths of righteousness for His names’ sake – and He will ______ _________!

H. The righteous will _________ and the wicked will not.

III. _______ _________ on the path of life?

The heart of the righteous man goes the way of the Lord, and his words prove it for from his mouth flow wisdom. And just the same the wicked man is proven by what he says, and ____ his words he will be condemned. As Jesus said, “For by _________ words you shall be justified, and by your _________ you shall be condemned” (Matt 12:37).

Closing: Two paths lay before you! One is the broad road of _________ and the other is the path of _________.

Jesus said, “Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may ____ compared to a _________ man, who built his house upon the rock. 25 "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock. 26 "And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act upon them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand. 27 "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and it fell, and great was its fall” (Matt 7:24-27).

___________ today whose path you will follow. There is a path of _________!

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