“The Lord Weighs the Hearts”

Intro: As we come to the 21st chapter of Proverbs and we are called to render ourselves totally to the wisdom of the Lord, as it is placed before us, let us do so as those who will give an account. At the same time as we learn of His wisdom and by His indwelling Spirit walk in it let us surrender ourselves to it for it is our Father who is at work in us, both to will and to carry out His will.

I. The Wisdom of God is before us. Let us rejoice that He of His sovereign sovereignty chose to reveal His wisdom ______ through His Word by the power of His Spirit through the atoning sacrifice of His Son. Let us hear and live the truth of the proverbs for to this we were saved.

A. Here is wisdom:

1) God is the Sovereign over all sovereigns and ______ _______ in them is to reveal Himself to be the all-glorious God He is.

2) Since kings hearts are but channels of water in the hand of God we should pray for the ruling authorities for ______ is ___ _______ in them, effecting nations.

3) We do not _______ in kings but in the One True God who turns the hearts of kings. We have but _______ Sovereign! Christ is the _______ of kings!

B. The wise, knowing man’s propensity to self-deception and that it is God who weighs the heart with divine ______ and perfect accuracy, look into the mirror of ______ Word so they may see the measure of their heart before God, coming to do what is right in His eyes.

C. The wise seek to please the Lord by being ______ ________, a people who are righteous and just of heart, and therefore work righteousness and carry out justice.

D. The wise children of God ________ themselves in the sight of the Lord so that whatever they do will be done by ________ in Christ.

E. The wise know that failing to ______ the Lord leads to poverty while the prayer-bathed and scripture-influenced plans of the diligent - as they put feet to their faith - leads to the manifold blessings of ______.
F. The wise seek to store up unfailing ________________ in heaven, where no thief comes near, nor moth destroys. Since their heart is set on __________ they treasure righteousness over dishonesty, the eternal over the temporal.

G. The wise are quick to hear, slow to speak, and at once just and merciful for they ________________ the certainty of _______ and His ordained principle of sowing and reaping.

H. The wise ________________ their hearts by examining their ______, to see if they are crooked or upright, guilty of sin or if they through are purified by Christ. The wise acknowledge the Lord in all their ways knowing that He will make their paths straight. The wise follow after Christ in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

I. The wise of heart seek to make their company pleasant, casting off contention and strife. These know that a ________________ and quiet spirit is ________________ in the sight of God. To the unmarried wisdom says: “Choose your spouse carefully for your peace and rest depend upon it!”

J. The wise observe how God deals with the wicked as He punishes the scoffer, and receives knowledge from it. The wise see the ruin of the house of the wicked and turn to __________ _______ and His righteousness.

K. The wise are quick to ________________ as they would have them and God to do unto them.

L. The wise _______ ____ ________________ with all men, so much as it depends upon them.

M. While those who ________________ as the Wisdom of God unto salvation love justice, those who refuse Christ face all the terror of God’s just judgment. While the wise fear Him the foolish fear His wrath. The wise have peace the foolish have turmoil.

Finally then: Be wise! ________________ in ________________! Where do you stand before the Lord? Even now, the Lord weights your heart. You may have convinced yourself that you are okay without Christ but what does God say?

If you have examined your heart and you see that you are left wanting then cry out to God to turn your heart to Him, and He will hear your prayer! Tipping the scale of your heart He will forgive you of your sin and credit the righteousness of Christ to your account.

Dear one! Heaven and hell lay before you! Be wise unto salvation or foolish unto damnation. Take care for your soul! Choose this day to ________________ in and ________________ after Christ!