

“The Name of My God”

Intro: In opening to the 30th chapter of Proverbs this last Sunday we read and reflected as one Agur, an otherwise unknown _____ man of God, humbled himself as he considered the wondrous glory of the Almighty. It was in that state of _____ that Agur declared the truth of God’s Word, proclaiming God to be a saving shield to all who take refuge in Him.

I. Wisdom teaches us to see God as He is so we may see ourselves as we really are. Wisdom teaches us to _____ ourselves so we would rightly exalt the Holy God. Wisdom teaches us to _____ so God may increase in us.

A. The wisdom God grants teaches us to _____ ourselves under the mighty hand of God, seeking His mercy that He would sustain us, delivering us from the temptations to which we are so prone. Wisdom teaches us to _____ the Lord, and in this one fears sinning against God. Wisdom teaches us to pray always, trusting _____ alone to save us while finding our contentment in Christ.

B. Knowing the Word of God to be tested, and in desiring not to be found guilty of slander, deceit or lies, but _____ to honor God the wise people of _____ humble themselves by refusing to slander others.

C. Like Agur, those who humble themselves _____ . As they realize their bent toward sin they cry out to God for His saving grace. And knowing every Word of God to be tested they honor their parents, confess their sins while _____ to cleanse them from all unrighteousness, humbling themselves as a testimony of the saving grace of God, and manifest the salvation of the Lord by doing good to all men.

D. Wisdom teaches us that a discontent refuses to be content. Those who _____ are content with His provision and with the measure with which He provides.

E. _____ in regard to parents is humility in regard to God. Defiance in regard to parents is defiance in regard ___ God. The wise children of _____ respect the Word of God concerning their parents.

F. The wise people of God _____ their own humility as they consider the simplest, common things of life. In this they realize the greatness of _____.

G. The arrogant _____ declaring, "I have no sin!" The fool thinks he can eat and wipe his mouth leaving no trace of sin, but God who knows all has traced our way and our sin will find us out.

H. Those who come before the Lord in humility find their proper place, introducing order and _____ in their world – and blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God. The wise are content _____.

I. The observation of the smallest of God's creatures teaches us that _____ the humble while He lays the proud low. The wise humble themselves under the mighty hand of God!

J. The moral is this: _____ exalts the humble and _____ the proud. This the Holy God does and no man can stop Him.

Closing: Consider the Words of Jesus: Luke 18:9-14, "And *Jesus* also told this parable to certain ones who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: 10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee, and the other a tax-gatherer. 11 "The Pharisee stood and was praying thus to himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax-gatherer. 12 'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.' 13 "But the tax-gatherer, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, '_____, _____ to _____, _____!' 14 "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, but he who humbles himself shall be exalted."

God is a shield of salvation to all who humble themselves before Him: take _____ Him by believing in His Son. There is only one name under heaven by which one must be saved: _____ is His name!

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