**Living Wisely – Pr. 23**

**Focal Truth: Live in the fear of the Lord always 23:17**

*be only God - fearing men, at all times… Aramaic*

**Observations**

**Life – Conduct – Living in the fear of God**

1. Control your appetite – 23: 1 – 3
2. Live with contentment – 23: 4 – 5

*Do not toil to gain wealth; have the sense to desist. You see if then it is gone; it grows wings and flies away, like an eagle heavenward Aramaic*

1. Avoid the selfish & their ways – 23:6 -8
2. Avoid talking to fools – 23:9

*Do not speak to a dullard, for he will disdain your sensible words Aramaic*

1. Do not take advantage of the orphan – 23:10 – 12

*Do not encroach on the fields of orphans Aramaic*

1. Do not avoid disciplining your children – 23:13 – 14
2. God rejoices when we are wise – 23:15 -16

1. Do not envy sinners – 23:17
2. God promises future hope for those who fear Him – 23:18

*Do not envy sinners in your heart, but only God – fearing men, at all times, for then you will have a future, and your hope will never fail Aramaic*

1. Direct your mind in the way of God’s wisdom – 23:19
2. Don’t associate with drunks & gluttons – 23:20 – 21

*Do not be of those who guzzle wine, or glut themselves on meat; for guzzlers and gluttons will be impoverished, and drowsing will clothe you in tatters Aramaic*

1. Listen to the counsel of father & mother – 23:22 – 23

*Buy truth, never sell it, and wisdom, discipline, and understanding Aramaic*

1. Fathers rejoice with righteous children – 23:24 – 25

1. Avoid adultery focus on God’s wisdom – 23:26 – 28

*She too lies in wait as if for prey, and destroys the unfaithful among men Aramaic*

1. Do not love drinking it has terrible consequences – 23:29 -35

Who? *Those whom wine keeps till small hours, those who gather to drain the cups Aramaic*