**Living Wisely – Pr. 24**

**Focal Truth: whoever lives in the fear of God learns life lessons & listens to His warnings**

**Observations**

1. **Do not associate with evil men – 24:1 -2**
2. **Build your life on God’s wisdom – 24:3 – 7**
3. A home is built on God’s wisdom & understanding
4. A home is built on knowing God and His word
5. The home of God’s wisdom is filled with all kinds of precious things

*A wise man is strength; a knowledgeable man exerts power – 24:5 Aramaic*

*For by stratagems you wage war, Victory comes with much planning – 24:6 Aramaic*

1. **People despise the schemer & scoffer – 24:8 -9**
2. The schemer makes plans to harm others
3. The schemer plans are sinful plans
4. **God sees if we help those who are in trouble – 24:10 – 12**

*Surely He who fathoms hearts will discern – the truth, He who watches over your life will know it, and He will pay each man as he deserves - Aramaic*

1. **Wisdom is sweet like honey – 24:13 -14**

*Know: such is wisdom for your soul; if you attain it, there is a future; your hope will not be cut off - Aramaic*

1. **God’s warning to the wicked man – 24: 15 -16**
2. **Do not rejoice at the troubles of your enemies – 24:17 – 18**
3. **Do not fret because of the evil of the world – 24:19 – 20**

*There is no future for the evil man; the lamp of the wicked goes out – 24:20 Aramaic*

1. **Fear God & His leaders – 24:21**
2. **Do not associate with the unstable – 24:21 – 22**
3. **Listen to the sayings of the wise – 24:23 – 26**

*It is not right to be partial in judgment - Aramaic*

*He who says to the guilty, you are innocent, shall be cursed by the people, damned by the nations; but it shall go well with them who decide justly; blessings of good things will light upon them - Aramaic*

*Giving a straightforward reply, is like giving a kiss - Aramaic*

1. **Preparation is the best way to build a house – 24:27**

*Put your external affairs in order, get ready what you have in the field, then build yourself a home – Aramaic*

1. **Do not deceive with your words – 24:28**

*Do not be a witness against your fellow without good cause; would you mislead with your speech? – Aramaic*

1. **Do not retaliate – 24:29**

*Do not say, I will do to him what he did to me; I will pay the man what he deserves Aramaic*

1. **Lessons from the lazy man’s life – 24:30 -34**

*A bit more sleep, a bit more slumber, a bit more hugging yourself in bed, and poverty will come calling upon you, and want like a man with a shield.*

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. **God sees & repays the deeds we do – 24:12, 18**
2. **Wisdom is the best medicine – 24:13 -14**
3. **Bad company corrupts – 24:1 – 2, 21 – 22**

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**