**Living Wisely – Pr.13**

**Focal Truth: God’s wisdom teaches that righteousness protects the ways of the righteous**

God’s wisdom teaches us the protection of the righteous

**Observations**

1. **The righteousness of the righteous hates falsehood – 13:5**

*A righteous man hates falsehood, but a wicked man acts disgustingly and shamefully*

*A righteous man hates lies, the wicked man is vile & disgraceful – Aramaic*

1. The righteous at times sin & lie but they hate their lies and falsehood

Ps 119:153 – *I hate and despise all falsehood*

Rom. 7:15 -  *I am doing the very thing I hate*

1. The righteous ask God to remove falsehood from them

Ps. 119:29 – *remove the false way from me*

1. The righteous know that God hates lying

Pr. 6:16 -17 – *lying lips are an abomination to the Lord*

1. The righteous hate & strive to avoid all forms of deceit

1 Pet. 2:1 – *putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and slander…*

1. **The righteousness of the righteous protects them from wickedness – 13:6**

*Righteousness guards the one whose way is blameless, but the wicked subverts the sinner*

*Righteousness protects him whose way is blameless – Aramaic*

1. The believer has the righteousness of Christ as a breastplate of protection

Eph. 6:14 – *having put on the breastplate of righteousness*

1. **The breastplate protects the vital organs of the body.**
2. **The breastplate of righteousness protects the soul; mind, will emotions, passions, desires and the conscience**
3. **The breastplate provides courage & fearlessness to the soldier for battle** – Pr. 28:1 - *he wicked flee when no man pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion*

William Gurnall – The Christian in complete armor

1. The righteous pray – *Oh Lord lead me in Your righteousness* - Ps. 5:8
2. **The righteousness of the righteous produces joyful light – 13:9**

*The light of the righteous rejoices, but the lamp of the wicked goes out*

*The light of the righteous is radiant, the lamp of the wicked is extinguished – Aramaic*

1. The righteous shine as light in a dark world

Matt. 5:16 – *let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven*

1. The light of the righteous is bright & shining

Eph. 5:8 – *for you were sometimes darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, walk as children of light*

1. The lifestyle of the righteous is their light in the world

Eph. 5:9, - *for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth*

1. **The righteousness of the righteous is a reward – 13:21 – 22**

*Adversity pursues sinners, but the righteous will be rewarded with prosperity. A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, and the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous*

*Misfortune pursues sinners, but the righteous are well rewarded, a good man has what to bequeath to his grandchildren, for the wealth of sinners is stored up for the righteous Aramaic*

1. The righteous live in the blessing of God’s provision of grace

Pr. 22:1 – *a good name is to be more desired than great wealth*

1. The righteous leave their children’s children a righteous legacy
2. The wealth of the sinner’s is given to the righteous

Laban’s wealth was given to Jacob

The spoils of Egypt were given to Israel

Haman’s wealth was given to Esther & Mordecai

Eccl. 2:26 – *for a person who is good in His sight He has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, while to the sinner He has given the task of gathering and collecting so that he may give to the one who is good in God’s sight*

1. **The righteousness of the righteous gives contentment – 13:25.**

*The righteous has enough to satisfy his appetite, but the stomach of the wicked is in need*

*The righteous man eats to his hearts content, but the belly of the wicked is empty Aramaic*

1. The righteous live with contentment knowing that God will provide

Pr. 10:3 – *The Lord will not allow the righteous to hunger*

1 Tim. 6:8 – *if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content*

1. The righteous seek the Lord have what they need

Ps. 34:10 – *the young lions do lack and suffer hunger; but they who seek the Lord shall not be in want of any good thing.*

Ps. 37:3 – *Trust in the Lord and do good, dwell in the land and feed securely on His faithfulness*

4 qualities of the righteous heart

1. A righteous heart hates all sins, even those which he cannot conquer; and loves all divine truths, even those he cannot practice
2. A righteous heart serves God and seeks God more for the internal worth and that eternal good that is in him, than for any external good they receive from Him.
3. A righteous heart is most diligent about the inner man, about the inside – observing, reforming and watching the heart
4. A righteous heart maintains a constant course of righteousness

Thomas Brooks – God’s delight with the upright

***Righteousness guards the one whose way is blameless* – Pr. 13:6**

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