

CHAPTER 13

A WISE son *heareth* his father's instruction: but a scorner *heareth* not rebuke.

2. A man shall eat good by the fruit of *his* mouth: but the soul of the transgressors *shall eat* violence.

3. He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: *but* he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

4. The soul of the sluggard desireth, and *hath* nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

5. A righteous *man* hateth lying: but a wicked *man* is loathsome, and cometh to shame.

6. Righteousness keepeth *him* that is upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.

7. There is that maketh himself rich, yet *hath* nothing: *there is* that maketh himself poor, yet *hath* great riches.

8. The ransom of a man's life *are* his riches: but the poor *heareth* not rebuke.

9. The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

10. Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised *is* wisdom.

11. Wealth *gotten* by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

12. Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but *when* the desire cometh, *it is* a tree of life.

13. Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

14. The law of the wise *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

15. Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors *is* hard.

16. Every prudent *man* dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open *his* folly.

17. A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador *is* health.

18. Poverty and shame *shall be*

to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

19. The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but *it is* abomination to fools to depart from evil.

20. He that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

21. Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.

22. A good *man* leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just.

23. Much food *is in* the tillage of the poor: but there is *that is* destroyed for want of judgment.

24. He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

25. The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.

CHAPTER 14

EVERY wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

2. He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD: but *he that is* perverse in his ways despiseth him.

3. In the mouth of the foolish *is* a

rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

4. Where no oxen *are*, the crib *is* clean: but much increase *is* by the strength of the ox.

5. A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

6. A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not: but knowledge *is* easy unto him that understandeth.

7. Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not *in him* the lips of knowledge.

8. The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way: but the folly of fools *is* deceit.

9. Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous *there is* favour.

10. The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

11. The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

12. There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

13. Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth *is* heaviness.

14. The backslider in heart shall

be filled with his own ways: and a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself.

15. The simple believeth every word: but the prudent *man* looketh well to his going.

16. A wise *man* feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.

17. *He that is* soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.

18. The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19. The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

20. The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but the rich *hath* many friends.

21. He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy *is* he.

22. Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth *shall be* to them that devise good.

23. In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.

24. The crown of the wise *is* their riches: *but* the foolishness of fools *is* folly.

25. A true witness delivereth

souls: but a deceitful *witness* speaketh lies.

26. In the fear of the LORD *is* strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

27. The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

28. In the multitude of people *is* the king's honour: but in the want of people *is* the destruction of the prince.

29. *He that is* slow to wrath *is* of great understanding: but *he that is* hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

30. A sound heart *is* the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.

31. He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

32. The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death.

33. Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but *that which is* in the midst of fools is made known.

34. Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin *is* a reproach to any people.

35. The king's favour *is* toward a wise servant: but his wrath is

against him that causeth shame.

CHAPTER 15

ASOFT answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

2. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

3. The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

4. A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life: but perverseness therein *is* a breach in the spirit.

5. A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

6. In the house of the righteous *is* much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

7. The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish *doeth* not so.

8. The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright *is* his delight.

9. The way of the wicked *is* an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

10. Correction *is* grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: *and* he that hateth reproof shall die.

11. Hell and destruction *are* before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?

12. A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.

13. A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

14. The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

15. All the days of the afflicted *are* evil: but he that is of a merry heart *hath* a continual feast.

16. Better *is* little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.

17. Better *is* a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

18. A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but *he that is* slow to anger appeaseth strife.

19. The way of the slothful *man is* as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous *is* made plain.

20. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

21. Folly *is* joy to *him that is* des-

titude of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.

22. Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

23. A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word *spoken* in due season, how good *is it!*

24. The way of life *is* above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

25. The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.

26. The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the LORD: but *the words* of the pure *are* pleasant words.

27. He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he

that hateth gifts shall live.

28. The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

29. The LORD *is* far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

30. The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: *and* a good report maketh the bones fat.

31. The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.

32. He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

33. The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honour *is* humility.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Proverbs 14:12 says, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." One of the curses of Christless religion is that it all seems to be so right and proper. The natural mind would conclude that if a person lived a fairly decent upright life, paid his taxes, gave to the Red Cross, and even attended church perhaps on Easter and Christmas, that he would then be acceptable to God. But of course this is not the case. Ephesians 2:8,9 tells us, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." All religions seem right, but all religions end in death. There is a difference between religion and Christianity. Religion is man searching after God' Christianity is God searching after man.

Are you trusting in baptism, good works, church membership, etc., to get you into heaven? We close

each service with that beloved old Gospel invitational hymn, "Just As I Am." If you have not come to Jesus "just as you are," then you are among that group who is following a way which only seems right to man, but is leading to death. Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright; but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness" (Proverbs 15:2).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 24: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1779

THE BIRTHDAY OF CLEMENT MOORE.

Today is the birthday of Clement Moore, author of “’Twas the Night Before Christmas.”

1520

MARTIN LUTHER MADE HIS FINAL BREAK WITH ROME.

The Scripture that did it was “The just shall live by faith” (Romans 1:17). We are justified by faith. We become Christians by faith. We become just in the sight of God by faith. Our righteousness will not do. We must have an imputed righteousness. This righteousness is the righteousness of Jesus Christ which is imputed to every person who puts his faith in Christ. God sees us in Him. Truly the just *begin* living by faith.

Then the just *keep* living by faith. Our very life is by faith. God’s provisions are claimed by faith. God’s power is claimed by faith. It is not enough to realize that we are saved by faith. We must live daily by faith. It does not mean that we fall from grace if we

have less faith than yesterday. It simply means that we cannot have all that God wants us to have if we fail to live daily by faith. Read the eleventh chapter of Hebrews today. Ask God to build your faith. Then turn to Romans 10:17 and find that faith cometh by hearing the Word of God. “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Thank God today for Martin Luther. Pray for the Lutheran friends who believe and preach the Bible. Live today by faith.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1864

GEN. A. J. SMITH WITH FOURTEEN THOUSAND MEN, INCLUDING A BRIGADE OF BLACK TROOPS, DEFEATED NATHAN B. FOREST at Harrisburg, near Tupelo, Mississippi.

1869

A.J. HAYNE, BLACK CAPTAIN OF THE ARKANSAS MILITIA, ASSASSINATED in Marion, Arkansas.

The Story of the Psalms

PSALMS 60

AUTHOR: David

THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM:

David was anointed king three times. In 1 Samuel 16:13 he was a lad tending sheep when Samuel anointed him. In 2 Samuel 2:4 he was anointed when he became king over part of Judah. In 2 Samuel 5:3 he was anointed when he became king over all Israel. It was after this third anointing when David had taken the entire kingdom that he wrote the 60th Psalm. Its words were penned on the occasion when David was at the zenith of his power.

This is why David could say in Psalm 92:10, "I shall be anointed with fresh oil." This is what the people of God need, this is what the churches need, this is what the pulpit needs—an anointing of fresh oil. In Judges 6:34 we find, "But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon." In Judges 14:6, "And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him (Samson)." In 1 Samuel 11:6, "The Spirit of God came upon Saul." In 1 Samuel 16:13, "The Spirit of the Lord came upon David." In Acts 9:17 we find Paul was filled with the Holy Ghost. In Luke 4:1 it is said of Jesus that He "being full of the Holy Ghost...." I burn as I read Luke 3:16, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire," and Acts 1:4 where it speaks of "the promise of the Father." In Luke 24:49 this same power is called "the enduement of power," and in Acts 1:8 we find the words, "after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." In Acts 2:17 we find that pouring out of the Holy Ghost, and in Ephesians 5:18 we are commanded to be filled with the Spirit. Ah, for that supernatural power of God that causes men to come to Christ and that gives us power with God and power with men!

THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE:

This Psalm was used at times of anointing of kings. It was also used in the midst of great victorious battles.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "I CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE"

(Assignment 24)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for the next seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning," page xiii near the front of this book.)

A closed book to every one before conversion.

() Romans 3:11

There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

It is spiritually discerned.

() 1 Corinthians 2:14

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

It may be foolish to the unsaved.

() 1 Corinthians 1:18

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Carnal mind at enmity with God.

() Romans 8:7

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

God's writings are strange to the lost.

() Hosea 8:12

I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing.