



Making Disciples Who Make Disciples

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Next Parish Council Meeting

Aug. 25 6:30 p.m.



Out Word – Proverbial Wisdom and Truth

The ninth chapter of Proverbs discusses wisdom. The Ancient Jewish image of God was of him creating the universe through his preexisting wisdom. According to the standard Jewish doctrine in biblical times, this wisdom existed before the rest of creation, but still was created. The rabbis' writing about Wisdom personified the idea as a person, a woman.

Our passage today gives us some of that description (9:1-6)

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. ² She has slaughtered her slaughtering, mixed her wine, and also set her table. ³ She has sent her servant girls, she calls upon the wings of the high places of town, ⁴ "Whoever is simple, let him turn here." As for the one who lacks sense, she says to him, ⁵ "Come, eat with my bread; drink with the wine I have mixed. ⁶ Lay aside simplicity and live; walk in the way of understanding." — Proverbs 9:1–6 (LEB)

But there's more to it. The author (the book is attributed to several authors, with much of it by King Solomon) also warns us about scoffers who try to dissuade us from wisdom. We tend to call them "friends."

He who corrects a scoffer gains abuse for himself, and he who rebukes the wicked gets hurt. ⁸ Do not rebuke a scoffer, lest he hate you; rebuke the wise and he will love you. ⁹ Give to a wise one and he will become more wise; teach a righteous one and he will increase learning. — Prov 9:7–9

When we decide to not be part of some foolishness our buddies think is a good idea, it usually isn't met with, "That sounds like a very wise decision." More often than not, they try to cajole us into being part of whatever unwise activity they've got planned. Understanding that God wants certain behavior from us, and that he is in charge, helps us to choose wisely in life.

The start of wisdom is fear of Yahweh, and knowledge of the Holy One, insight. ¹¹ For by me your days shall increase, and years of life shall multiply for you. ¹² If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, and if you scoff, alone you shall bear it. — Prov 9:10-12

Many of the kids I grew up with behaved a certain way because they knew how their dad would react if they didn't. They didn't fear their dads in the sense of being scared of him, but rather in the biblical sense of understanding his authority over them and realizing how much they would disappoint him by violating his rules. The biblical idea of "fearing God" relates to a "healthy respect for God."

Think about how we use electricity. It's a powerful force that can easily kill us, yet we're not scared to flip our light switches on and off.

Some fools among us, however, show a reckless disregard toward it.

The image below is one of my favorite safety photos. The man is barefoot, with wet pants, standing on a metal ladder in a swimming pool, using an electric drill to make a hole in the ceiling above him. But at least he's wearing his safety goggles.



That foolhardy approach is the way the unbelieving world deals with God. A lackadaisical attitude that can bring undesirable results.

The statement that fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom means that the first step for us as mere humans is to recognize God's authority over his creation, and that we are made by him and for him — not the other way around.

The second half of this chapter shows foolishness personified. When we ignore wisdom's call to us, we typically end up responding to the call of foolishness.

A woman of foolishness is loud, simple, and does not know it. ¹⁴ She sits at the door of her house, upon a throne at the high places of town, ¹⁵ in order to call to those who pass by the road, those who go straight on their way: ¹⁶ "Whoever is simple, may he turn here!" As for he who lacks sense, she says to him, ¹⁷ "Stolen waters are sweet, and bread of secrecy is pleasant." ¹⁸ But he does not know that the dead are there, in the depths of Sheol are her guests. — Prov 9:13-18

When someone dies doing something foolish, we think "what a waste." There was so much more in store for this person in his or her life, but it ended abruptly by a foolish act. According to Grand Canyon park statistics, about 12 people die there each year. Some from medical conditions, but most from foolishness that brings permanent consequences.

Verse 13 reminds us that foolishness is loud. Not the particular foolish act itself, but its call to us. Wisdom is a whisper in the noisy distractions of our lives. Just as we strain to hear a conversation in a nightclub or rock concert due to the loud background noise, so too must we strain to hear God's still, soft voice amid the clamor of our lives.

It's the voice of wisdom.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Austin



Arizona Anglican Men's Retreat

This year's retreat will be at Emmanuel Pine Retreat Center in Prescott, Sept 10-12. The anticipated cost will be \$95 for the weekend and a few scholarships for people with hardships will be available. The retreat begins at 4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 10 and continues until about noon Sunday. For more information, please contact Jeff Bisgrove (jeffmbisgrove@me.com, 602-653-9996) or Teke Sankey (Tekes2@hotmail.com, 303-884-3651).



Season after Pentecost Sunday's Lessons

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20
Gospel John 6:51-58



Please note:
The deadline for newsletter submission is 9 a.m. Wednesday. Thank you.





Lord, we ask you to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in sickness, or any other adversity. Open the hearts to know your love and feel your presence.

We pray for Diane Manning, Dale, Scotty Haskell, Julie Corral, Bill and Judy Fletcher, Zachary Kircher, Katy Mize, Lina, Bruno Hildebrandt, Kara, Eric, Ella & Timothy, Gerry Pyper, Sandra Pyper, Steven Fischer, Ann Traverso, Neil, Lauren, Pat Galloway, Dorothy Green, Denise, Connie, Sue, Bishop Keith, Abbie Bundy, Betty (Bo Peep) Penny, Donna, Dcn. Linda, Lorraine Chavez, Steve Chacon, Merle Shyne, Laura, Darlene O., Maddy, Lauren, Steven, Elena, Officer Shay K. Mikalonis, Niki, Roni, Bob, Carol, Kathy Watson, Jim and Wendy Music, Steve Warner, Tim Harris, Lety, Bryan, and Linda.

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CTR Prayer Project

For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery---so that you will not be wise in your own estimation---that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob." — Rom 11:25-26

Most Christians know the answer to this question: Who is referred to as "God's Chosen People"? But, in our busy lives today and in our concerns for our own country and all of its problems, we aren't paying much attention to Israel. We're likely not aware that there are more people converting to Christianity in Africa and the Middle East right now, than in the

U.S.A. Few know that shortly after Pres. Biden's Inauguration, rockets were fired by Hamas into Israel. We're paying attention to the earthquakes in the United States and oblivious to those in and around Israel.

Why is Israel so important to us? As Christians, we know that the Messiah, Jesus Christ, was born a Jew. The Jews are still waiting for the Messiah to come, but Christians believe it will be His Second Coming, not His first. God sent His Son to save not only the Jews, but also the Gentiles, and by God's grace, we are grafted into the root of the Vine. The Jews celebrate Passover, recalling how God saved the Israelites in Egypt when they put the blood of a spotless lamb on the lintels above their doors, saving them from the angel of death sent to kill the firstborn of every household in Egypt. And Christians commemorate Good Friday and celebrate Easter, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, when Jesus Christ, the spotless Lamb of God, shed His blood on the Cross to save all humanity from death for their sins.

Israel is surrounded by nations that would like nothing better than to wipe it off the face of the earth. But God established the United States of America, made us strong and generous, so we could become allies of Israel, helping protect them for the day when He will return. We mustn't ignore the relationship between Israel and the United States. We are blessed because of it.

Praying in One Accord God's kingdom includes both Jews and Gentiles. When we pray for and bless the nation of Israel, we are in one accord with God's plans for all of us.

Accord Prayer Lord Christ, as God, You have a heart for Jews and Gentiles alike. Keep us praying for and supporting the people of Israel. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Loving Father, thank You for grafting us into the root of the Vine. Thank You for blessing not only Your Chosen People, but the United States of America, as well. Amen.



Mark Your CALENDAR

Sunday, Aug 15

11:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, Aug 17

6:30 a.m. Bible Study (Acts)

6:30 p.m. Grief Share – CtR Library

Wednesday, Aug 18

2 p.m. Bible Study (1 Peter)

5:30 p.m. Praise & Prayer Healing Service

Sunday Aug 22

11:30 a.m. Worship Service

Walk in Wisdom (Ephesians 5:15–21)

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