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"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."
-Ecclesiastes 12:13

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

BIBLE CLASSES _____ 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP _____ 10:30 A.M.

EVENING WORSHIP _____ 5:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

CLASSES/WORSHIP _____ 7:00 P.M.

PROVERBS 22:6 RE-EXAMINED: Train Up a Child in the Way He Should Go by Wes McAdams

Today's post is part four of our "Re-Examined Series," in which we are taking a look at some well-known passages that may not mean what we've tried to make the mean over the years. Today we will re-examine Proverbs 22:6, "*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*" Honestly, I've been shocked this week as I've dug deeper into this verse. Let's look at it together.

How It's Often Read

One way people read this passage is a promise that if you teach your children about God, they will be faithful to Him in adulthood. Sadly, this has caused a lot of pain and sorrow for parents whose children have left the faith. They wonder, "Did I not train them in the way they should go? Is this my fault?" Or, worse yet, they wonder why God broke His promise.

Trying to move away from that interpretation, many have suggested that the phrase, "The way he should go" is specific to each individual child. In other words, they believe this passage is more about training a child to embrace his or her own unique gifts and talents; finding the path that God has for him or her as an individual.

After examining the words and phrases in this passage, it seems to me that both of these interpretations miss the mark.

The Context of Proverbs

First, the book of Proverbs is NOT a book of promises. We shouldn't read the Proverbs as saying, "If you do X, then God promises Y will always happen as a result." Rather, the book of Proverbs is a book of wise sayings, phrased in such a way as to be pithy and memorable. When taken as a whole, these proverbs help God's covenant people – especially young people – develop a heartfelt appreciation for wise, righteous, and godly living.

Each proverb captures and encapsulates a particular truth about wise living and expresses it in poetic form, Hebrew parallelism. Obviously, no single proverb can exhaust the subject it addresses (and it isn't attempting to do so). Each proverb is simply saying, "If you remember, and live by this truth, you and the people around you will have a much better life."

"Train Up"

Proverbs 22:6 begins with the Hebrew word, "hanak." This word appears in three other verses in the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 20:5; 1 Kings 8:63; 2 Chronicles 7:5). Interestingly, every other time this word is used, it is not translated, "train up," it is translated, "dedicate." It means to get something started or initiate something.

So the first part of the Proverb is about starting a child off in a certain direction or starting him on a path.

"In the Way He [Should] Go"

The next phrase is very interesting. The word "should" does not actually appear in the original Hebrew at all. The phrase literally means, "in his way."

The Hebrew word for "way" appears 69 times in the book of Proverbs. It is used to describe BOTH the way of wickedness (e.g. Proverbs 12:26) and the way of righteousness (e.g. Proverbs 13:6). Essentially, it is a road or path metaphor that simply describes a manner of life.

What Does It Mean?

So if you take what we've discovered, the literal reading of Proverbs 22:6 would read something like, "Initiate a child on his path; even when he is old he will not depart from it." It seems to simply mean we are set on a path as children and we seldom deviate from that path.

This proverb could be a warning. It could warn me, as a parent, if I allow my children to follow the "way that seems right" to them (Proverbs 14:12), I will have a hard time getting them off that path when they become adults. After all, the path that children are naturally inclined to follow is a path of foolishness and it takes discipline to keep children from going down that path (Proverbs 22:15).

On the other hand, it could be an encouragement to "dedicate" or "initiate" children on the path of holiness, righteousness, and wisdom when they are young. In other words, get a child started on his path of doing right when he is young; it will be harder to get him off that path when he is an adult.

Another possibility is that this proverb is intentionally ambiguous in order to highlight the malleability of children and the challenge of getting adults to change their ways once they're on a particular path. Either way, there is a lot of wisdom in this one little proverb and God's people would do well to meditate on it and apply it to our lives.

I love you and God loves you,

Wes McAdams

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THE PEACE OF GOD

From the Desk of Dan Carter

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be trouble, nor be afraid" John 14:27.

There is not a life that is without conflict. All will experience trouble. All will hurt. Many times our faith becomes weak. We need strength that comes from the Lord. Another verse that helps is in First Peter 5:7, "Casting all your cares upon him; for he cares for you." Look at this verse: "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusts in thee"-Isaiah 26:3. Then, we are told: "Trust in the Lord forever: for the Lord is everlasting strength"-Isaiah 26:4.

The earth seems to be reeling. Every place we look we see trouble. People on the streets are not safe. People in fields are uneasy. Church buildings are being entered by folks intent on one thing--to hurt others!

Sometimes we feel like everything has just gone upside down. What is going on? Why are people acting like this? The obvious answer is that many have no foundation. Children are being brought up with divided homes; lying and stealing are seen as fine; and taking innocent life, is seen everywhere. But, let me tell you something: this has been going on since Cain killed his own brother! The world just has an overflow population now! More and more people means more and more trouble!

Man will never be at peace with himself, and with others, until he is at peace with God. God is the peace-bringer. God is the answer. But, saying that to some folks is a joke. They don't want God. They are having too much fun with the devil.

The devil offers much. Steal, lie, and cheat is his way. Jesus said: "*He was a murderer from the beginning*" (John 8:44); and when you have been accustomed to getting what you want when you want it, then it matters not!

Our world, right now, is acting like a spoiled child

who screams until his wants are supplied. Now, I tell you this, God is not like many parents of today. When His Children act up, He gives them a whipping (Hebrews 12:6). By the way, it says that God chastens (whips) those whom He loves! Just remember Job! Look at all that godly people have gone through down through the ages. Life is not a bed of roses. There are thorns on the stems of the rose bush!

What am I saying?

That the peace we seek is the one without any pain, hurt, or tears. Yes, I understand. I don't like pain either, but when we go through the hurt with God at our side, we will have that Peace that passes understanding (Phil.4:7).

Look at it like this, even God's Son suffered while He was here. We are born to trouble "*as sparks fly upward*"-Job 5:7. We will ever struggle with the devil. Our Lord did! Peter tells us that the devil is a roaring lion (I Pet.5:8). In other words, as long as we are in this world, trouble will be with us. The devil will try to destroy the Peace you have with God. Don't allow the devil to have his way!

YEAR LONG BIBLE STUDY

Week 42 (November 19)

Sun: Acts 7-8
 Mon: Deuteronomy 1-3
 Tues: II Chronicles 21-24
 Wed: Psalms 120-121
 Thurs: Proverbs 31
 Fri: Nahum
 Sat: Hebrews 11-13

Week 43 (November 26)

Sun: Acts 9-10
 Mon: Deuteronomy 4-6
 Tues: II Chronicles 25-28
 Wed: Psalms 122-124
 Thurs: Ecclesiastes 1-2
 Fri: Habakkuk
 Sat: James 1-3

**If you would like to join the forum to ask questions, share insights, or to receive encouragement, please see Gaylen or Nichole Williams.*

**THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF
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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PLEASE NOTE: We will have a midweek singing night on Tuesday, November 21. There will not be services on Wednesday, November 22.

In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, The office will be closed Wednesday, November 22—Friday, November 24, 2017. Thank You!

REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS:

Former Member, Emmanuel Pinewood, will be deploying soon to Iraq. Please keep him, his wife Naomi, and family in your prayers.

Rikki Martin's husband, Christopher, is deployed to South Korea. Please keep this family in your prayers.

OUR SICK: Dan Carter's friend, and wife of a former elder in San Antonio, Peggy Harris, is not expected to live long due to cancer reoccurring. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Trudy Perrault's daughter, Carol, will have to undergo foot surgery before she can have knee surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Dennis & Sandra Marler's daughter (Shanna Cuba), Donna Hines friend's granddaughter (Kylie Pruitt), Connie Cruz, her friends (Juanita Cardenas & Yolanda Perez) & Rey & Connie's family, Willard Dunn, Linda Walts, David Chapman, Jessica Bryant's friends (David & Sharissa Wills), Tina Pallo, Jim Dukes, Kyle Pocanowski's mother, James and Tammy Garner, Scott Davis, David Shilling, Letty Burgos' father, Brett Lingle, Brenda Sellers' mother, stepmother, & her sister (Jesse), Connie Havens, Al & Gayle Wilson's sister-in-law (Regina Farmer), Jean Basco, Alice Saffor, Dora Ray Chanslor, John Llewellyn's sister (Janet Schleyer), Nelda Cox, Mary Culp, Sybil Cason, Jonathan Simmons Sr., Janet Simmons, Jonathan Simmons Jr., Garnie & Nada Miller, Gail Mende's son (Eric), Shirl Foster, Zack & Amanda Petties' son-in-law's stepmother (Vivian), & Amanda Petties' brother & nephew. Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

VISITATION TEAMS: There will not be visitation assignments for the weeks of November 19 and November 26.

HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS: Our annual holiday baskets project for benevolence will be on December 2, at 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to participate. If anyone would like to contribute to the cost of the supplies, please see Lee Fisher.

FOSTER'S HOME FOR CHILDREN DRIVE: Our annual drive for Foster's Home for Children, in Stephenville, TX, is still underway and will run until November 26. We are collecting boxed cereal. Please place these items in the foyer on the table. Thank You!

Welcome to all our visitors and members!! To our visitors, we invite you to come back and visit with us whenever you can! Our speaker this morning is Dan Carter.

Please fill out an Attendance Card and pass it to the inner aisle so we may have a record of your attendance. Thank You!

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

19-Youth artistic activity in the fellowship hall at 3:30 pm.

22-24-The office will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

26-Foster's Home For Children Drive will end.

DECEMBER

2-Holiday Basket Project at 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall.

25-26-The office will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.

