

Understanding the Book of Proverbs through a Law/Gospel lens

Chapters 10-29

We have been taught that Lady Wisdom is the one to follow and Lady Folly is the one to avoid. The Scriptures have _____ with us to go after wisdom and to avoid folly. Now most of the rest of the book of Proverbs is going to be filled with practical application and teaching (law) to show us what it looks like to follow Lady Wisdom or Lady Folly.

As we look at these heavenly laws let us remember the four-fold pattern to properly allow the law to do its work:

- 1. Read _____ and honestly (this is a mark of wisdom-8:13)**
- 2. Confess our _____ of folly**
- 3. Gaze upon the _____ of our Christ and the salvation that is ours in Him by faith**
- 4. With a heart filled with _____, ask for the Spirit's help to walk in obedience to this law**

Remember the Law is _____ and has a specific purpose-it leads to Christ, displays Christ's righteousness, and then shows the redeemed how to be conformed into Christ's image

Proverbs 10:1

Proverbs 10:2

Proverbs 10:3

Proverbs 10:4

Proverbs 10:5

BONUS- Thoughts about fighting for the Truth without falling into error ourselves

-excerpts from chapter 1 of “History of English Calvinistic Baptists” entitled “The Legacy of John Gill” (1697-1771)

In a time of doctrinal decline John Gill valiantly defended the doctrine of God’s sovereign election. However, in his zeal to defend this truth he went too far and began to promote an error on the other side known as hyper-Calvinism

Previous reformed Baptist ministers (such as Benjamin Keach) taught in the universal offer of the gospel to all and that all men have a responsibility to repent and believe.

Gill, however, in an effort to fight the Arminianism of his day began to emphasize the eternal decrees of God in such a way that everything was pushed back to them. So, justification did not happen in time for a sinner but was decreed in eternity (essentially making the covenant of Redemption and the Covenant of grace one). Therefore, sinners did not have responsibility to repent. In a desire to defend truth he went too far.