

Application Questions

Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

Remembering last week's sermon, what was Solomon's second exhortation? Has this influenced the way you lived this past week? How have you lived the great adventure with grave joy?

Verse 9 – What are the characteristics of a wise person? How are wise people to share their knowledge? Who are your teachers? Who do you teach?

Verse 10 – Does this verse help you see what you are to share? Have you ever had to share challenging words with another? Is delivery important?

Verse 11 – What is a goad? Do you ever feel the sharpness of a goad during a sermon? How do you respond to sharp words shared from the pulpit? Read Acts 2:36-38 and Acts 7:54. Which group of hearers best describes you? As we ponder nails, what are nails to do? What have God's nails done for you?

Verse 12 – What do some people do when they don't like the sermons or the words of the Bible? Where do they go? What does this verse say about them?

Verse 13 – What is the fear of God to you? Do you fear God? Can you cite examples from Scripture that show God is to be feared? And if He is to be feared, how does this impact our obedience?

Verse 14 – What do you think of the judgment of God? What has Jesus done to release you from the judgment you deserve? Is this fair? What do you think of Jesus' work for you? How has this changed your life?

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed; but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and giving me forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

A note to our visitors

It is a pleasure having you as a special guest in our Sunday worship today. We hope that you feel warmly welcomed by those around you.

Our goal at Providence Church is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ through biblical worship and through a lifestyle of community to others. We consider it a privilege to make ourselves available to you and your family, and would appreciate the opportunity to get to know you better.

Perhaps you are new to the area and are searching for a church. Whether this is the case or whether you are simply visiting, we hope that it will not be your last time with us. Feel free to contact us at the church office (309-387-2600) if there is any way that we can be of service to you, or if you have questions that you would like answered about Providence Church or the Christian Faith.