

Sermon Handout

Citizens of the Kingdom Pt. 1

Proverbs 18:1-7

- I. Jesus is King; we are Citizens of his Kingdom**
- a. Transferred from one realm to another Col 1:12-17 *esp.* v. 13
 - b. The Kingdom flows from the throne of God Jn 18:33-37
 - i. It is **on** earth, but not **of** this world v. 36
 - ii. Jesus came to establish his kingdom v. 37
 - c. The kingdoms of the world have become the Kingdom of the Lord
 - i. Rev 11:15-17 *cf.* Rev 5:9-10
 - ii. Leading his people, Jesus conquers the world **with the Word**
Rev 17:14; 19:11-16
- II. How Shall Citizens of Christ's Kingdom Behave?**
- a. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom. Pr 4:7
 - b. Rejecting our own counsel as a source of wisdom Pr 18:1-2
 - “The fool, having no inkling of what is wise and noble, has fatuous satisfaction in following out and manifesting his intellectual and moral feebleness, which he regards as wisdom.” C.H. Toy *cf.* Ps 119:21
 - c. Seeking the wisdom of God Pr 1:1-7
 - i. Stated purpose of Proverbs vv. 1-6 *cf.* 4:5-13
 - To grasp wisdom, justice, judgment & equity *cf.* Ps 119:9-16
 - ii. Consider the contrast in v. 7
 - The fear of the Lord v. 7a *cf.* Rom 11:33-36
 - Fools despise wisdom & instruction *cf.* Pr 18:15
- III. Wisdom and Good Counsel**
- a. Safety in many counselors Pr 11:14; 15:21-22; 24:3-6
 - b. Good counsel is always based on God's word (his testimonies) Ps 119:24
 - c. Distinguish between wise and foolish counsel
 - i. Wise counsel comes from God & his law Pr 2:1-2, 6-9
 - ii. Foolish counsel is dangerous and must be avoided
 - Ahaziah – II Chron 22:1-4
 - Rehoboam – I Kgs 12:1-14 (II Chron 10:1-14)