

JUNE 2, 2024

"Trust... and Go"

Scripture: Proverbs 3:1-6 & Matthew 28:19-20



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GRADUATION SUNDAY

2nd Sunday after Pentecost & Graduation Sunday

AUTHOR

Proverbs was mostly written by Solomon, son of King David, the 3rd King of Israel, and known as the wisest man who ever lived. Agur, a wise teacher, and King Lemuel contributed some of the later sections. Proverbs was written and compiled from about 950 BC to 700 BC. Solomon also wrote Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs.

Matthew was written by Matthew (Levi), a Jewish tax collector who became one of Jesus' disciples. Matthew wrote especially to the Jews and the purpose of this gospel was to present clear evidence that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior. It was written approximately A.D. 60-65.

CONTEXT

Proverbs is a book of wise sayings to teach people how to live godly lives. It covers many topics and provides practical advice for daily living. In our scripture passage today, Solomon gives fatherly advice to young people, but anyone can benefit from these wise words.

The passage from Matthew takes place after the resurrection of Jesus as he gives his disciples final instructions.

ENCOURAGEMENT

When we make God an important part of all that we do, he will guide us, because we are working to accomplish his purposes. See Proverbs 16:3.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Proverbs 1:1-4. What is the purpose of Proverbs?
2. Read Proverbs 3:1-6. What is the son told not to forget in verse 1? Read Exodus 20:6 and Deuteronomy 30:16. What is said about keeping God's commandments?
3. What 4 things are the son told to do? (Proverbs 3:1-6).
4. What is the benefit of keeping the commands?
5. Proverbs 3: 5-6 talk about trusting in the Lord. We are not to lean on our own understanding. God's ways are incomprehensible. Read Isaiah 55:8-9 and Romans 11:33-34.
6. Proverbs 3:6 gives good advice about making decisions. What should we seek? What does Jesus say in Matthew 6:33?
7. Do we seek God first in our decision making or do we tend to rely more on ourselves? What does Proverbs 3:6 say God will do if we seek his will in all that we do?
8. Look at your values and priorities. What's important to you? Are there areas in your life where you do not acknowledge God or ignore him? Can we turn every area of our life over to God?
9. Read the words of Matthew 28:19-20. What does Jesus say new disciples are to be taught? And what does he say we should be sure of?

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