



# KING'S CHAPEL

## Daily Devotional - Proverbs Study

Week 1 - Day 5

### Approaching God

**Read Psalm 40:9-17** - *But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The LORD is great!" But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay.*

**Prayer:** God as I come to meet with you today, help me to be both personal and honest. I do not want to parrot generalities I have heard from others, but to witness specifically to your saving help in my life. Help me to remember your grace and praise you today in Jesus' name - Amen.

### Bible Reading, Study & Meditation - Proverbs 3:1-12

**Passage Introduction:** Proverbs chapter 3 lists six things that can serve as the marks of a wise person and at the same time are the means for growing in wisdom. The first is trust in the Lord. You can believe in God yet still trust something else for your real significance and happiness—which is therefore your real God. We hide how we do this from ourselves, and it is only when something goes wrong with, say, your career or your family, that you realize it is much more important to you than the Lord himself.

*Tim Keller - Proverbs: God's Wisdom for Navigating Life*

### Proverbs 3:1-12 - ESV

**1** My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, **2** for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. **3** Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. **4** So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. **5** Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. **6** In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. **7** Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. **8** It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. **9** Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; **10** then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. **11** My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof, **12** for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

**Start with Engaging the Text:** Take a few minutes to highlight, circle, or underline key words. What words or ideas are repeated, related, compared, contrasted? What key themes stand out to you?

## Daily Study Questions

Idols are the things you make the functional trust of your heart, whether it's your career, wealth, spouse, children, or some romantic relationship and the excessive emotions that surround them. You will be inordinately shaken, anxious, angry, or despondent if anything threatens them. They cloud your judgment, distort your vision of yourself and the world. Idolatries of the heart lead to foolishness in the life. The ultimate remedy for idolatry is the gospel. We won't need to justify ourselves by works—by success or romance or achievement—if we are freely justified by faith in Jesus (Romans 3:21–24).

- What 1 or 2 principles do you observe in this section?
- When in your life or the life of someone else have you seen this observation illustrated?
- How can you put this observation or principle into practice?
- What is the best candidate in your life for an alternate “god”?
- Lastly, try to summarize your thoughts by rewriting your main ideas and observations into your own words in a sentence or two.

## Close in Prayer:

*"Lord, when the Israelites prayed to you for help you did not respond, but when they "put away their idols," you began work in their lives (Judges 10:10–18). I too have run to you with my requests without the willingness to root out my deep, false gods. O Lord, "help me find my All in Thee" and in nothing else. Amen.*

