**Living Wisely – Pr. 25**

**Focal Truth: It is God’s glory to conceal His ways**

**Sacred similarities – Wise comparisons**

1. **God’s glory & the king’s glory – 1 – 7**

Rom. 11:33,36 – *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!*

*For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen*

Deut. 29 -29 – *the secret things belong to the Lord our God…*

Acts 1:7 – *it is not for you to know the times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority*

1. **Quick &. careful settlements – 8 – 10**

*Be vented rashly in a quarrel; think of what it will effect in the end, when your fellow puts you to shame. Defend your right against your fellow, but do not give away the secrets of another, let he who hears it reproach you, and your bad repute never end. Aramaic*

1. **Beautiful words &. boastful words – 11 – 15**

*Like a ring of gold, a golden ornament, is a wise man’s reproof in a receptive ear. Like the coldness of snow at harvesttime is a trusty messenger to those who send him; He lifts his master’s spirits. Aramaic*

*A gentle tongue can break bones Aramaic*

1. **Moderate eating & excessive visiting - 16 -17**

Do you like honey? Don’t eat too much or it will make you sick! NLT

1. **The weapons of lies – 18**
2. Lies like a club beat down those falsely accused
3. Lies like a sword deeply wound the falsely accused
4. Lies like a sharpened arrow pierce the mind of the falsely accused
5. **Songs of despair – good deeds, gossip & disagreements – 19 – 24**

Singing cheerful songs to a person with a heavy heart is like taking someone’s coat in cold weather or pouring vinegar in a wound NLT

*If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat, if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. You will be heaping live coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you Aramaic*

*A north wind produces rain, and whispered words, a glowing face Aramaic*

1. **Refreshing good news – 25**

*Like cold water to a parched throat is good news from a distant land Aramaic*

1. **The impurity of compromise – 26**

*Like a muddied spring, a ruined fountain, is a righteous man fallen before a wicked one Aramaic*

1. **The shame of self – arrogance – 27**

*it is not good to eat much honey, nor is it honorable to search for honor Aramaic*

1. **The defeated self – the uncontrolled self - 28**

*Like an open city without walls is a man whose temper is uncurbed Aramaic*