**Living Wisely – Pr. 22**

**Focal Truth: The Lord rewards those who fear Him**

*The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, honor & life 22:4*

*The effect of humility is the fear of the Lord, wealth, honor and life Aramaic*

**Life Truths – living in the world**

1. Reputation, riches, & caution – 22: 1 – 3

*Repute is preferable to great wealth, grace is better than silver & gold Aramaic*

1. Perversion, child rearing, & generousness – 22: 5 – 9

*Thorns and snares are in the path of the crooked; he who values his life will keep far from them Aramaic*

*Train a lad in the way he ought to go; he will not swerve from it even in old age Aramaic*

*The rich rule the poor, and the borrower is a slave to the lender Aramaic*

*The generous man is blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor Aramaic*

1. Scoffers, favor, adultery & laziness – 22: 10 – 11, 13 – 14

*The mouth of a forbidden woman is a deep pit; he who is doomed by the Lord falls into it Aramaic*

1. Child rearing, oppression & brides – 22:15 -16

*if follow settles in the heart of a lad, the rod of discipline will remove it Aramaic*

**Life Conduct – living in the fear of God**

1. Listen to the words of the wise – 22:17

*Incline your ear and listen to the words of the sages; pay attention to my wisdom Aramaic*

1. Apply the knowledge of God’s wisdom – 22:17
2. Obedience to God’s word brings pleasantness & trust in God – 22:17 -19
3. Life confidence comes from knowing God’s word – 22:20 – 21

*Have I not written to you, excellent things or counsels and knowledge. To make you know the certainty of words of truth that you may correctly answer him who sent you?*

1. Do not rob or crush the poor and afflicted – 22:22

*Do not rob the wretched because he is wretched; do not crush the poor man in the gate; for the Lord will take up their cause and despoil those who despoil them of life Aramic*

1. Do not associate with a man of anger – 22:24 – 25

*Do not associate with an irascible man, or go about with one who is hot – tempered. Lest you learn his ways and find yourself ensnared Aramaic*

1. Do not make financial pledges you cannot keep – 22:26 – 27

*do not be one of those who give their hand, who stand surety for debts, lest your bed be taken from under you when you have no money to pay Aramaic*

1. Do not cheat your neighbor over land boundaries that have been established – 22:28
2. Watch the skillful in their work they will be promoted – 22:29

**Things to Remember and Do**

1. God is the maker of the rich and the poor – 22:2

*Rich man and poor man meet; the Lord made them both Aramaic*

1. God rewards those who fear Him – 22:4
2. God sees the wise & subverts the wicked – 22:12

*the eyes of the Lord watch the wise m an; he subverts the words of the treacherous Aramaic*

1. God takes care of the poor & afflicted – 22:23