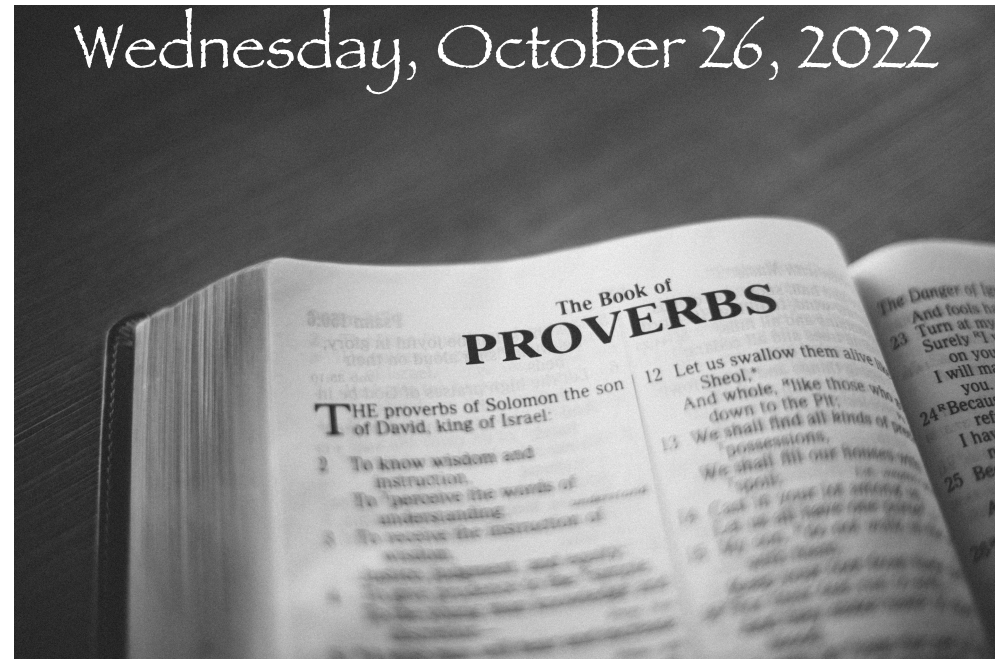


Message Notes:



Romans 12:1-2

Wednesday, October 26, 2022



Wednesday Night Bible Study Booklet

People I met tonight & how I can pray for them.

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With the Word Bible Commentary

The biblical pattern is to relate doctrine and duty, for what you believe must determine how you behave. In these closing chapters, Paul discusses your relationship with the Lord (12:1-2), yourself (12:3), the church (12:4-16), your enemies (12:17-21), government (chap. 13), and believers who disagree (chaps. 14-15).

Transformation (vv. 1-2). The Spirit of God transforms your life by renewing your mind (2 Cor. 3:18), but He cannot do this unless you give Him your body. When you give yourself to God in spiritual worship, you become a living sacrifice to the glory of God.

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David Guzik's Commentary

1. (1) The living sacrifice.

a. I beseech you: This reminds us that Paul appeals to our *will*. God calls us to make a *choice* about the way that we live for Him.

b. Therefore brethren: It is Paul's pattern to begin a letter with a strong doctrinal section and follow with exhortations to Christian living. Paul begs Christians to live a certain way in light of what God did for them.

c. By the mercies of God reminds us that we do this because of the mercy shown to us by God (described well in [Romans 1-11](#)), and that we are only *able* to offer ourselves to God as He works His mercy in us. God commanded us to do this, and He makes it possible for us to do it.

d. Present your bodies: Connected with the idea of [a living sacrifice](#), this calls to mind *priestly service*. Spiritually speaking, our [bodies](#) are brought to God's altar.

e. A living sacrifice: First century people, both Jews and pagans, knew first-hand what sacrifice was all about. To beg that they make themselves [a living sacrifice](#) was a striking image.

f. Holy, acceptable to God: When we offer our body, God intends it to be a [holy](#) and [acceptable](#) sacrifice. The standard for sacrifices made to God under the New Covenant are not any less than the standard under the Old Covenant.

g. Reasonable service: The ancient Greek word for [reasonable](#) (*logikos*) can also be translated "of the word" (as it is in [1 Peter 2:2](#)). [Reasonable service](#) is a life of worship *according to God's Word*.

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Personal Reflection:

Which verse(s) from tonight's section stood out to you the most? Why?

What is God speaking in this section that grabs your attention? What is it that God is saying in it?

How do you think God is seeking to have you apply what He has shown you in those verses?

For next week:

Read: Proverbs 31:1-9