

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## Favorite Proverbs Bible Study - Part 1

### Proverbs 3:21- 32 Lesson #5

\*\*INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in Proverbs before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures are from the New King James Version.

21-26 My son, let them not depart from your eyes – **keep sound WISDOM and DISCRETION**; so they will be life to your soul and grace to your neck. Then you will walk safely in your way, and your foot will not stumble. **When you lie down, you will NOT be AFRAID**; yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet. **Do not be afraid of sudden terror, nor of trouble from the wicked** when it comes; for the Lord will be your confidence, and will **keep your foot from being caught**.

•**Psalm 91:3-6** “Surely He shall \_\_\_\_\_ you from the snare of the fowler and from the \_\_\_\_\_ pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ by night, nor for the arrow that flies by day, nor of the \_\_\_\_\_ that walks in \_\_\_\_\_, nor of the \_\_\_\_\_ that lays waste at noonday.”

•**Psalm 142:3** “When my \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ within me, then You knew my path. In the way in which I walk they have \_\_\_\_\_ set a \_\_\_\_\_ for me.”

•**Psalm 124:2-3 & 6-7** “If it had not been the \_\_\_\_\_ who was on our \_\_\_\_\_, when men rose up \_\_\_\_\_ us, then they would have swallowed us alive, when their wrath was kindled against us.” (Verses 6-7)  
“Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as \_\_\_\_\_ to their teeth. Our soul has escaped as a bird from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_; the \_\_\_\_\_ is broken, and we have \_\_\_\_\_.”

•**Psalm 141:9-10** “Keep me from the \_\_\_\_\_ which they have \_\_\_\_\_ for me, and from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the workers of iniquity (sin). Let the \_\_\_\_\_ fall into their own \_\_\_\_\_, while I \_\_\_\_\_ safely.”

**Definition: “When you lie down, you will NOT be AFRAID”** – This is one of the many promises in God’s word for our protection from danger. Someone once counted **all the times God’s word tells us to “Be not afraid” of “Do not fear” and they said it was written 365 times in the Bible.** That’s one for each day of the year! In Psalm 91, **“SNARE of the FOWLER”** means the TRAPS of the DEVIL, and **“PERILOUS PESTILENCE”** means DISEASE or DANGEROUS EPIDEMIC (the Covid 19 pandemic could be one of them).

•**Psalm 34:7 & 19-20** “The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord encamps all around those that fear (reverence) Him, and \_\_\_\_\_ them.” (Verses 19-20) “Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ of them \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_ all his bones; not one of them is broken.”

•**Proverbs 1:33** “But whoever listens to \_\_\_\_\_ will dwell \_\_\_\_\_, and will be \_\_\_\_\_, without \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

•**Psalm 34:4 & 6** “I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and \_\_\_\_\_ me from \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_. This poor man \_\_\_\_\_ out, and the Lord heard him, and \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Hebrews 13:5-6** "...He Himself has said, 'I will \_\_\_\_\_ you, nor \_\_\_\_\_ you', so that we may boldly say, 'The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_, and I will \_\_\_\_\_ what man shall do to me.'"

**Definition:** "You shall NOT be AFRAID of the TERROR by night, nor for the ARROW that flies by day, nor of the PESTILENCE that walks in darkness, nor of the DESTRUCTION that lays WASTE" – These are all horrible things that we could be worried about and in constant FEAR, if we do not trust in the Lord for His protection. The "TERROR by night" could be just about anything. The "ARROW that flies by day" always makes me think of a drive-by shooting, or just being in the wrong place at the wrong time and getting shot or hurt somehow. The "PESTILENCE that walks in darkness," as we saw earlier, the word pestilence means deadly DISEASE, as in an epidemic or pandemic, or even cancer or any other deadly disease. The "DESTRUCTION that lays WASTE" would be any kind of large scale destruction, whether man-made, such as a bombing, or natural causes such as a volcanic eruption, tsunami, or earthquake. All of these things are in our world every day, and if we watch the news all the time, we will be FILLED with FEAR, because these are the types of things the news media loves to report. Our focus needs to be on our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, and our loving Father God, and how He promises to protect us and keep us from harm.

• **John 5:4** "For whatever is born of God \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_; and this is the \_\_\_\_\_ that has overcome the world—\_\_\_\_\_."

• **John 16:33** "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you might have \_\_\_\_\_ . In the \_\_\_\_\_ you shall have \_\_\_\_\_: but be of good \_\_\_\_\_; I have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_." (Amplified Bible translation for "overcome" is "I have deprived it of power to harm").

27-30 **Do NOT withhold GOOD from those to whom it is DUE**, when it is in the power of your hand to do so. Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, and tomorrow I will give it," When you have it with you. **Do NOT devise EVIL AGAINST your NEIGHBOR**, for he dwells by you for safety's sake. Do not strive with a man without cause, if he has done you no harm.

• **Exodus 20:17** "You shall not \_\_\_\_\_ your neighbor's \_\_\_\_\_, you shall not \_\_\_\_\_ your neighbor's \_\_\_\_\_, nor his \_\_\_\_\_, nor his \_\_\_\_\_, nor his \_\_\_\_\_, nor his \_\_\_\_\_, nor anything that is your \_\_\_\_\_."

• **Matthew 22:36-40** "Teacher, which is the great \_\_\_\_\_ in the law?" Jesus said to him, 'You shall \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great \_\_\_\_\_. And the second is like it: You shall \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ as yourself. On these two \_\_\_\_\_ hang \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and the Prophets.'"

**Definition:** "Do NOT withhold GOOD from those to whom it is DUE" – In James 5:1-4, God gives a warning to rich people who don't pay the wages that are due to their workers. **This is one meaning of "withholding what is good from those to whom it is due."** It could also mean NOT giving to the poor when God has prompted you to do so. It doesn't mean we have to give to every person who asks money from us, but to "those to whom it is due," which means those who really DESERVE to be helped, not just lazy people who refuse to work.

• **James 5:1-4** "Come now, you \_\_\_\_\_, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! Your \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the

last days. Indeed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ you fields, which you kept \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, cry out; and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the reapers (farm workers) have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.”

**Definition: “Do NOT devise EVIL AGAINST your NEIGHBOR”** – Many times, the commandments in the Old Testament are in the negative sense - do NOT do this or that, whereas in the New Testament, it is in the positive sense - DO this or that. So, **to LOVE your NEIGHBOR is the opposite, or positive side of DO NOT devise evil against your neighbor.**

• **Romans 13:8-10** “Owe no man anything except to \_\_\_\_\_ one another, for he who \_\_\_\_\_ another has \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. For the \_\_\_\_\_, ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘You shall not covet,’ and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, ‘You shall \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ as yourself.’ \_\_\_\_\_ does no \_\_\_\_\_ to a \_\_\_\_\_; therefore \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **James 2:8** “If you really fulfill the \_\_\_\_\_ according to \_\_\_\_\_, ‘You shall \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ as yourself,’ you do \_\_\_\_\_.”

31-32 **Do not ENVY the OPPRESSOR**, and choose none of his ways; for **the PERVERSE person is an ABOMINATION to the Lord**, but **His SECRET counsel is with the UPRIGHT.**

• **James 2:6-7** “But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the \_\_\_\_\_ you and drag you into the courts? Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?”

• **Proverbs 8:13** “The fear of the Lord is to hate \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and the evil way and the \_\_\_\_\_ I hate.”

• **Psalms 37:1** “Do \_\_\_\_\_ fret because of \_\_\_\_\_, nor be \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Psalms 73:2-3** “But as for me, my feet had \_\_\_\_\_ stumbled; my steps had nearly slipped. For I was \_\_\_\_\_ of the boastful, when I \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “Do NOT FRET because of EVILDOERS, nor be ENVOIOUS of the WORKERS of INIQUITY”** – The word of God uses the terms “evildoers” and “the wicked” and “ungodly” to describe people who are far away from God, and who are sinning constantly, and have no desire to know God. These UNBELIEVERS may seem to be getting along in life, and many of them even prospering financially and seeming to be without troubles in life. However, God promises that they will be JUDGED for their works and their evil deeds, and **they will ultimately be thrown into hell for everlasting punishment**, if they do not repent and turn to God. **This is what David meant when he said he came into the house of God and REALIZED what their END would be.** At first, he was envious of them and their lives, and wondered why he even bothered to follow God, but then he realized what their eternal state would be, and **he was content to wait for God’s judgment of them and their deeds.**

• **Psalms 73:12-14** “Behold, these are the \_\_\_\_\_, who are always at ease; they \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. Surely I have \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ in vain, and washed my hands in innocence. For all day long I have been plagued, and chastened every morning.”

• **Psalms 73:16-20** “When I thought \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ this, it was too painful

for me – until I \_\_\_\_\_ into the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; then I \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_. Surely you set them in slippery places; you cast them \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. Oh, how they are \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with \_\_\_\_\_. As a dream when one awakes. So, Lord, when You awake, You shall despise their image.”

• **Proverbs 23:17-18** “Do \_\_\_\_\_ let your heart \_\_\_\_\_, but in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ continue all day long. For \_\_\_\_\_ there is a hereafter (an after life, either in heaven or in hell), and your hope will not be cut off.”

**Definition: “The PERVERSE person is an ABOMINATION to the Lord” – Perverse means “turned away from, or opposing what is right or good; CORRUPT; improper, stubborn, obstinate.”** Abominable means causing disgust; detestable, hated. ABOMINATION means something that is detestable, DISGUSTING, hateful to God.

• **Ezekiel 8:6-10** “And He said to me, ‘Son of man, do you \_\_\_\_\_ what they are \_\_\_\_\_, the great \_\_\_\_\_ which the house of Israel \_\_\_\_\_ here, that I should be far from My sanctuary? But yet you will \_\_\_\_\_ still \_\_\_\_\_.’ Then He brought me to the entrance of the court, and when I looked, behold, a \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_. And He said to me, ‘Son of man, now \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_.’ So I dug through the wall, and behold, an entrance. And He said to me, ‘Go in and see the \_\_\_\_\_ that they are \_\_\_\_\_ here.’ So I entered and looked, and behold, every form of \_\_\_\_\_ things, and \_\_\_\_\_ with all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the house of Israel were carved on the wall all around.”

**Definition: “His SECRET counsel is with the UPRIGHT” –** Some things will always be a SECRET with God, until we get to heaven, but **He REVEALS to His SAINTS (the “UPRIGHT”) certain “mysteries”** that the general public (“the world”, the unbelievers) do not get to know or understand. This is one reason why Jesus taught in parables, because He told His disciples that certain things were revealed to them, but not to the crowds.

• **Psalm 25:14** “The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is with them that \_\_\_\_\_ Him, and He will \_\_\_\_\_ them His \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Deuteronomy 29:29** “The \_\_\_\_\_ belong to the \_\_\_\_\_ our God, but those things which are \_\_\_\_\_ belong to \_\_\_\_\_ and to our \_\_\_\_\_ forever, that \_\_\_\_\_ may \_\_\_\_\_ all the \_\_\_\_\_ of this law.”

• **Proverbs 1:1-6** “The \_\_\_\_\_ of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, to receive the instruction of \_\_\_\_\_, justice, judgement, and equity; to give \_\_\_\_\_ to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion – a wise man will hear and increase learning, and a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ will attain \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ and an enigma, the words of the wise and their riddles.”

• **Psalm 78:2** “I will \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_; I will utter dark \_\_\_\_\_ of old.”

• **Matthew 13:34-35** “All these things Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_; and without a \_\_\_\_\_ He did \_\_\_\_\_ speak to \_\_\_\_\_, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the \_\_\_\_\_, saying: ‘I will \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_; I will utter things which have been \_\_\_\_\_ from the foundation of the world.’”