



## Sermon Notes: Where There Is No Vision

### 1. What is a Proverb?

- A proverb is a short, pithy statement that makes a wise observation about the way life works in the real world.

### 2. How do you interpret a Proverb?

a. Note a few unique challenges.

b. Note what type of Proverb it is.

c. Let Scripture be its own interpreter.

Truth: Know the Word of God and do it.

### 3. What does this or any Proverb have to do with Jesus and the Gospel?

a. See Jesus as the man of wisdom par excellence.

b. See Jesus taking the curse so you could receive the blessing.

c. See Jesus sending you back to the Word with a new power and a new motivation.



## Gospel Applications: Where There Is No Vision

1. When/where/how have you heard Proverbs 29:18 used before?
2. Forgetting the sermon you just heard on this for a moment, how have you understood/applied this verse in the past? [If you hadn't heard it before, how do you think you would've understood/applied it on your own?]
3. What are some of your favorite things about reading the Proverbs? What are some of your least favorite things?
4. What challenges have you faced in trying to understand the Proverbs (or a specific Proverb) on your own?
5. What are some familiar Proverbs you've heard used in a "*I don't think that's what that means*" sort of way?
6. We often disobey God's Word because we can't imagine being happy (satisfied, free, etc.) unless we're doing what we want to do. Give an example of a time when you felt this way. How are you ignoring God right now in order to pursue some form of independence/happiness?
7. Give an example of a law that makes everyone in society safer and happier by restraining our absolute freedom to do whatever we want. How does the Word of God function like this at times?
8. What are some ways God intends us to experience happiness through obedience to his Word. What are some forms of blessing we might enjoy?
9. If you need to know "*the prophetic vision*" in order to do it, what are some practical ways you could get more of God's vision into your heart/mind?
10. What motivates your obedience? Are you more motivated by fear, duty, gratitude, or something else? How could you grow Gospel-driven motives?
11. What's one specific way you'll seek to change or grow in response to this message?