

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — May 5, 2024

Sermon Notes

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by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor.

Old Testament Reading: [Isaiah 59:12-19](#);

New Testament Reading: [Colossians 2:6-15](#)

- **We are Christians first**
- **We can agree to disagree**
- **Our real hope is God alone**
- **Our real war is spiritual.**
 - ◇ **What:** Be made strong in the Lord
 - ◇ **How:** Put on the fullness of God’s armor
 - ◇ **Why:** *Mandate:* HOLD YOUR GROUND
 - * Until He comes again. **He** will make all things right.
 - * Our real enemy is Satan.
 - * Our weapons are spiritual.
 - * We are fighting a spiritual, not a worldly, fight. Not fighting people, but ideas, attitudes, and pretensions.
 - * Our real power is prayer.

This Week: “Proverbs: *An Introduction*,” by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor.

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 - ◇ One of three ‘wisdom books’ : Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, along with two other books of poetry,: Psalms and Song of Solomon.
- **Proverbs in Salvation History**
 - ◇ Written first in King Solomon’s day ([1 Kings 4:29-33](#)), David’s son, and later edited during Hezekiah’s day some 200 years later.

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- ◇ Cause and effect of moral choices and actions.
- ◇ Wisdom—knowledge applied ([Exodus 31:1-3](#))
- ◇ Foundation of true wisdom if “the fear of Yahweh God”—the LORD.
- ◇ Includes for poems of lady wisdom calling the simple-minded and naïve to learn from her.
- ◇ To live by these words provides probable outcomes, but not promises (no guarantees.)

- **Christ in Proverbs**

- ◇ Paul equates the wisdom of God with Christ ([1 Corinthians 1:22-24](#))
- ◇ Christ is identified as the eternal Word of God through whom all things were made and by whom all things exist and have their being.
- ◇ [John 1: 1-5](#) and [Colossians 2:2-3](#)

Christ is the perfect embodiment of wisdom who exemplifies the perfect, wise life.

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