

28 March 1995 Morning Minchah

Tent of Meeting, Sus

Proverbs 12:24 — The Hand of the Diligent Will Rule

Prov 12:24 — "Prov 12 + 2x12 is 24" so we'd always remember. It's probably one of the most important verses in the Bible. After we were saved He put a spirit of diligence into us. It's a man's greatest possession. It means you'll do all the Father wants you to do. You keep all of His commandments. Verse 27 talks about a worthless person.

My daddy used to go hunting. He'd always eat what he hunted. A person who goes hunting and doesn't eat what he catches will go to the lake of fire. He is a worthless person, useless, not fit to live on the earth. It's a lazy person, of no account. I used to despise people who would go fishing and not eat the fish. It's a lazy good-for-nothing person. He has all the zeal to go hunt and fish but not eat it. They want to catch the fish and shoot the bird but not eat it. I used to hate going fishing. I never wanted to fish except we'd eat the fish we'd catch. They had to bend my neck to get me to go.

Verse 24 — It takes diligence to rule with our Master in the next age. The person who is not diligent but is slothful, lazy, cannot rule and becomes subject to another rule. Our Father has created man to rule over everything. If man isn't doing what he was created to do, he has no part in life. He'll be subject to death in all eternity. There are a lot of places where it talks about people of that sort.

Prov 6:6-9 — It's difficult to kill an ant (ants were invading Yoneq's cabin). I'd rather shoo them out of the house. But after I give them two or three chances, I have to take action.

Verse 9 — When it is your time to get up and do what you have to do. It is in your sub-conscience in the morning. You know what to do. If you don't have a sub-conscience you are unfit, fit for gehenna where the worthless things go. They are always burning garbage in gehenna. The smoke goes up forever. Therefore, if you have to do something in the morning, your sub-conscience alerts you to it. That's part of being a human being. It's just according to what kind of human being you are, how you respond to it.

Some will be put to forced labor. There is nothing worse than that. Our Father put something in us that's automatic. A person has character. If you do it, you have character; if not, you don't have any character. You haven't been redeemed from that worthless existence; you are not a believer in the Son of God. You haven't been bought out of that worthless existence yet. A person who belongs to Messiah has crucified the flesh. You don't live in that worthless existence anymore.

Just five more minutes. But you have to build the fire. The whole community depends on you. You won't rule with Messiah. You aren't diligent. If we don't do what we are created to do we are worthless. We might as well not live if we don't do what we are created to do. There is probably nothing worse than being a slave. Our Master wasn't a slave. He loved His Father.

Prov 6:6-11. Verse 11 — It's going to come upon you. So many places talk about this.

Prov 10:26 — There is nothing more irritating — vinegar on the teeth and smoke in the eyes is irritating. It's irritating to have something like that on your hand. If you have a lazy son or daughter, it's irritating. You send a person to do something and they don't do it. Our Master sent His disciples out telling them not to turn to the right or left. A lazy person gets distracted left and right. That person is worthless. They think they do something good. They talk to everybody on the way and get distracted and forget what they are sent for. Our Master said, "When you are sent somewhere, don't even talk to somebody on the way."

The elders have to be on time. They don't talk to anybody on the way to their meeting. They think they do something good, but the most important thing for them is to make decisions. Where two or three are gathered in my name...

I told Hakam the meeting starts at 9 o'clock. If he is late I won't let him into the meeting. Of course, Hakam left the house and about a thousand people had to talk to him. He doesn't have any business talking to those people at that time. He has to go to the meeting. That applies to all the elders.

Prov 10:4 — He who has a slack son becomes poor. But the son of the diligent makes rich. If you are poor you have a slack hand. It's according to who you are. If you are poor you

don't have much in you as a human being. What's in you is slackness. It's not diligence. You slack off. You don't put your guts into it. You are not diligent. There are two people — one who brings riches, one who brings poverty.

Prov 13:4 — The soul of the lazy man desires and has nothing. The soul of the diligent shall be made rich.

Prov 19:15

Prov 24:30 — The vineyard of the man devoid of understanding. Verses 30-34 — Your need will come like a lay-about. You will be absolutely just worthless. Little things betray us and let us know how we are and that we have to change. If we don't change we are setting the course of our whole life. We have really nothing worthy to give our life to. Our slackness betrays us. Many things betray us. The way we get out of doing something betrays us. The excuses that we make. The way we escape doing things we are responsible to do. We'd rather do something we like to do than what we are responsible to do.

Prov 12:24 — we reap what we sow. No matter how many times we confess our sins, 10 billion times a day, unless you are diligent you'll be put to forced labor. Our Father wants forgiven, diligent people, not just a bunch of forgiven people. Certainly, they are forgiven, but they are forgiven and diligent.

Being saved — does that just mean being forgiven? Or does it mean being redeemed, being restored? We are made in His image. He's restoring us back to His image.