

## ☒ BIBLE READING COLUMN: Life and Death\*

Proverbs provides for us the two great spheres that together comprehend all of our individual lives: the great sphere of life and the great sphere of death. To use the language of Proverbs, each one of us is either on the way of life or on the way of death. We may try to avoid death, but Proverbs tells us there is actually a whole way of death that we travel upon long before reaching the grace itself.

**In Proverbs, there is a way of death.** No, you are not dead while you are on the way. The way is taking you to death. And that way is made up of sinful choices. What this book teaches is that sin, by nature, is deadly. Our attraction to it is a fatal attraction. But there is another way: a way of life. The way of life takes you to life, and Proverbs describes this way with three different phrases: we are called to “know wisdom”; we are called to “do righteousness”; and we are called to “fear the Lord.” Together, these present the one way to life. To follow one is to follow the others. There is no true fear of the Lord that does not include wisdom, and there is no true righteousness that is not informed by wisdom and motivated by the fear of the Lord.

**So these are the two ways: they of life and the way of death. Each one of us will live on one path or the other.** At the end of our journey, we will all give account to God. He is the certain judge, not we. And this universal accountability is graphically portrayed in the universal experience of death. No one will escape death. No physical fitness, no advanced medical technologies, no health insurance, or anything else. Death will come to all of us. God will summon each of us to this final accounting.

**What shall we do in preparation for this accounting?** Shall we work really hard in order to prove ourselves righteous and wise before God? Sometimes people think that all this practical wisdom in Proverbs means it’s a book of morality and that it teaches us to save ourselves by following its requirements. But it does not! Proverbs knows we need more than instruction. It knows that we are all accountable to God for our wrong choices, and that our sin hinders our prayers and sacrifices (15:8; 21:27; 28:9). God is offended by our wrong actions, and he will judge us for them. He will repay every person according to what he has done (24:12). Indeed, all of us are debtors: “Who can say, ‘I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin?’” (20:9).

**So what shall we do?!** Proverbs teaches us that we must confess our sins and plead for mercy: “He who conceals his sins does not prosper but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy” (28:13). Does he who confess find a reward? No, he finds mercy! But if God promises to repay every person according to what he has done (24:12), how can anyone find mercy? Well, Proverbs does not provide as full an answer to that question as the New Testament does, but it does provide the general outline of an answer: “Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for” (16:6). Proverbs and the Old Testament points to God who in his love and faithfulness provides atonement for our sins. Then comes Jesus whom John the Baptist calls “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29). In Jesus we find atonement, wisdom, and life.

**Choose life. Choose wisdom. Choose Jesus.**

\* Adapted from “Proverbs: Wisdom for the Ambitious” by Mark Dever. Proverbs

Monday: Proverbs 29	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday: Psalm 42-43	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday: Proverbs 30	<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday: Psalm 44	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday: Proverbs 31	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday: Psalm 45	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - Mississauga Campus

NEW HOPE FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP	
<i>“The Third Hour” Prayer</i>	<i>Please join us for prayer together from 9:15-9:25am</i>
<b>Call to Worship*</b>	Pastor Charles Baik
<b>Songs of Praise* &amp; Prayer</b>	Come as you are   Broken Vessels
<b>Tithes &amp; Offering*</b>	Come thou fount
<b>Congregational Prayer*</b>	Erica Noh
<b>Scripture Reading*</b>	John 2:1-11
<b>Sermon</b>	Gospel Live (1): “Transforming Water into Wine” Pastor Jason Noh
<b>Apostles’ Creed &amp; Communion</b>	Pastor Jason Noh
<b>Response Song &amp; Prayer</b>	Our God
<b>Announcements</b>	Pastor Charles Baik
<b>Benediction*</b>	Pastor Jason Noh
<b>Fellowship</b>	<i>Please join us in the fellowship hall for snacks</i>
*If you are able, please stand.	

## ☒ NEW TO NEW HOPE?

Welcome! New Hope is a tri-campus church located in Mississauga, Downtown, and Uptown Toronto that celebrates the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a church that moves with a *Gospel-Centered, Missional Spirituality*. We encourage all our visitors to consider the following:

- Filling out the **CONNECTION CARD** found at the Welcome Desk
- Joining us in the **FELLOWSHIP HALL** after service (**@New Vine table**)
- Attending **CONNECTION POINT** (Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 11AM-12PM)
- Following us on **FACEBOOK** (facebook.com/newhopemississauga)
- Visiting our **WEBSITE** (newhopefellowship.ca/mississauga)
- Signing up for **DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES**  
newhopefellowship.ca/mississauga/news/winter-2018-discipleship-classes

## ☒ OFFERING TOTALS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

Campus	Tithe	Other	Total Offering
Mississauga:	\$6,949	\$663	\$7,612
Downtown:	\$7,123	\$50	\$7,173
Uptown:	\$961	\$20	\$981
<b>NHF Total:</b>	<b>\$15,033</b>	<b>\$733</b>	<b>\$15,766</b>

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## ☒ NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. NEW SERMON SERIES:** This Sunday, we will begin a new sermon series “Gospel Live,” going through the seven signs of Jesus from the gospel of John. We will explore how the gospel of Jesus is in action now in our lives.
- 2. STUDENT LOUNGE ROOM CHANGE:** Student Lounge will be meeting in the **EM Cafe** (room #B9, in the basement), at **11:15AM** for a time of the Word, prayer, and fellowship. Graduate students are also welcome. Contact Pastor Yuh if you have any questions.
- 3. VOLUNTEERS FOR CULTURAL FESTIVAL:** We are looking for volunteers to help supervise the bouncing castle at the Cultural festival. Volunteers will be asked to commit to one hour. If interested in helping out, please contact Pastor Susan at [susankim@hotmail.com](mailto:susankim@hotmail.com).
- 4. CONNECTION POINT:** Next **Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**, after service at 11AM in room 141, we will be hosting “Connection Point” for all newcomers and visitors who have been joining our Sunday worship at New Hope Fellowship. We invite all of you who are new to our community to connect with pastors and servant-leaders of our church through this event. To save your spot, please contact Pastor Charles Baik.
- 5. FIRST NATIONS MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY:** We are looking for New Hope members to join the First Nation’s mission trip this summer (Aug. 4-Aug 14) in Ontario. The purpose is evangelism using our skills, talents, and passion. There will be 7 weekly training sessions (starting Sat, Jun 23). If interested, please contact Dr. Joseph Park at [josephpark111@gmail.com](mailto:josephpark111@gmail.com).

## ☒ ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. SUMMER KICK-OFF PICNIC:** On **Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, NHF will have a Summer Kick-Off Picnic at **Centennial Park, picnic area 7**. Early bird tickets will be available in the **Fellowship Hall after service: \$5** for families, **\$2** for individuals 13+ and kids under 13 are free! For detailed information and maps visit [newhopefellowship.ca/summer-kick-off](http://newhopefellowship.ca/summer-kick-off).
- 2. CULTURE & KIDS FESTIVAL:** On **Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**, the LPC Missions Department will be hosting the Light Culture & Kids Festival for the Malton community. This is an opportunity to learn more and support LPC missions, and to interact with the Malton community. During the festival there will be *lots of food, a garage sale, wagon rides, a petting zoo and an electronics recycling event*. For more info about recycling electronics, contact Randy Kim at [randy.kim@rogers.com](mailto:randy.kim@rogers.com) or visit: [www.recyclemyelectronics.ca/on](http://www.recyclemyelectronics.ca/on). For the festival there will be **credit vouchers** available for pre-purchase at a **10% discount** in the Fellowship Hall after service
- 3. CULTURAL FESTIVAL GARAGE SALE:** During the Cultural Festival, LPC will be hosting a garage sale to raise funds for various missions. We will collect items **each Sunday** before the festival. There is a large **drop-off bin** outside the church front doors. Acceptable items include: furniture, appliances, clothing, etc. Please contact Randy Kim for more information.
- 4. FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE (FNL):** Join us at **7:30PM** in **room #310** for a time of prayer, reflecting on God’s Word, and fellowship. Contact Pastor Jason Yuh if you have any questions.
- 5. SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER:** Join us at **8AM** in the New Hope Chapel for a time of prayer, seeking the face of God, together in community!