

## For Our Information

Annette Gray continues to improve.  
Brenda Keisler continues to suffer with pain in her neck.

The Simpson family is out of town this weekend.

Summer is fast approaching and that will mean vacations and other travels. We need to remember one another in prayer regarding such travels. We also need to make sure we remember God when we are away from home.

Keep our brothers & sisters in mind

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

## Contact Us

We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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*But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children. Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us. **1Thessalonians 2:7-8***

How do we approach those who are in need of the Gospel? When born each human is fragile and can be spooked by the smallest of things. Each of us have probably heard a mother say "Walk softly, the baby is asleep." Paul said he approached the Thessalonians as a mother caring for her own children.

When we approach the lost with a bold, dogmatic attitude, we run the risk of causing them to flee rather than listen. We need to learn gentleness in our approach. This will not interfere with a need to present the truth. Paul did not compromise the truth, yet was gentle and tender. (DLH)

# Seeking His Righteousness

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## What Lemuel Learned From His Mother

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When you are the King of the country, you have a sense of power that gives rise to self worth and importance. It is not necessary to follow after anything others may say because after all, "I am the King." Many rulers have ascended the throne of pride and arrogance to wield a mighty sword of power. No one would dare confront the King in disagreement nor come before him without permission. (**Esther 4:11**) Subjects bow the knee before such a great potentates as the



*Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.*  
**Proverbs 31:30**



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## Meet With Us

### Worship Services

Sunday 10:20 am & 5:00 pm

### Bible Classes

Sunday 9:30 AM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

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King. Honor is bestowed upon the position of a King in great pomp and circumstance.

Preserved through the pages of God's holy book and hundreds of centuries is the story of an unknown king named Lemuel. His place in history is only marked by a brief reference in the book of Proverb. Nothing is known of him and even the reference to him is only in regard to something told him of his mother. **Proverbs 31:1** - *"The words of King Lemuel, the utterance which his mother taught him."*

His mother taught him the ways of the world are dangerous and that he should give heed to great words of wisdom. She knew his place as king would bring many temptations and dangers that would threaten him. Her advice to the King was to be fully aware of the dangers of the power that comes from being a king. *"Do not give your strength to women, nor your ways to that which destroys kings."* (**v3**)

Lemuel's mother taught him the dangers of wine and intoxicating drink. The atmosphere of power would surround him with the frivolity of the day. Great feasts would be given and banquets would fill every hall of the palace. Temptation would find itself in the base nature of *"licentiousness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries."* (**1Peter 4:3**) He is told by his mother these things do not belong in the life of a king. Imagine someone telling the king he should not indulge in such matters? Lemuel's mother did!

She knew the power of alcohol. It would cause him to forget the law and to *"pervert the justice of all the afflicted."* (**v5**) The only outcome of "strong drink"

## Store In My Heart

### Revelation

#### 20:14-15

Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

A reminder that God has a place ready for those who are against Him. While those singled out are God's enemies from the beginning, the latter part of this passage includes those who are not willing to submit to His Word as suffering the same fate. No matter why your name is missing from the book, you will suffer the same fate as all the wicked. Death and judgement are certain for all. Make sure you are doing what is needed to be listed in the book of life.

is that it is given to those who want to destroy their lives. Drinking brings about heartache, despair and bitterness of heart. (**v6**) As the King of the land, his responsibility would be to lead the people in justice and fairness. His mother reminds him that his role is vital to the security and welfare of the people. His voice would be heard for those who could not speak. (**v8**) He would need to judge righteously and *"plead the cause of the poor and needy."* (**v9**)

The influence of 'wine, women and song' is borne out by the words of Lemuel's mother. Many men have fallen to the temptation of the wine, the women and the song of mirth. She warns him against the merriment of wine. She also teaches him the true nature of a woman. Within the walls of the palace, beautiful women would be paraded before him constantly. They would be adorned with charm and beauty and temptation. These women would be as the wine that sparkles in the cup and swirls around smoothly; at last biting like a serpent and stinging like a viper. (**Proverbs 23:31-32**)

The true beauty of the woman is not found in the outward appearance but the *"hidden person of the heart."* (**1Peter 3:3-4**) Who could find a virtuous woman within the walls of the palace of power and temptation? In **Proverbs 31:10-31**, the mother of Lemuel describes for him the true inner beauty of a woman who fears God. We need more mothers like the mother of Lemuel. Did Lemuel listen to his mother? We will never know. She gave good advice. God preserved these words for you and me. Let us listen and abide by these words.