

I. THE DANGER OF THE DESERT AND THE BOUNTY

- A. The Wilderness Test: The desert was a test of hunger and dependence; the Promised Land is a test of fullness, abundance, and prosperity.
- B. The Threat of Abundance: Our overstuffed closets, full cupboards, and bank accounts act as a spiritual anesthetic, making us numb to our daily need for God.
- C. The Sin of Amnesia: Forgetting God is an active act of disobedience that starts with pride and terminates in total self-reliance.

II. THE TWO FORTRESSES (PROVERBS 18:10–11)

- A. The Fortress of Reality (**Proverbs 18:10**): The “Name of the Lord” is His total power, holiness, and character. The righteous man acts by running out of his own self-sufficiency into this objective, eternal shelter.
- B. The Fortress of Illusion (**Proverbs 18:11**): The rich man views his wealth as a fortified city and a high wall. It makes massive promises of protection, but it exists solely in his imagination.
- C. The Redefinition of Safety: Real safety is not insulation from earthly trouble, sickness, or death; it is eternal and final security from the wrath of God.

III. THE SEDUCTION OF THE SHORTCUT (PROVERBS 13:11)

- A. The Call of Folly: Folly calls out to young people through gambling, prediction markets (like Kalshi), and digital “get-rich-quick” hooks to bypass honest work.
- B. The Consequence of Haste: Wealth gained overnight vanishes because it bypasses the character-developing traits of patience, endurance, and daily trust.
- C. The Master’s Money: God owns 100% of the currency. Earthly money is the “very little” thing used as a diagnostic test to see if you can be trusted with the true riches of the New Jerusalem.

SOMETHING NEW TO ME

WHAT I HEARD ABOUT THE GOSPEL

SERMON REFLECTIONS

4. The sermon mentioned online pitches like the “Laptop Lifestyle,” crypto loops, and platforms like Kalshi that tempt people to get rich fast without working. Why do you think our culture, especially for young men, is so obsessed with hitting it big overnight instead of working slow and steady?
5. If your Enemy wanted to destroy your faith, he might actually want you to win big or make a million dollars instantly, so you feel like you don’t need God for anything. How does having “everything you want” right now make you blind to your daily, moment-by-moment need for Christ?
6. Proverbs 18:10 says the righteous man runs into the Name of the Lord. When you are stressed out, anxious about your future, or feeling insecure, what is the first “fortress” you run to for comfort or escape (social media, video games, money, popularity)?

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD *(CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)*

Good	Wise	Wrathful	Merciful
Just	Jealous	Faithful	Perfect
Holy	Gracious	Patient	Love
Other:			

KEY WORDS *(WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)*

Stewardship —

Fortress —

Windfall —

NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD