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THE INHERITANCE OF THE RIGHTEOUS



“The blameless will receive a good inheritance.” – Proverbs 28:10

The book of Proverbs is not only a book of wisdom but also a book of promises. The watchful eye finds invigorating and comforting promises for the soul on its pages. Such a promise is found in Proverbs 28:10: “The blameless will receive a good inheritance.” The verse is not controversial, but there is an unsuspected depth in the clarity of its wording.

establishes the subject of the statement and delimits it by describing the innocent people from the other people. Therefore, not all people receive a good inheritance, but only innocent, righteous people. As the psalmist declares, happiness and good things can visit the wicked from time to time. "For I was envious of the arrogant, as I saw the prosperity of the wicked." (Ps. 73:3). Still, their happiness is fleeting because it is not based on that which is steadfast. "How they are destroyed in a moment! They are utterly swept away by sudden terrors!" (Ps. 73:19).

2. The blameless will receive a good *inheritance*. Sometimes we think with fear about the good things in our life and happiness, not knowing if we'll have them or not, and when we experience happiness, we don't know if we'll be able to keep it. But the text emphasizes the soundness of the righteous man's hope for happiness by using the word "inheritance." **In other words, King Solomon says to the righteous, "happiness is yours; the good things are yours."** Through the New Covenant, the inheritance is secure. Righteous people inherit all that is assured to them through the death and resurrection of Christ. "And if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:17). Through our covenant relationship with Christ and our right to become children of the Father, we have become heirs. But what is this *good* inheritance?

3. The blameless will receive a *good* inheritance. Since this statement appears in Scripture, it is important to define the **good things (happiness)** in biblical terms. So how does the Bible define happiness? Happiness, the Bible sums up, is the right relationship with God and all that comes from it. Thus, happiness is defined as the peace offered by the conscience reconciled by the blood of Christ. "How blessed is he whose wrongdoing is forgiven" (Ps. 32:1). Then happiness is the experience of God's love and goodness in good times and bad, when we can confidently say that the Lord is "our refuge" (Ps. 91:9). Happiness is also the power in prayer and the assurance that our prayers are heard, that burdens and worries are upon our High Priest (1 Peter 5:7). Finally, happiness is the unshakable hope "that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God" (Romans 8:28). But this is only the present happiness and good inheritance, which we live in time and space. Future happiness speaks of "things which eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the human heart" (1 Corinthians 2:9). It speaks about our future happiness, to which those who know God are heading. However, what a comfort to know the happiness of walking with the Lord in this life!



I pray that in ten or twenty years from now, the hospitals and palliative care centers in Romania will have a music therapist, a graduate of EUO, who will bring God's blessing into the lives of those going through suffering.

Assoc. Prof. Lois Vaduva

I started my piano lessons when I was four years old, passionate about this instrument. Over time, however, I discovered other areas that I was passionate about, such as history. So, when I was in the 12th grade, I decided to give up music and move on to a field that involved history and research. A professor from Emanuel University in Oradea who knew me, Prof. dr. Nicolae Bica found out about my plans and asked to meet with me. He brought me a book about the social and political context in which the great composers lived and told me not to give up music because there is an extraordinary historical richness in this field. After reading that book, I was fascinated by the history of music and decided to study at the Music Department of Emanuel University. I did my Ph.D. on interference between the socio-political context and music. Today I teach History of Music at Emanuel University, and I hope to pass on to my students my passion for this subject. I chose EUO because here, I have the opportunity to work in a Christian institution that aims to change society for the glory of God - through integrity, excellence, and passion.

My passion is music therapy, and I started getting involved in this field in 2016 at the urging of the director of Emanuel Hospice Foundation, Marinela Murg Rotariu and with the help of visiting professor, Dr. Cheryl Winget who taught our first Introduction to Music Therapy course. Since then, together with my Music students, I have worked with hundreds of children—some diagnosed with cancer or other serious illnesses and children with various special needs or disabilities. While working with these children, I realized that I needed thorough training to better support the children I work with and to train the students involved in this initiative. So, I pursued a master's degree in Music Therapy at the University of West of England in Bristol, UK. There we had special teachers who understood our vision and decided to help us develop music therapy in Romania. I am glad that, since last year, we have initiated a special collaboration between Emanuel University and the University of West of England in the field of music therapy.

My prayer and hope are to be able to instruct well-trained music therapists at Emanuel University who should be well-trained academically but also faithful people of integrity, character, and love for others. I pray that in ten or twenty years from now, the hospitals and palliative care centers in Romania will have a music therapist, a graduate of EUO, who will bring God's blessing into the lives

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Mihai Lazăr, Music II

I have been passionate about music since I was a child. For me, music is a place where I can relax and spend hours in harmony, and it is a beautiful way of worshiping God. The baccalaureate test after high school was stressful. Emanuel University was not my first choice in deciding which university to go to for my studies, but the Lord closed and opened doors to do His will. I am very grateful to God for opening this door for me and being a student at this university. I bring praise to Him and thank the Lord that I have been able to develop spiritually and professionally at this university. Although I am a shy person, I have met colleagues eager for God's Word, and now we are good friends. I have also been blessed with excellent teachers who are willing to devote their time to help us shape and develop a beautiful character.

Mihai Lazăr, Music II

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