

**WISDOM
AND THE
WISE**

PROVERBS 11-17

Introduction

A. Some modern proverbs

B. We are always looking for wisdom

Wisdom is defined as the ability to use knowledge in the right way

C. Solomon asked God for wisdom at the beginning of his reign

2 Chronicles 1:7-12

7 In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee.

8 And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead.

9 Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.

10 Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great?

2 Chronicles 1:7-12 - continued

11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:

12 Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.

Psalm 148:5

And ^{Gen. 1:7}you waters above the heavens!

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
For ^{Gen. 1:1, 6}He commanded and they were established

6 ^{Ps. 89:37}He has also established them forever and ever;
He has made a decree which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth,
^{Is. 43:20}You great sea creatures and all the depths;
8 Fire and hail, snow and clouds;
9 Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;

10 Mountains and all hills;
Fruitful trees and all cedars;
Beasts and all cattle;
Creeping things and flying fowl;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples;
Princes and all judges of the earth;
12 Both young men and maidens;
Old men and children.

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
For His ^{Ps. 8:1}name alone is exalted;
His glory is above the earth and heaven.

14 And He ^{Ps. 75:10 - Strength}has exalted the horn of His people,
The praise of all His saints—
Of the children of Israel,
A people near to Him.
^{Heb. Hallelujah}

Praise to Him from Creation
PSALM 149

^{Heb. Hallelujah}**PRAISE** the LORD!
^{Ps. 150}"Sing to the LORD a new song,
And His praise in the congregation of saints.

2 Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 "Let them praise His name with the dance;
Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;
He will beautify the humble with salvation.

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory;
Let them ^{Job 35:10}sing aloud on their beds.

6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,
And ^{Heb. 4:12}a two-edged sword in their hand,

7 To execute vengeance on the nations,
And punishments on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings with chains,
And their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 "To execute on them the written judgment—
"This honor have all His saints.
^{Deut. 7:1, 2 - 1 Cor. 6:2}

"Praise the LORD!" ^{Heb. Hallelujah}

"Praise the LORD!"
PSALM 150

^{Ps. 145:5, 6}**PRAISE** the LORD!
Praise God in His sanctuary;
Praise Him in His mighty "firmament!" ^{Ps. 150:6}

2 Praise Him for His mighty acts;
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

3 Praise Him with the sound of the "trumpet;

Proverbs 1:12

Praise Him with the lute and harp!
Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;
Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!
Praise Him with loud cymbals;
Praise Him with high sounding cymbals!

6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
^{Heb. Hallelujah}"Praise the LORD!"

The Book of

Proverbs

THE proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:

2 To know wisdom and instruction,
To "perceive the words of understanding,
3 To receive the instruction of wisdom,
Justice, judgment, and equity;

4 To give prudence to the "simple,
To the young man knowledge and discretion—
5 A wise man will hear and increase learning,
And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,

6 To understand a proverb and an enigma,
The words of the wise and their "riddles.

7 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,
But fools despise wisdom and instruction. ^{Job 28:28}

8 "My son, hear the instruction of your father,
And do not forsake the law of your mother; ^{Prov. 4:1}
9 For they will be graceful ornaments on your head,
And chains about your neck.

10 My son, if sinners entice you,
"Do not consent. ^{Gen. 39:7-10}
11 If they say, "Come with us, Let us "lie in wait to shed blood;
^{Jer. 5:2}Let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;
12 Let us swallow them alive like "Sheol,
And whole, "like those go down to the Pit;

Proverbs 1:1-7

1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;

2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;

3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

I. The Wise See The Benefits Of Wisdom (vv 2-4)

A. To know = have knowledge, be wise

1. Wisdom = he who has wisdom is wise

Proverbs 4:7

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

2. Instruction = Discipline

Proverbs 1:8

My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

Proverbs 13:1

A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

I. The Wise See The Benefits Of Wisdom (vv 2-4)

B. To perceive the words of understanding

1. You must know the words yourself

2 Timothy 2:15

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

I. The Wise See The Benefits Of Wisdom (vv 2-4)

B. To perceive the words of understanding - continued

2. You must discern if others have the same understanding

Luke 12:46

Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?

1 Corinthians 2:13-14

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

I. The Wise See The Benefits Of Wisdom (vv 2-4)

C. To take hold on instruction in ...

Proverbs 4:13

Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.

1. Wisdom

1 Corinthians 2:10

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

2. Justice = righteousness

Hosea 10:12

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for *it is* time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

I. The Wise See The Benefits Of Wisdom (vv 2-4)

C. To take hold on instruction in ... - continued

3. Judgment

John 7:24

Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

4. Equity = uprightness

Proverbs 8:6

Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.

I. The Wise See The Benefits Of Wisdom (vv 2-4)

D. To be prudent

1 John 4:1

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

E. Knowledge and discretion to the young person

Psalms 119:99

I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

Proverbs 2:11

Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:

II. The Wise Believe In Wisdom (vv 5-6)

A. Leads to increased learning

Proverbs 9:9

**Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser:
teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.**

B. Will take wise advice

Proverbs 4:5

**Get wisdom, get understanding: forget *it* not; neither
decline from the words of my mouth.**

C. To understand spiritual truth

Mark 4:11

**And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the
mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are
without, all these things are done in parables:**

III. The Wise Know The Beginning Of Wisdom

(v 7)

“The fear of the Lord”

A. It's meaning

B. It's methods

1. Works anytime, even in trouble

Job 28:28

And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

III. The Wise Know The Beginning Of Wisdom

(v 7)

The fear of the Lord

B. It's methods - continued

2. Witnesses one's commitment

a. To His commandments

Psalm 111:10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

b. To His concerns

Proverbs 8:13

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate

III. The Wise Know The Beginning Of Wisdom

(v 7)

The fear of the Lord

B. It's methods - continued

3. Withstands the test of time

Psalm 19:9

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

4. Warns those who despise it

Psalm 14:1

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

Do You Know The Being Of Wisdom?

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.