

2.THE FEAR OF THE LORD Proverbs 1:1-7

1. REVIEW. Vs 1-6

- Vs 1: The author: Solomon. He is able to dispense and fulfill the stated need and goals listed here!
- **Key principle:**
Solomon received wisdom from God as he _____ the Lord in _____!
1 Kings 3:5-15

Our prayer objective as we study Proverbs.

James 1:5-8 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. ⁷ For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. ⁸ A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

- God _____ to give us wisdom! Vs 5
- We must _____ to receive! Vs 6
- Unbelief results in _____ in our lives! Vs 6-7
- **Vs 2-6: The goal of our study in Proverbs**
Knowledge = is an opening of the eyes! (Gen 2:17 & 3:7) You can SEE a new truth. "oh, I see!"
Understanding = is comprehension. Gen 11:7
Wisdom: is knowing what to DO. Gen 3:1-6 *compare* 41:33-41
- **Other key words.**

Justice (3x's in Proverbs) and equity (3x's in Proverbs)

Genesis 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

And judgment. (18x's in Proverbs) And equity. (3x's in Proverbs)

Psalm 98:9 Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

Knowing the way of the LORD is needed. Justice, judgment and equity.

This is the ability to see what is right and make what is right.

Knowing the way of the WOLRD is needed too! Subtilty and discretion.

Subtilty (2x's in Proverbs)

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Genesis 27:35 And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing.

Jacob was able to beguile Isaac thru his subtilty. The simple need subtilty. Vs 4

Discretion (6x's in Proverbs) The Hebrew word is translated various ways in the KJV:

discretion 4x's | wicked device 3x's | device 3x's | thought 3x's | intents 1x |

mischievous device 1x | wickedly 1x | witty inventions 1x | lewdness 1x | mischievous 1x

Subtilty and discretion – is the ability to navigate situations without getting trapped.

Vs 5-6. Objectives: Hear. Attain.

The wise man will: Hear. Increase learning. Attain = (vs 6) understanding and interpretation.

- **Our approach in this study. :**

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

The formula: Understanding + Interpretation = Application.

KEY VERSE: PROVERBS 1:7

- Right in the introduction to this book, Solomon gives us the [] to [] wisdom!

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

What is the FEAR OF THE LORD? To [] before Him or [] before Him?

Compare: 9:10; Job 28:28; Psalm 111:10

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.

Principles on fearing the LORD.

- To fear God is to see Him for WHO He is; giving Him the [] and [] that is due Him via our [] to His Word.

1 Samuel 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

Note the inverse insight in vs 7! "*but* fools despise wisdom and instruction."

- If you really fear the Lord, you submit to what He says. You obey Him. As a child does their parent. **Vs 8 1 Peter 3:1-4**
- If you don't fear, you don't [] what the LORD commands.
- Warning: Don't miss the full meaning of fear.

God is love. God is also justice and vengeance over sin.

Hebrews 12:18-21 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, ¹⁹ And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which *voice* they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: ²⁰ (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: ²¹ And so terrible was the sight, *that* Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Consider God and let terror keep you straight. Submitted to His Word.

- **Take God seriously.**

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.

- Place your fear properly. Where the fear of God delivers us, the fear of man imprisons us.

Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

KEY: Trust (fear) and obey! This is the great treasure of God; the greatest gift that you can know this side of your salvation!

Isaiah 33:5-6 The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness. ⁶ And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, *and* strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.

PRAYER: We need to call on God for...

- His glory is great.
- Heavenly wisdom.
- The ability to see Him for Who He IS and fear.
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