

Proverbs - Be a Wise Guy for God God and Man

Week 3

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Class Topics

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The Simple, the Mocker and the Fool - Review

Wisdom is more than ordinary insight and understanding - Skill in living
Wisdom was a critical component for government advisors (24:3-6, 15:22)
Wisdom's rewards include (3:1-10, 16-18)

Long Life and Prosperity	Favor with God and Man
God's Guidance in Life	Good Health
Success and Wealth	Peaceful Paths

The unwise will eat the fruit of their ways and be destroyed (1:29-32)

The Simple lacks wisdom and doesn't care or know any better (1:22)
Primary Problems - The Simple is inexperienced (7:7), gullible (14:15) and careless (22:3)

The Mocker lacks wisdom, is proud of it and ridicules the wise (21:24)
The Mocker cannot be corrected (9:7-8) and should be avoided (22:10)

The Fool can't focus (17:24), lacks judgment (12:11), speaks without thinking (18:6-7),
despises discipline (1:7), won't compromise (18:2), has a bad temper (29:11), loves evil (10:23)
The Fool should be avoided (13:20; 17:12)
Parents use discipline to remove folly from children (22:15)

God's Characteristics

God is *omniscient*

Proverbs 5:21
Proverbs 15:11

God is *omnipresent*

Proverbs 15:3

God is *omnipotent*

Proverbs 19:21
Proverbs 21:30

God is *sovereign*

Proverbs 16:4
Proverbs 16:9
Proverbs 16:33
Proverbs 21:1

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God and Man

What is our relationship with God?

Proverbs 22:2

How is wisdom involved in this relationship?

Proverbs 3:19-20

What has God given us so that we may obtain His wisdom?

Proverbs 30:5-6

What God Sees in Man

How much does God know about us?

Proverbs 15:3

What unwise ways of man does God see that really bother Him?

Proverbs 6:16-17

Proverbs 6:18

Proverbs 6:19

How else does God judge man besides by his behavior?

Proverbs 16:2

Proverbs 17:3 (21:2)

Proverbs 20:27

How is Man to Respond to God?

How does God want us to respond to Him?

Proverbs 3:7 (8:13)

Why should we Fear the Lord?

Proverbs 10:27

Proverbs 14:26-27

Proverbs 19:23

How else does God want us to respond to Him?

Proverbs 3:5 (22:19)

Why should we Trust the Lord?

Proverbs 3:5-6

Proverbs 28:25

Proverbs 29:25

What does it mean to both fear and trust the Lord? How do they differ?

Those Who Fear and Trust in God

What type of people fear and trust in the Lord?

Proverbs 18:10 (10:29)

How does God feel about those who fear and trust in Him?

Proverbs 15:9 (15:29)

How does God especially bless those who fear and trust in Him?

Proverbs 12:28 (11:4, 19, 30)

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Expectations for the Righteous and the Wicked

What does Solomon expect for the Righteous?

Proverbs 2:7-8
Proverbs 3:25-26
Proverbs 10:3
Proverbs 10:7
Proverbs 11:5
Proverbs 11:28
Proverbs 13:9
Proverbs 21:21

What does Solomon promise to the wicked?

Proverbs 21:12
Proverbs 22:5
Proverbs 22:8
Proverbs 26:27
Proverbs 28:1

The Doctrine of Retribution

Do you agree with the Doctrine of Retribution?

Proverbs 12:21

(see also Proverbs 3:33; 10:6, 16, 24, 27; 11:8, 21, 31; 12:7; 13:9, 21, 25)

What are some clearer ways to understand these proverbs?

Proverbs 29:6 (11:6)
Proverbs 11:18
Proverbs 13:6

What is the real reason that bad things happen to righteous people?

Proverbs 20:6 (Romans 3:10-12)

What else should we remember during times of trouble?

Proverbs 3:11-12

The Importance of Righteousness

So if we are sure to see troubles in this life, why should we bother with striving to be faithful and righteous?

Proverbs 10:28

Does God just want us to come to church and give offerings each week?

Proverbs 21:3 (21:27)

How does righteousness relate to what we call success in life?

Proverbs 16:8

How does righteousness relate to our society and even our government?

Proverbs 14:34
Proverbs 16:12 (20:26)
Proverbs 28:15-16 (29:2, 12)
Proverbs 21:27

Proverbial Quiz (page 4)

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Proverbial Quiz

1. Match the two Bible Proverb halves in each grouping:

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| 1. There is a way that seems right to a man, but | a. lean not on your own understanding; (3:5) |
| 2. Trust in the LORD with all your heart and | b. fear the LORD and shun evil. (3:7) |
| 3. A man's wisdom gives him patience; | c. in the end it leads to death. (14:12) |
| 4. Do not be wise in your own eyes; | d. it is to his glory to overlook an offense. (19:11) |
| 5. Speak up and judge fairly; | e. bind them around your neck, write them on your heart. (3:3) |
| 6. Do not swerve to the right or the left; | f. it is attained by a righteous life. (16:31) |
| 7. Gray hair is a crown of splendor; | g. keep your foot from evil. (4:27) |
| 8. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; | h. defend the rights of the poor and needy. (31:9) |
| 9. The wicked man flees though no one pursues, | i. but the righteous give without sparing. (21:26) |
| 10. Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint, | j. but the righteous are as bold as a lion. (28:1) |
| 11. When words are many, sin is not absent, | k. but blessed is he who keeps the law. (29:18) |
| 12. All day long he craves for more, | l. but he who holds his tongue is wise. (10:19) |
| 13. He who pursues righteousness and love, | m. yet a man will do wrong for a piece of bread. (28:21) |
| 14. For a man's ways are in full view of the Lord, and | n. finds life, prosperity and honor. (21:21) |
| 15. Many are the plans in a man's heart, but | o. He examines all his paths. (5:21) |
| 16. To show partiality is not good, | p. it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. (19:21) |

2. Fill in the blanks of these English proverbs:

Cleanliness is next to _____

Count your _____

Everybody wants to go to heaven but nobody wants to _____

Faith will move _____

God helps those who _____

Good fences make _____

If you can't be good, be _____

It's better to give than _____

One good turn deserves _____

The family that prays together _____

There but for the _____ go I

To err is human, to _____