

WISDOMS PROTECTION

PROVERBS 2

Text:

Introduction:

The theme of Proverbs 1 is Wisdom's Plea. The theme of Proverbs 2 is Wisdom's Protection.

Note:

1. THE CONDITION FOR ACQUIRING WISDOM (VS. 1-4)

Proverbs 2:1-4

¹My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; ²So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding; ³Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* liftest up thy voice for understanding; ⁴If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures;

A. We Must Be Receptive, Responsive, and Resolute

If we want to be wise we must be:

1. Receptive (vs. 1)

The word “if” reveals a choice in the process of acquiring wisdom.

God created people, not puppets.

2. Responsive (vs. 2-3)

Incline reveals a response in the process of acquiring wisdom.

We need to make an active effort to become familiar with wisdom.

Remember it begins with a reverence and respect for God.

We need to make an active effort to get to know the Word of God where the highest wisdom is stored.

3. Resolute (vs. 4)

Finding silver and finding hidden treasure both call for determination or being resolute.

Webster defines resolute as: Having a fixed purpose; determined; hence, bold; firm; steady; constant in pursuing a purpose.

2. THE CONSEQUENCES OF ACQUIRING WISDOM (vs. 5-22)

A. Delight in the Lord (vs. 5-8)

Proverbs 2:5-8

⁵ Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding. ⁷ He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: *he is* a buckler to them that walk uprightly. ⁸ He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.

1. The Origin of Wisdom (vs. 5-6)
2. The Object of Wisdom (vs. 7)
3. The Outcome of Wisdom (vs. 8)

B. Deliverance by the Lord (vs. 9-22)

1. Perception (vs. 9)

Proverbs 2:9

⁹ Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; *yea*, every good path.

2. Pleasure (vs. 10)

Proverbs 2:10

¹⁰ When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;

3. Protection (vs. 11-22)

- From Evil Men (vs. 11-15)

Proverbs 2:11-15

¹¹ Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: ¹² To deliver thee from the way of the evil *man*, from the man that speaketh froward things; ¹³ Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; ¹⁴ Who rejoice to do evil, *and* delight in the frowardness of the wicked; ¹⁵ Whose ways *are* crooked, and *they* froward in their paths:

- His way
- His words
- His walk
- His wickedness

- From Vile Women (vs. 16-22)

Proverbs 2:16-22

¹⁶ To deliver thee from the strange woman, *even* from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words; ¹⁷ Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. ¹⁸ For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. ¹⁹ None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life. ²⁰ That thou mayest walk in the way of good *men*, and keep the paths of the righteous. ²¹ For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. ²² But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

- She is flattering
- She is forgetful
- She is fatal

Close:

May we understand the benefit of wisdom, as well as where wisdom begins.