

“PROVERBS”

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INTRODUCTION

- A. Experience is the best teacher.....But the tuition if high!
 - B. Proverbs are a literary device to “arrest attention, awaken responsive thought, and remained fixed in the memory.
 - C. AUTHOR:
 - 1. Solomon (I Kings 4:29-34).
 - 2. If others wrote some of them (Proverbs 30:1, & 31:1) Still Solomon is responsible for presenting them to us.
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WE NEED KNOWLEDGE

- A. Why Is It Necessary to seek the knowledge given from the book of Proverbs?
 - B. Because of man’s deficiencies. Look at 5 given in the Book.
 - 1. Give Subtlety to the Simple.”
 - a. Some people are gullible. ‘
 - b. Will believe anything.
 - c. Or as we say....they will fall for anything.
 - 2. Next Solomon talks about **young people**.
 - a. Nothing wrong with being young as long as we will admit it.
 - b. A lot of things the young do not know.
 - c. Also true of spiritually young.
 - d. Proverbs teaches the importance of ;and helps us to Mature.
 - 3. The Inadequacy of the Wise.
 - a. Those who claim to be wise are deficient because of their inadequacies of knowledge.
 - b. Wise men realize they must learn.
 - c. Really wise people know how relative is their wisdom.
 - 4. Men of Understanding (1:5)
 - a. A true understanding is seen in behavior.
 - b. Do we understand or just think we are understanding?
 - 5. “Fools despise wisdom and instruction” (7)
 - a. Bible word “fool” is not a persons lack of mental knowledge or equipment.
 - b. Is talking about a person’s chosen attitude and fixed outlook.
 - c. Example: “Fools make a mock of sin.” Or “Fool says in his heart there is no god.
 - C. WITH THESE FIVE KINDS OF NEEDS....
 - 1. Check ourselves ...see where we fit. 2. Proverbs will help us overcome
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Procurement of Knowledge

A. HOW DO WE GET OR PROCURE THIS KIND OF KNOWLEDGE?

1. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge” (1:7).
2. “Fear” as used in this verse is **awe, respect & love** all rolled up in one.
3. We get this knowledge by respecting the teaching of God.

B. SOME OF THE BROAD IDEAS COVERED IN PROVERBS.

1. Practical problems of everyday life. ‘
2. Deals with the artificial gulf between the sacred and the secular. ‘
3. Solomon especially praises self-control. (16:30).
4. Exalt’s industry and hard work. (10:5; 19:24; 20:4).
5. Points to the central significance of the family in the social structure.
6. Great importance of the woman in the home is found everywhere in Proverbs.
7. Thrust of the book is that wisdom is infinitely greater value than technical skills or in possessions.

C. WE NEED THE KNOWLEDGE THAT GOD GIVES BECAUSE:

1. Satan is trying every day to create problems in our society. His Plan.....
 - a. To deny God.....Did God really create man...or did man create God?
 - b. To destroy moral values.
 - c. To destroy the family and dignity of human personality.
 - d. To deify man by the concepts of humanism....man is supreme.
 - e. To deny the supernatural.

D. THE BOOK OF PROVERBS IS WRITTEN THAT WE MIGHT.....

1. Understand the temporal and tragic consequences of sin.
 2. To help us see in all avenues of life that God’s way is the only way.
 3. The Book of Proverbs wants us to live an excellent life of happiness and *ultimately insure our eternal welfare.*
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GOD’S WORD WILL.....

A. GIVE INSTRUCTION (3:11)

1. Discipline:
 - a. 3:11; word is “the chastening of the Lord”
 - b. 23:13 word translated “correction”
2. The idea is that the instruction of God’s word is the discipline we need to help us mature.

B. GIVE UNDERSTANDING.

1. THE ABILITY TO DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN THINGS.
2. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO Discern what is true....what is false...right...wrong. God’s Word gives this understanding.

C. BRINGS DISCERNMENT.

1. Look again at Understanding.
2. Add.

D. BRING DISCRETION. (1:4).

1. We must learn who God is.. What God says...What God requires of us.
2. ****Discipline, Discrimination, Discernment and Discretion** will lead us to the **Discovery** of the will of God.

Book Preserved Because ...

- A. While all wisdom and knowledge is important, the most important is the understanding of God and His will for man.
 1. Both wisdom and knowledge are emphasized in this book.
 2. In the New Testament, James tells us to pray for wisdom... wisdom that is from above.
 3. Paul tells us to study to show our self approved unto God.
 - B. The theme of the book of Proverbs is, “It is better to have wisdom and understanding than all the riches of the world”.
 - C. In proverbs, the emphasis is on wisdom as a way of life, and the aim of the book is not the achievement of material success but the inculcation of a godly righteous and sober life.
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