



LESSON 1

Wisdom Defined and Categorized



Proverbs
The Fountain of Life

Content of the Book

- 31 Chapters
- More than 900 Proverbs

Three Authors

- King Solomon (1:1)
- Agur (30:1)
- King Lemuel (31:1)

Definition of a Proverb

- A short sentence expressing in a few words a well-known truth

Summary Outline

- Chapters 1–9: The definition of wisdom
- Chapters 10–31: The practice of wisdom

Main Objectives of Proverbs

- To Know God
- To Know Word of God
- To Know God's Principles
- To Smooth the Rough Edges of Life
- To Give Purpose to Life

Keys to Understanding Proverbs

- **Recognize Your Need**
 - Philippians 3:12
- **Hear—Pay Attention**
 - Proverbs 1:5; 2:1–2
- **Pray**
 - Proverbs 2:3

Keys to Understanding Proverbs (cont.)

- Dig
 - Proverbs 2:4
- Gather
 - Proverbs 2:2
- See Christ

Benefits of Studying Proverbs

- Personal Growth
 - Proverbs 1:5
- Helmsmanship
 - Proverbs 1:5



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LESSON 2

Wisdom: The Fear of the Lord



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The Source of Wisdom

- The Fear of the Lord (Job 28:28; Prov. 1:7)
- The Knowledge of God (Prov. 9:10)
 - Knowledge of God's Power (Psa. 33:8)
 - Knowledge of God's Holiness (Rev. 15:4)
 - Knowledge of God's Love (I Sam. 12:22–24; Psa. 34)

What the Fear of the Lord Is

- It includes love
- It includes reverence
- It includes submission

What the Fear of the Lord Is (cont.)

- Summary: The fear of the Lord is an affectionate reverence for God by which the child of God bends himself humbly and carefully to his Father's will

The Attitude of Fearing God

- Only one dread—to offend the Lord
- Only one desire—to please the Lord

The Importance of Fearing God

- Isaiah 11:23—Christ feared the Lord
- Jeremiah 2:19—It is a sin not to fear the Lord
- Ecclesiastes 12:13—Fearing God is the whole duty of man

The Importance of Fearing God (cont.)

- 2 Samuel 23:3–4—The fear of God is essential to true Christian leadership
- Psalm 147:11—The fear of God is a distinguishing mark of those who fear Him

How We Learn the Fear of the Lord

- Studying God's Word
 - Proverbs 2:1–5
- Beholding God's majesty
 - Psalm 96:1–9

How We Learn the Fear of the Lord (cont.)

- Seeing God's works
 - In His creation (Psa. 33:6–9)
 - In history (Josh. 4:20–24)
 - In our lives (I Sam. 12:24)

**“Remember: it’s not so much that
we think about the wrong
things; it is that we do not think
about the right things!”**



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LESSON 3

The Wisdom of God vs. the Wisdom of Men

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Christianity: The Wisdom of God

- The foundation—The Word of God

Five Key Teachings

- God
- Creation
- Moral Ethics
- Servants of God
- A Compassionate world view

Humanism: The Wisdom of Man

- The Foundation—Man's Reasoning Powers

Five Key Teachings

- Atheism
- Evolution
- Amorality
- Autonomous Man
- Socialistic, One-World Order

Conclusion

- Christianity is God's revelation of Himself as the only source of truth and salvation
- Humanism is Man's attempt to solve his problems independently of God



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