

STUDIES IN PROVERBS

TOPIC: The Source of Wisdom

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 2

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 2:21

Lesson 2

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INTRODUCTION: We have seen so far in the study of the book of Proverbs, that Solomon is writing this book as a father would write instructions to his son. In the first chapter we have seen a young man in his home, and out along the streets. In this chapter it is as if he has arrived at school where he has entered a classroom,. In this classroom, he is being introduced to the A B C's or "fundamentals" of wisdom. This young man is in the classroom of life. His textbook is the very Word of God. Here he learns that the Word of God is **THE SOURCE OF WISDOM.**

I. THE SOURCE OF TRUE WISDOM v 1-2

- A. Solomon instructs his "son" to listen in the school of life to wisdom v 1-2**
The first place that instruction from God's Word appeals to is the ear (v 2). If something is going to enter the head, it must go through the ear gate, but its final destination is the heart. (Romans 10:17; 10:9-10; Revelation 2:11) ***When it comes to Bible instruction, get all you can and can all you get!**
- B. Solomon instructs his "son" to search after knowledge as someone looking for a hidden treasure (v 3-5)**
The student who wants an easy course to take had better steer clear from the course of wisdom. This class is for workers only. To learn wisdom requires crying after "knowledge" (v 3), raising the "voice for understanding" (v 3), and searching as if hunting for "hid treasures." To learn wisdom requires digging consistently into the Word of God and at last the golden nugget will be found (Matthew 7:7; James 1:5; Proverbs 3:13-14)
- C. Solomon instructs his "son" telling him that God is the source of all wisdom v 6-9**
BUCKLER (v 7)-"a small shield used in hand-to-hand combat"
The buckler was used in battle to block the blows of the enemy. Verse 8 gives us the only time in the book of Proverbs that the word "saint" is used. God gives wisdom unto His people in order to protect them in

the time of battle. (Psalm 119:98; Ecclesiastes 9:16; James 3:17; Ephesians 6:13-16)

II. THE SAFETY OF TRUE WISDOM v 10-22

- A. Wisdom will deliver the young man from his first enemy: “the evil man” v 10-15**
FORWARD (v 15)-”perverse; disobedient”
This “evil man” is always looking for the simple and unsuspecting person. His motto is “A sucker is born every minute.” He is trying to find someone to whom he can sell his drugs or liquor. The wise will beware and avoid this enemy. (Proverbs 20:1; John 3:19; Psalm 119:99)
- B. Wisdom will deliver the young man from his second enemy: “The strange woman” v 16-22**
God’s law forbids any Israelite woman to play the part of a prostitute. If any woman in Israel did that, she was stoned to death (Leviticus 20:10). The “strange woman” (v 16) therefore would have to be a Gentile who recognized that she might have a productive place in Israel to practice her ungodly trade. Solomon warns his son to beware of this enemy for “her house inclineth unto death”. Those who obey the Word of God and keep themselves pure until presented in marriage, have been kept safe through the wisdom of God’s Word. (Proverbs 5:1-14; 6:24-35; 7:1-27)

TEACHER TIP: THE MOST IMPORTANT “THINGS” IN YOUR HOME ARE THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE.

NEXT MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 3:5-6