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Experiencing God Through Wisdom

I. What is wisdom? Hochma Exodus 28:3

A. Working Definition: The ability to make the right use of knowledge, to make right choices that honor God and the skill to live life according to God's plan."

B. What are the purposes of Proverbs 1:1-6 NLT

These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel. ²Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. ³Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair. ⁴These proverbs will give insight to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young. Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables, the words of the wise and their riddles.

II. How do we put wisdom into practice?

A. Begin with God. Proverbs 1:7 NIV The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

B. Follow through. James 1:22-24 (NLT) Doers.

James 1:5 NLT ⁵If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. ⁶But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷Such people should not expect to receive anything from the

Lord. ⁸Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

III. Overview of Proverbs.

Solomon, Agur, Lemuel and other wise-men.

IV. Guidelines for interpretation and application of wisdom literature.

A. Generalizations.

B. Not to be taken as absolute promises, discernment is needed.

C. Ask the Holy Spirit for enlightenment and confirmation.

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