

The Book of PROVERBS

Chapter 3

“Rewards From God’s Wisdom!”

> FIVE REWARDS FROM SEEKING GOD’S WISDOM:

- Reward #1 - God’s Wisdom Brings Fulfillment! (v1-12)

(v1-2) God’s laws bring long LIFE and PEACE!

(v3-4) Practice MERCY and TRUTH and find FAVOR and HIGH ESTEEM with God and man!

(v5-6) TRUST God and He shall DIRECTION your paths!

- *Noah was directed to an ark of salvation!*
- *Abraham was directed to Paradise!*
- *Moses was directed through the Red Sea to victory!*
- *Joshua was directed into the blessings of the Promised Land!*
- *Peter was directed to walk on water!*
- *Lazarus was directed to live again!*
- *Paul was directed to reach the world for Christ!*

(v7-8) Fear the LORD and depart from EVIL—this brings HEALTH and STRENGTH to your body!

(v9-10) HONOR the LORD with our firstfruits! - **2 Corinthians 9:6-8** (i.e.- Zachaeus a cheerful giver- **Luke ch. 19:1-10**)

(v11-12) His chastening, His correction, His LOVE! - John 15:1-2 - "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. **1 Corinthians 11:32** - But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. **Hebrews 12:7-11** - If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

- Reward #2 - God’s Wisdom Brings Happiness! (v13-18)

(v13-16) God’s wisdom is richer than silver, gold, and rubies—health, riches and HONOR!

(v17-18) God’s wisdom brings pleasantness, peace—a tree of life and HAPPINESS!

- Reward #3 - God’s Wisdom Brings Security! (v19-26)

(v19-20) God’s wisdom and understanding CREATED the earth, the atmosphere, outer space, the oceans and the watering systems for all to flourish!

(v21-23) God’s wisdom brings life to the soul, grace, safety and STABILITY in life!

(v24-26) God’s wisdom gives you a good night’s SLEEP, no fear, confidence in God and His protection!

- Reward #4 - God’s Wisdom Brings Neighborly Kindness! (v27-30)

(v27-28) Do good and HELP your neighbor!

(v29-30) Don’t do evil to your neighbor and do not STRIVE with them (**Luke 10:25-37**)

- Reward #5 - God’s Wisdom Brings Blessings & Glory! (v31-35)

(v31-32) WATCH out for the oppressor and the perverse person

(v33-35) Be just—get BLESSED! Be humble—get GRACE! Be wise—get GLORY! (Don’t be a fool – **Luke 12:16-21**)