



# The Book of PROVERBS

## Chapter 2

### "The Hidden Treasures of Wisdom!"

#### > Man's Thoughts on Wisdom:

- "Some are wise and some are otherwise."
- "He who asks a question may be a fool for five minutes; he who never asks a question remains a fool forever."
- "Thinking well is wise; planning well is wiser; doing well is wisest of all."
- Charles Spurgeon- "The doorstep to the temple of wisdom is a knowledge of our own ignorance"
- Will Rogers- "Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects."
- Anatole France- "If fifty million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing."

#### I) The Treasures of God's Wisdom (v1-9)

(v1) One word describes the opportunity to discover the treasures of God's wisdom and that word is "**IF!**" God has allowed us to receive or reject His wisdom.

- We must **RECEIVE His WORD** (read & study) and **TREASURE His COMMANDS**. **TREASURE** speaks of "**something of value!**" - Jesus describes priorities as "**treasures in heaven**" (Matthew 6:19-21 - "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The apostle Paul also uses the term figuratively to speak of Jesus as the one "**in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge**" (Col 2:3))
- What about "**His COMMANDS**"? - Jesus explains how the **Word of God** can be **FORSAKEN** or is **FRUITFUL!** (Matthew 13:1-23).

(v2) **Incline your ear** (be a good listener) **to WISDOM** & **apply your heart** (meditate on, think it over, digest the matter before reacting) **to UNDERSTANDING**.

- **Wisdom** - The ability to understand what is right, true, or enduring; good judgment; knowledge.
- **Understanding** - To comprehend; to realize; to know the feelings and thoughts of.

(v3-4) Ask for **DISCERNMENT** (to comprehend, to perceive). We must seek & search!

(v5) Results: "**the fear of the LORD**" & "**the knowledge of God**"

> **How to receive the knowledge of God?**

#1- **To know His character!** - Jeremiah 9:24-*But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.*

#2- **To know His Son and His Word!** - John 8:31-32- *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

#3- **To know His Eternal promise!** - John 17:3 - *And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*

#4- **To know His forgiveness & power for a new life!** - *Jesus and the knowledge of God* - Mark 2:1-12

(v6) The LORD gives **wisdom-knowledge-understanding!** (**Knowledge** - To perceive directly as fact or truth.)

(v7) The LORD is a **SHIELD** (In the metaphorical language of the Bible the shield generally represents the protection of God.) **to those who walk UPRIGHTLY**.

(v8) God's wisdom **guards the paths of justice and preserves the way of justice**.

(v9) Then we will **understand righteousness & justice, equity & every good path**.

(Notes on "Christian America" & Theocracy: Deuteronomy 1 and 10 Principles of Government, Liberty and Rights)

## ***II) The Results of God's Wisdom (v10-22)***

**(v10) Wisdom & knowledge yields pleasantness to our soul - 1 Peter 3:8-12 "Love life!"**

**(v11-19) Discretion (the ability to make responsible choices) & understanding will deliver us from:**

**(v12a) the way of evil**

**(v12b) the man who speaks perverse things**

**(v13) from backsliders (Ephesians 5:1-17)**

**(v14-15) from a group of evildoers, perverse people, crooked and devious people (peer pressure)**

**(v16-19) from the immoral woman, the seductress - Watch out!** She flatters (flirts), forsakes commitments, forgets God, finishes her prey, and finalizes your destiny! (Remember Samson & Delilah)

**(v20-21) Dear Christian, WALK IN THE WAY OF GOODNESS AND KEEP THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS!**

**(v22) *The wicked will be cut off from the earth and the unfaithful will be uprooted from it! All you reject Jesus Christ to the point of death will be cast into the "Lake of Fire" this is their ultimate destiny! - Revelation 21:6-8 - And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."***