

Wisdom Proverbs Understanding

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Proverbs is a book, as defined by Scofield, which is “a collection of sententious sayings (*which*) is divine wisdom applied to the earthly conditions of the people of God.”

It is a book that is defined in scope completely within its first seven verses. It is a book that has been preserved for us, that we might “know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;” (1:2-3).

It is a book that speaks much of the fear of the Lord, and conveys very clearly and precisely, that it is that fear which is the beginning of knowledge: (v. 1:7, 9:10, 15:33).

Wisdom as defined by the world is an accumulation of knowledge or erudition or enlightenment. Specifically, the wisdom that Proverbs speaks of, is not our wisdom (23:4) , but the Lords wisdom, and not simply knowledge, but the application of that knowledge.

It is nevertheless, the principle thing (4:7) which we are to obtain and also teach. It is more important to possess and better than money or jewels (8:11, 16:16).

Wisdom is given to us by the Lord (2:6), enters into our heart (2:10), resides there (14:33) and is evident in our speech (2:6), as is the lack thereof (18:4).

Wisdom has the ability make us happy (3:13) and give us strength, but not human strength, it gives us the strength of the Lord himself, in his understanding, through wisdom (8:14). Keep in mind if you will, this is the same wisdom which was the driving force behind creation (3:19). It is that wisdom, which is the way to understanding that we might be kept from folly and walking uprightly upon the right path. (4:11, 5:1, 7:4, 8:1, 8:5, 10:13, 10:23, 14:8, 15:21, 17:24, 24:3) It is the combination of these, wisdom and understanding, in which we are built up and established in an ever sanctified relationship with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.