

## **Proverbs Series**

Wisdom: To Miss It You Have To Close Your Eyes! #1  
It Starts Right Here! – Proverbs 1:1-7

### **I. Introduction To The Series**

- A.** Collected wisdom from the traditions of Israel's leaders through the years.
- B.** Put together under Solomon's orders for the training of Israel's future leaders who would be the administrators of Israel's central government to the twelve tribes.
- C.** Hundreds of leaders would be needed so training would be an ongoing process
- D.** And Proverbs was the basic text to prepare each generation of leaders.
- E.** The big idea of Proverbs and this series is that the wisdom we need is right here in front of you. Your parents, the centuries of God leading and teaching His people, the leaders you have now, Prophets, Priests and King. Learn from them. Don't seek wisdom other places. You stay on the path and find wisdom, you wander from the path you discover foolishness that leads to destruction. Don't be a fool, be wise.

### **II. The Purpose of the Book**

- A.** The King wants his leaders to be wise and useful for the Kingdom. His authority. Not trivial.
- B.** For...VS 2-3
  - Learning about wisdom and instruction
  - For understanding words of insight
  - For gaining instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice and equity (or fairness)
- C.** To...VS 4-6
  - Teach shrewdness to the simple, knowledge and prudence to the young and the wise too. (Lifelong process)
  - Gain in learning
  - Skill to understand a proverb and figure
  - From what the wise men of Israel have passed down

### **III. And Here Is Where Everything Starts**

- A.** You can't understand what God says if you don't know the God who said it
- B.** Knowing God is the key to understanding what He says
- C.** This is where knowledge begins
- D.** To try to understand God's wisdom and instruction without knowing God makes you a fool concerning the truth
- E.** It leads to our despising Christ because we don't understand why He does this and not that, etc.

### **IV. Thoughts**

- A.** There is something about us human beings that wants to reject the obvious and follow some other way or our own way. We have to be trained to pursue wisdom. Proverbs was the Jewish antidote for our desire to wander away.
  - Romans 1:18-23
- B.** Proverbs tells us there is only two ways – wisdom or foolishness, life or death. It's the message of the Bible. Good or evil, God or Satan. Following God's way is a commitment called conversion: it is an intentional act to break us free from the way of death. Jesus provides the way to be free. Believing that (faith) opens us to the way, the truth, and the life.
- C.** Living in the new direction toward wisdom requires a supernatural desire that God provides. He challenges us to seek Him in all things.
  - Matthew 6:33
  - Isaiah 55:6-9
  - Jeremiah 29:11-13
- D.** Finding wisdom starts with God, pursues His will, obeys His Word and enriches our lives in every way.
- E.** Have you found Him, are you finding Him daily, and are you following Him?