

Proverbs Series

Wisdom: To Miss It You Have To Close Your Eyes! #4
The More You Choose Wisdom, The Better Life Gets! - Proverbs 2

I. The Use of the Simple Condition In The Bible

- A.** If...and if...and if...
- B.** Then...
- C.** Because...
 - The reason it is true
- D.** Then...
- E.** Therefore...
 - The conclusion as a fact
 - And a call to action based on the truth
- F.** Not a hope, not a threat, not a theory, but a fact, a truth
- G.** A common Jewish teaching method is Wisdom Literature both in the Bible and in general teaching
- H.** It is hard to argue with facts

II. Our Text

- A.** "If" VS 1-4
- B.** "Then" VS 5
- C.** Because VS 6-8
- D.** "Then" VS 9-19
- E.** "Therefore" VS 20-22 – here is a call to action - positive and negative

III. The Teaching

- A.** If you want it, value it, pursue it
 - Look at the verbs
- B.** Then you'll get what you want
- C.** Because the Lord wants to give it to you
- D.** Then the benefits of wisdom will be yours and you'll be saved from foolish ways and people
- E.** Therefore –
 - Walk this way
 - And you will be secure in what God has promised
 - Don't walk this way
 - You won't be secure

IV. Thoughts

- A.** Desire – if you want wisdom you will find it – if you close your eyes you won't
 - Desire is not in degrees

- You either want it or you don't
- If you do it will change your life
- Direct your life
- Protect your life
- And fill your life, because...

- B.** The search for wisdom always leads you to the source!
 - God wants to be found
 - So we can know Him and learn from Him
 - How much of our efforts are directed at acquiring wisdom from God?
 - Time, energy, study, etc.
- C.** When we gain wisdom from God does it work its way into how we live?
 - The emphasis on walk, way, path
 - The blessings of God in our lives are connected to our putting them into practice
 - Matthew 7:24-27
"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!"
- D.** Therefore, walk in good way that benefits you in every way with the blessings of God's promises.