

# Proverbs

Instructions To A Son (cont.)

Proverbs 3

# Purposes/Uses Of The Book

(Prov. 1:2-6)

- 2 To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding, 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity; 4 To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion-- 5 A wise [man] will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, 6 To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles.

# The Fear Of The Lord: The Beginning Of Wisdom

- Includes genuine fear
- Honor, respect
- The fool has neither (Ps. 14:1)
- Foundational Principal: A fork in the road
  - One with fear of the Lord will pursue wisdom
  - The fool will pursue “life under the sun”

# Fatherly Instruction

- [Pro 3:1-2 NKJV] 1 My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands; 2 For **length of days and long life And peace they will add to you.**
- [Deu 4:40 NKJV] 40 "You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you today, that **it may go well with you** and with your children after you, and that **you may prolong [your] days in the land** which the LORD your God is giving you for all time."

# Value In Seeking The Lord

- Write kindness and truth on the **tablet of your heart**
  - Favor and good repute in the sight of God and man

# “...On The Tablet Of Your Heart”

- [Deu 6:6-9 NKJV] 6 "And these words which I command you today shall be **in your heart**. 7 "You shall **teach them diligently** to your children, and **shall talk of them when you sit** in your house, **when you walk** by the way, **when you lie down**, and **when you rise up**. 8 "You shall bind them as a **sign on your hand**, and they shall be as **frontlets between your eyes**. 9 "You shall **write them on the doorposts** of your house and on your gates.

# “...On The Tablet Of Your Heart”

- [Jer 31:31-34 NKJV] 31 "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah-- 32 "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day [that] I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. 33 "But this [is] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: **I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts;** and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 "No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for **they all shall know Me**, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

# Favor In The Sight Of God & Man

- Noah (Gen 6:8)
- Job (Job 1:1,8)
- Joseph (Gen. 39:2-3,6)



# Value In Seeking The Lord

- Write kindness and truth on the tablet of your heart
- **Trust in the Lord**, not your own understanding
  - Straight paths
  - Healing and refreshment

# Value In Seeking The Lord

- Write kindness and truth on the tablet of your heart
- Trust in the Lord, not your own understanding
- Honor the Lord **from your wealth**
  - Your barns will be filled with plenty

# Value In Seeking The Lord

- Write kindness and truth on the tablet of your heart
- Trust in the Lord, not your own understanding
- Honor the Lord from your wealth
- **Don't reject the discipline** of the Lord
  - Whom the Lord loves He reprovves

# Accepting God's Discipline

- [Gen 4:3-7 NKJV] 3 And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. 4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, 5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was **very angry, and his countenance fell**. 6 So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? 7 **"If you do well, will you not be accepted?** And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire [is] for you, but you should rule over it."

# Accepting God's Discipline

- [2Sa 12:7, 10-14 NKJV] 7 Then Nathan said to David, "**You [are] the man!** Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ... 10 'Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' 11 "Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, **I will raise up adversity against you** from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give [them] to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12 'For you did [it] secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.' " 13 So David said to Nathan, "**I have sinned against the LORD.**" And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. 14 "However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, **the child also [who is] born to you shall surely die.**"

# Accepting God's Discipline

- [Heb 12:5-11 NKJV] 5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, **do not despise the chastening of the LORD**, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6 **For whom the LORD loves He chastens**, And scourges every son whom He receives." 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; **for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?** 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. 9 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? 10 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. 11 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.**

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