

Proverbs

Chapter 2 – The Moral Benefits of Wisdom

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References: Job 28: 1-11; Reprint 179, page 3 “Hid Treasures”; Reprint 24, page 5&6 “*On Interpretation*”; Expanded Bible Comments verses 3,4,5,7,21,22; Proverbs Chapter 7; Reprint 493

In the previous lesson of Chapter 1, it was determined that Solomon was given the Wisdom from the Lord. Those who believe in the Living God can avail themselves of this Wisdom to live a life in harmony with God. Now in Chapter 2, Solomon expounds on the importance of not just getting Wisdom but fervently seeking knowledge to apply it in everyday life. By gaining understanding one will be able to conform their lives to please the Heavenly Father and see how the Heavenly Father looks out for those that are his.

Verse 1-9

- 1) **Solomon tells us that it is important to apply thy heart to understanding. Why is this important and how does one do this?** *Prov. 2:11; Prov. 23:26; Prov. 4:4; Ps. 1:1-2; Joshua 1:8; Deut. 13:3; Matt. 22:37; Ps. 119:10*

- 2) **In verses 2-5 we are told that one must take action to gain Knowledge and Understanding. Please explain Solomon’s description of the intensity one should have in their search to gain knowledge and understanding? Note: include your answer to question 1 as part of explanation.**
Ps. 34:15; Job 28:1-12; R2147; R493

- 3) **Who only does the Lord grant his protection, guidance and ultimately understanding? Why is this so?**
Isa. 11:1-3; R179; Ps. 119:2, 9-11; R501; Col. 1:26; Eph. 3:4-6; 1 Cor. 2:14

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Verses 10-19

- 4) In verses 10-15 Solomon speaks of those that have searched out Wisdom. **What are the reasons for their success? How are these preserved from the way of evil?**
Ps. 33:20; Ps. 46:5; Ps. 115:11; Prov. 3:5-6; 2 Tim. 2:15; Prov. 4:18; Rom. 10:17; 1 Tim. 4:15
- 5) As part of the narrative in verses 13-19, Solomon compares the forsaking of the Wisdom of God with a strange woman. **Who does this woman represent and what is the outcome for those that seek after her? What does the path to the dead (sheol) represent in this context (verse 18)?**
Prov. 5:23; Prov. 6:24; Prov. 7:5,21; Ps. 5:9; Rom. 3:13; Matt. 7:16

Verses 20-22

- 6) In these final verses Solomon summarizes Chapter 2. **Please summarize the two classes and two salvations shown here. How is the outcome of each affected by the pursuit or lack of pursuit of Divine Wisdom? When is it relevant to each class (chronologically speaking)?** *Ps. 34:16; Ps. 34:17; Matt. 24:13; Job 28:28*
- A) The consecrated, stars in heaven class
- B) The world of mankind, sands of the seashore class