

Proverbs 2-4

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Proverbs 2 — The Lord's Gift of Wisdom

2:6 — The teaching of this verse is one of the fundamental concepts of the book of Proverbs. (Compare 1:7.)
According to this verse, where does wisdom come from?

2:7-8 — Whom does God help?

2:9-11 — If the Lord gives you wisdom (verse 6)...
...what will you understand (verse 9)?
...what will become pleasant to your soul (verse 10)?
...what will protect you (verse 11)?

2:12-19 — According to these verses, what 2 kinds of people does wisdom protect the wise person from?
• 2:12-15 (compare 1:10-16) —
• 2:16-19 (compare 6:23-26) —

2:16-19 — What is the destiny of those who go to the adulteress?

2:21-22 — "The land" was very important to Israel. It was both their political nation and the physical land God had promised to Abraham's descendants. But Israel could live there only on the condition that they kept God's covenant, which required them to be a holy people. In these verses...
...what promise is given to the upright? —
...what curse is spoken against the wicked? —

Proverbs 3 — The Intersection of the Lord, Wisdom, and the Person Who Finds Wisdom

<u>proverb</u>	<u>recommended behavior/attributes</u>	<u>result</u>	<u>God's role/actions</u>
3:1-2	hold to parents' teaching/commandments	long life & peace	<i>not mentioned</i>
3:3-4	practice...	you will...	grants favor & a good name to those who live this way
3:5-8			
3:9-10			
3:11-12		<i>not specified—perhaps continuing in the Lord's love & delight</i>	

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3:13-18			
3:19-20	<i>implied: value wisdom</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>created all things by wisdom</i>
3:21-26			
3:27-35			

Proverbs 4 — A Father Urges His Son to Get Wisdom

4:7 — According to this father, what is the beginning of wisdom?

4:6-9 — If you treat wisdom well, how will she treat you?

4:10-19 — What great threat to his son's life does the father warn him about here?

4:14-19 — In these verses, what are a couple of detriments to the life of the wicked that can be avoided if one holds to wisdom's ways?

4:20-27 — How would you summarize the father's appeal to his son in these verses?

Discussion Questions

- 1) Judging by the father's counsel in chapter 4, what are some things a young person (or anyone) needs to think about as they weigh the pursuit of wisdom against the pursuit of wicked ways?
- 2) Thinking of chapter 3 — In what ways is God involved in a person's pursuit and practice of wisdom?
- 3) What dangers do these teachings mention that can be avoided if one learns and practices wisdom?