

Proverbs 02 - The Path of Wisdom: Wisdom Protects Our Paths

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(A) Receive wisdom (2:1-4)

1 My son, if you will receive my words And treasure my commandments within you,

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1 My son, if you accept my words, and treasure my instructions—

1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

2 Make your ear attentive to wisdom; Incline your heart to understanding.

2 Make your ear attentive to wisdom, Incline your heart to understanding;

2 making your ear attentive to wisdom, and turning your heart to understanding—

2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;

3 For if you cry out for insight, *And* raise your voice for understanding;

3 For if you cry for discernment, Lift your voice for understanding;

3 if, indeed, you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding,

3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;

4 If you seek her as silver And search for her as for hidden treasures;

- 4 If you seek her as silver And search for her as for hidden treasures;
- 4 if you seek it like silver and search for it like hidden treasure,
- 4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;

(B) Ensuing results (2:5-22)

(a) Protection (2:5-19)

(i) General protection (2:5-11)

- 5 Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And discover the knowledge of God.
- 5 Then you will discern the fear of the LORD And discover the knowledge of God.
- 5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD and learn to know God.
- 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

- 6 For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding.
- 6 For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding.
- 6 For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
- 6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

- 7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is* a shield to those who walk in integrity,
- 7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is* a shield to those who walk in integrity,
- 7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright and is a shield to those who walk in integrity—
- 7 He lays up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

- 8 Guarding the paths of justice, And He watches over the way of His godly ones.
- 8 Guarding the paths of justice, And He preserves the way of His godly ones.
- 8 guarding the paths of the just and protecting the way of his faithful ones.
- 8 He keeps the paths of judgment, and preserves the way of his saints.

- 9 Then you will discern righteousness, justice, And integrity, *and* every good path.
- 9 Then you will discern righteousness and justice And equity *and* every good course.
- 9 Then you will understand what is right, just, and upright—every good path.

9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.

10 For wisdom will enter your heart, And knowledge will be delightful to your soul;
10 For wisdom will enter your heart And knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;
10 For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.
10 When wisdom enters into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;

11 Discretion will watch over you, Understanding will guard you,
11 Discretion will guard you, Understanding will watch over you,
11 Discretion will protect you; understanding will watch over you,
11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:

(ii) Specific protection (2:12-19)

(a) From the evil man (2:12-15)

12 To rescue you from the way of evil, From a person who speaks perverse things;
12 To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things;
12 delivering you from the way of evil, from men who speak perverse things,
12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaks froward things;

13 *From* those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness;
13 From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness;
13 and from those who abandon the right path to travel along the ways of darkness;"
13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;

14 Who delight in doing evil *And* rejoice in the perversity of evil;
14 Who delight in doing evil And rejoice in the perversity of evil;
14 who delight in doing evil, and rejoice in the perverseness of evil;
14 Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked;

15 Whose paths are crooked, And who are devious in their ways;
15 Whose paths are crooked, And who are devious in their ways;
15 whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways,
15 Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:

(b) From the evil woman (2:16-19)

16 To rescue you from the strange woman, From the foreign woman who flatters with her words,

16 To deliver you from the strange woman, From the adulteress who flatters with her words;

16 delivering you from the adulteress, from the immoral woman with her seductive words,

16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flatters with her words;

17 Who leaves the companion of her youth And forgets the covenant of her God;

17 That leaves the companion of her youth And forgets the covenant of her God;

17 someone who abandoned the companion of her youth and forgot the covenant of her God.

17 Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.

- Visualize Solomon instructing his young sons (children) to watch out for the adultress

— It's interesting that Solomon, who started out so positively, ended up in apostasy because women drew him away from his commitments

— He produced some incredible literature, but the lesson from Solomon is that it's not how you begin, it's how you finish. Finish well!

18 For her house sinks down to death, And her tracks *lead* to the dead;

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18 For her house leads down to death, and her paths down to the realm of the dead.

18 For her house inclines unto death, and her paths unto the dead.

19 None who go to her return, Nor do they reach the paths of life.

19 None who go to her return again, Nor do they reach the paths of life.

19 None who go to her return, nor do they reach the paths of life.

19 None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.

(b) Guidance in the way of good (2:20-22)

(i) The upright to live in the land (2:20-21)

20 So you will walk in the way of good people And keep to the paths of the righteous.

20 So you will walk in the way of good men And keep to the paths of the righteous.

20 This is how you will walk in the way of good men and will keep to the paths of the righteous.

20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.

21 For the upright will live in the land, And the blameless will remain in it;

21 For the upright will live in the land And the blameless will remain in it;

21 For the upright will live in the land, and people of integrity will remain in it.

21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.

(ii) The wicked to be cut off from the land (2:22)

22 But the wicked will be eliminated from the land, And the treacherous will be torn away from it.

22 But the wicked will be cut off from the land And the treacherous will be uprooted from it.

22 But the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the treacherous will be uprooted from it.

22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.