

Welcome!

- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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Preparing our Hearts for Worship

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
do not depend on your own understanding.*

*Seek his will in all you do,
and he will show you which path to take.*

*Don't be impressed with your own wisdom.
Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil.
Then you will have healing for your body
and strength for your bones."*

- Proverbs 3:5-8

Psalms, Proverbs & Parables



Our Series so far:

- Psalm 42
- The Parable of the Good Father
- Proverbs and Providence – Part 1 & 2
- The Parable of Sower
- Psalm 78
- The Parable of the Bridesmaids
- Part 8 - Wisdom and the Fear for Lord.

Ray's Testimony of the Proverbs:

1. A great daily devotional book
2. 31 Chapters – One for each day of the month
3. As a youth it was very challenging devotional

Tim Keller:

Proverbs are a “*Mini Guide to Life.*”

Meaning

Proverbs literally means “to be like” in Hebrew. They show what someone who loves God looks like.

The word “proverb” typically refers to a short, clever saying that offers wisdom in some way.

Proverbs 1:1-3

1 These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel. 2 Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. 3 Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair.

Proverbs 1:4-6

4 These proverbs will give insight to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young. 5 Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance 6 by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables, the words of the wise and their riddles.

2 Chronicles 1:7-12

*“Ask for whatever you want me to give you”.
Solomon responded: “Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours? God said to Solomon that since he did not ask for wealth, honor, and power, but for wisdom and knowledge to govern his people over whom He made him king, therefore wisdom and knowledge will be given to you.”*

James 1:5

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”

2 Chronicles 9:2

“Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too hard for him to explain to her.”

2 Chronicles 9:5-7

“The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true. But I didn’t believe what they said until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, not even half the greatness of your wisdom was told me; you have far exceeded the report I heard. How happy your people must be!

2 Chronicles 9:7-8

How happy your officials, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! Praise be to the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on his throne as king to rule for the Lord your God. Because of the love of your God for Israel and his desire to uphold them forever, he has made you king over them, to maintain justice and righteousness.”

2 Chronicles 9:22-23

“King Solomon was greater in riches and wisdom than all the other kings of the earth. All the kings of the earth sought audience with Solomon to hear the wisdom God had put in his heart.”

Job 28:12-16

“But where can wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding? Man does not know its value, nor it is found in the land of the living. The deep says, it is not in me; and the sea says, it is not with me. I cannot be purchased for gold, nor can silver be weighed for its price.”

Job 28:20-21; 23

*From where then does wisdom come?
And where is the place of understanding?
It is hidden from the eyes of all living.
God understands its way, and He knows its place.*

Job 28:27-28

Then He saw wisdom and declared it; He prepared it, indeed, He searched it out. And to man He said, “Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.”

Proverbs 1:7

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, wisdom and instruction, but fools despise it.”

Job 28:28

*“Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom,
and to depart from evil is understanding.”*

Proverbs 9:10

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is
understanding.”*

Psalm 111:10

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”

Proverbs 3:7-8

“Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.”

Joshua 24:14

“Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD!”

Psalm 34:9

“Oh, fear the LORD, you His Saints! There is no want to those who fear Him.”

The NIV – *“Fear the LORD, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.”*

Meaning of the word - fear:

Hebrew is *yirah* (yaw-ray), and it speaks of fear, reverence, honor, profound respect, awe, and tremble.

In Greek, NT, *phobos*, which means a deep awe and reverence, to be afraid or to revere.

Job 4:6

“Is not your reverence (fear of the Lord) your confidence? And the integrity of your ways your hope?”

Job 15:4

“Have you no fear of God, no reverence for Him?”

“Are you turning in vain from your fear of the Lord?

Are you diminishing in the devotion that is due to Him?” - Almeida Ferreira

Psalm 36:1

“I have a message from God in my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

Proverbs 1:29

“For they hated knowledge and chose not to fear the LORD.”

Psalm 86:11

*“Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in
Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.”*

Proverbs 14:26-27

“In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge.”

“The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death.”

2 Corinthians 5:11

*“Since, then, we know what is to fear the Lord,
we try to persuade others.”*

The Blessing

"May God grant you the wisdom to see the right path, the courage to walk down it, and the peace to know you are never alone. May His understanding guard your mind, and may your life bear the rich fruit of goodness and truth until we meet again."