

JULY 31ST 2005: O.T.REVIEW: PROVERBS: CHAPTER 8:22-36
CHRIST THE WISDOM OF GOD

Billy Graham.....would read a chapter of Proverbs every day

Challenge I want to give each of us::::: Tomorrow August---31 days

Proverbs.....most practical book in the OT because it teaches wisdom(skillful living) in the different aspects of everyday life

In the NT James does something very similar.....**Compare what each says** ...tongue

Verse 1 of Chp 1.....tells us that these are the proverbs of King Solomon.....

but he is not the only author.....

There are about 900 separate proverbs.....Many of which are short pithy statements, Sayings or stories

They deal with wisdom and folly

- Pride and humility
- Justice and vengeance
- Laziness and work
- Poverty and wealth
- Friends and neighbours
- Love and lust
- Anger and strife
- Masters and servants
- Husbands and wives
- Life and death

It is said that reading a proverb takes only a few seconds

Applying a proverb can take a lifetime.

That a Proverb is a short sentence drawn from long experience

The aim of the book.....is stated in 1:2-6.....

In many ways the first 9chapters tell a story

It is a picture of a young man starting out in life.

His first lesson is given in 1:7.

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and discipline*

From then onwards....he is faced... choice of either following way wisdom/foolishness

To fear.....does not mean to be afraid....And a fool is notintellectually lacking

To fear God.....is to stand in awe of His righteousness, majesty, and power

...and to trust Him by humbly depending upon Him

This is probably best understood.....by stating the opposite...
What it means not to fear God

That's the person who doesn't even consider that God's way is the right way
Doesn't respond to God as King, or even think of God as a powerful force in the world.
Trusts wholly on themselves in all areas of life ...doesn't believe...need God at all.

So the young man's first lesson.....is that the way to true wisdom....is through a correct acknowledgement of who God is:::
And a willingness to trust and depend upon Him and walk in His ways→3:5.....

When you come to chpt 10, come to several chapters of these short sayings of Solomon
From 10:1 to 22:16 . 375 individual sayings.

Then in chapter 25 you will find proverbs collected by Hezekiah's men followed by the words of Agur and Lemuel, ending with that wonderful account of a good wife.

In the notes I have listed the main themes in Proverbs followed by some of the Classical Passages that you might like to check out.

ELEVEN TIMELY THEMES IN PROVERBS:→

1. A Good Name: 10:7; 22:1.
2. Youth and Discipline: 13:24; 19:18; 22:6, 15: 23:13, 14.
3. Business Matters: 11:1; 6:6—11; 10:4,26.
4. Marriage: 5:15,18; 11:22,29; 12:4; 14:1; 19:13; 21:9,19; 31:10.
5. Immorality: 5:3—5; 6:24—32.
6. Evil Companions: 1:10—19; 4:17; 23:6—8; 27:19.
7. Wisdom: 3:13—18; 8:35.
8. Self Control: 16:32; 25:28.
9. Strong Drink: 20:1; 23:29—32.
10. Friendship: 17:17; 18:24; 26:6.
11. Words and the Tongue: 15:1, 23,28; 16:24; 17:27; 18:21; 25:11; 26:17, 20,22.

CLASSICAL PASSAGES:

(“A man finds joy in giving an apt reply—and how good is a timely word!” Prov 15:23)

1:24-28	3:5,6,9,10-12,19-26.	6:16-19	8:22-31	11:30	14:12,34
16:3,7,18	18:10	24:16,17,28,29	25:19-22	27:1	28:13
29:1,18	30:4-9,11-14	31:10-12, 28, 30			

Of all the passages.....just one I want to leave you with
Proverbs 8:22-36

It is one of those beautiful chapters...that when understood....means so much...reader
In it Wisdom becomes a person....and as we read throughbegin to realise
That it points to Him....who was still to come....Whose fulness as God....yet 2b declared

The One.....conceived by...born of....and who ministered with....
Who then was crucified.....but rose again....ascended....lives...will return

John 1:1-3 says.....

1 Cor 1:22-24.....30.....

Lets hear verses 22-31 again....with the pre-existent Son.....in mind →22-31...

V32-34then come to us this morning...as a challenge from Jesus Himself

Are you listening daily for the voice.....Do you spend time at the doorway
Are you walking daily with HIM who said...I am come to give you life ??

V35-36 says.....

The message puts it like this:

*When you find me, you find life, real life, to say nothing of God's good pleasure
But if you fail to find me, you damage your very soul:
When you reject me, you're flirting with death.*

Where do you stand with the One.....who left the highest place....to come to earth
Because He put you first.....**You may feel** you have reason to turn away
But have you.....For only by trusting Him....Find life.....eternal

(Bought to be freed.....from hot illustrations page 52.....)