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The Proverbs Series #1: The Sacred

Proverbs 1:1-7 ¹These are the proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel, ²for gaining wisdom and discipline, for comprehending words of insight, ³and for receiving instruction in wise living and in righteousness, justice, and equity. ⁴To impart prudence to the simple and knowledge and discretion to the young, ⁵let the wise listen and gain instruction, and the discerning acquire wise counsel ⁶by understanding the proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. ⁷The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. (BSB)

The purpose of the book of Proverbs is practical, holy living in which you have a healthy relationship with God, others, and yourself.

I. What are the details of this passage?

- A. Solomon** wrote these. He was a son of King David. His history was not perfect. V. 1
- B. Hearing, understanding, and applying** these words will give you "good sense". This is the very definition of wisdom. V. 2
- C. This "good sense", when applied, will lead to wise living.** V. 3
- D. The characteristics of this wise living are:** righteous actions, a sense of justice, and fair treatment for everyone. V. 3b
- E. These words are to be passed along from the wise to those who are not wise, yet.** V. 4-6
- F. The beginning step in all of this is a healthy, based upon truth, belief in YHWH.** V. 7. The pronunciation isn't important. The essence of the name is that this "God" is the source of life that exists independently from creation and yet still works in creation. He is also known as Elohim, the plural One.

II. How can we apply these truths to our life?

- A. We cannot be godly people without knowing the truth.**
- B. We cannot be godly people without applying the truth to all aspects of our lives.**
- C. A godly person seeks the loving outcome for all people.**
- D. A godly person seeks to impart what they know and believe to others.**
- E. The God who is revealed in scripture seeks to give all of his people wisdom. He is the beginning point for wisdom.**