

The Proverbs Series #2: Treasure Hunt

Proverbs 2:1-22 ¹My son, if you accept my words and hide my commandments within you, ²if you incline your ear to wisdom and direct your heart to understanding, ³if you truly call out to insight and lift your voice to understanding, ⁴if you seek it like silver and search it out like hidden treasure, ⁵then you will discern the fear of the LORD and discover the knowledge of God. ⁶For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. ⁷He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk with integrity, ⁸to guard the paths of justice and protect the way of His saints. ⁹Then you will discern righteousness and justice and equity—every good path. ¹⁰For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will delight your soul. ¹¹Discretion will watch over you, and understanding will guard you, ¹²to deliver you from the way of evil, from the man who speaks perversity, ¹³from those who leave the straight paths to walk in the ways of darkness, ¹⁴from those who enjoy doing evil and rejoice in the twistedness of evil, ¹⁵whose paths are crooked and whose ways are devious. ¹⁶It will rescue you from the forbidden woman, from the stranger with seductive words ¹⁷who abandons the partner of her youth and forgets the covenant of her God. ¹⁸For her house sinks down to death, and her tracks to the departed spirits. ¹⁹None who go to her return or negotiate the paths of life. ²⁰So you will follow in the ways of the good, and keep to the paths of the righteous. ²¹For the upright will inhabit the land, and the blameless will remain in it; ²²but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the unfaithful will be uprooted. (BSB)

Disclaimer: It is easy to get a works based salvation when you only go by the Old Covenant. We are under the New Covenant. However, this is still God's word and there is much benefit to studying it.

I. Here are some of the details to this passage.

- A.** We must value truth as one does a very valuable **treasure**. V. 1-4
- B.** When we make **truth** a priority then we have a clear view of God, and we discover what He expects of us. V. 5-6
- C.** When we base our **worldview** around God, He works in and through us. V. 7-10
- D.** When God is working in and through, we are **shielded** from becoming a doer of evil. V. 11-17
- E.** We receive **rewards** here on earth by having a godly worldview. V. 20-22

II. How can we apply these truths?

- A.** We must be able to defend our worldview from **Scripture**. Be careful in using only the Old Testament in defending what you believe. We are under the New Covenant, not the Old Covenant.
- B.** Grace and mercy must be an **integral** part of your worldview. Humility is a key component of the New Covenant.

- C.** God working through a New Covenant *believer* must include a concern for one's own morality and a deep passion for reaching the lost.
- D.** There must be obvious *differences* between us and those who are not in the New Covenant. We must not be embarrassed by them, and we should be equipped to share why we do what we do.