

## Proverbs 1-9: Poverty to Proliferation

### 1. Poverty

- a. **to know** wisdom and instruction; **to recognize** the words of understanding; **to receive** the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and uprightness; **to give sense** to the simple, knowledge and judgment to the young man; the wise hears and increases learning; and understanding ones get wisdom; **to understand** a proverb and its meaning; the words of the wise, and their acute sayings. (Pro 1:2-6)
- b. The fear of Jehovah *is* the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Pro 1:7)

### 2. Purity

- a. My son, if sinners lure you, do not be willing. (Pro 1:10)
- b. ...My son, do not walk in the way with them! Keep back your foot from their path,... (Pro 1:15)
- c. Wisdom cries outside; **she** utters her voice in the streets; **she** cries in the chief place of gathering, in the openings of the gates; in the city she utters her words, *saying*, How long will you love simplicity, simple ones? And will scorners delight in their scorning? And will fools hate knowledge? Turn at my warning; behold, I will **pour out my Spirit** to you; I will make my words known to you... (Pro 1:20-23)

### 3. Preparation

- a. My son, if you will **receive my words** and hide my commandments with you, so that you **attend to wisdom**, you shall **extend** your heart to understanding; yea, if you **cry after knowledge and lift up your voice** for understanding; if you **seek her as silver**, and search *for* her as for hidden treasures, **then you shall understand the fear of Jehovah and find the knowledge of God**. For Jehovah gives wisdom; out of His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding... (Pro 2:1-6)
- b. ...My son, forget not my law; but let your heart keep my commandments; for they shall add length of days, and long life, and peace to you. Let not mercy and truth forsake you; tie them around your neck; write them upon the tablet of your heart; (Pro 3:1-3)

### 4. Proving, Trials, Tests, Tribulation, ... Trust

- a. Trust in Jehovah with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear Jehovah and depart from evil. (Pro 3:5-7, See Prov 28:26)
- b. My son, do not despise the chastening of Jehovah; nor be weary with His correction; for whom Jehovah loves He corrects, even as a father *corrects* the son *in whom* he delights. (Pro 3:11-12)
- c. Do not plan evil against your neighbor, .... Do not strive with a man without cause, Do not envy the cruel man, ... Keep your heart with all diligence... of life. Put away from you a wicked mouth, ... Let your eyes look right on, and let your eyelids look straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet, and all your ways *will be* established. (Pro 4:23-26)
- d. ...For the lips of a strange woman drip honey, and her palate *is* smoother than oil; but afterward she *is as* bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-

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edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell, (Pro 5:3-5)

- e. ...My son, *if* you are surety for your friend, *if* you struck your palms with a stranger, you are snared with the words of your mouth, you are taken with the words of your mouth. My son, do this now, and deliver yourself when you have come into the hand of your friend; go, humble yourself and make your friend sure. Do not give sleep to your eyes or slumber to your eyelids. Deliver yourself as a gazelle from the *hunter's* hand, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler. Go to the ant, sluggard; consider her ways and be wise...; (Pro 6:1-6)
- f. ...Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; whoever touches her shall not be innocent... (Pro 6:27-29)
- g. ...Say to wisdom, You *are* my sister; and call understanding *your* kinsman, so **that they may keep you from the strange woman**, from the stranger *who* flatters with her words. For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice, and I saw among the simple ones, among the youths, a young man with no understanding, passing through the street near her corner. And he went the way to her house... (Pro 7:4-8)
- h. ...He goes after her immediately, like an ox goes to the slaughter, or like a fool to the correction of the stocks; until a dart strikes through his liver; as a bird hastens to the snare and does not know that it *is* for his soul. And now listen to me, sons, and attend to the words of my mouth...(Pro 7:22-24)

### 5. Provisions, Proliferation, Production

- a. Does not wisdom call? And does not understanding put forth her voice? She stands in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the path. She cries in the gates, before the entrance of the city, *at* the doors. All the words of my mouth *are* in righteousness; nothing twisted or perverse *is* in them. They *are* all plain to him who understands, and right to those who find knowledge. **Receive my instruction and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.** (Pro 8:1-11)
- b. Wisdom has built her house; she has carved out her seven pillars; she has killed her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. She has sent out her young women; she cries upon the highest places of the city, The simple one, let him turn in here. *To one* lacking heart, she saysto him, Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Forsake the foolish and live; and go in the way of understanding. One rebuking a scorner gets shame to himself; and one rebuking a wicked one *gets* himself a blemish. Do not reprove a scorner, lest he hate you; give to a wise man, and he will love you. Give to a wise one, and he will be still wiser; teach a just one, and he will increase in learning. **The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. For by Me your days shall be multiplied, and the years of your life shall be increased.** (Pro 9:1-11)