

FEB/MARCH TEACHING SERIES 2023

PROVERBS

WALKING IN WISDOM

Week 1. - Pastor Oscar Chavez

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- The Book of Proverbs is devoted to our practical life.

*This is a book of divine wisdom
applied to earthly conditions*

- "Proverb" **A brief saying**

- **Hebrew:**

- **Mashal** = Summarized, condensed....

- **Khokhmah** = **Wisdom:**

- **Mashal Khokhmah** = **Wisdom condensed**

- Wisdom is living in a proper sense of values, it's living in light of what is true, what is right and what is lasting.

- Ephesians 5:15-17

15 Be very careful, then, how you live.

—not as **unwise** but as **wise**,

•16 making the most of every opportunity,

because the days are evil. **17 Therefore do not**

be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

- A fool on the other hand biblically speaking, is not primarily a low IQ person. It's not primarily marked by ignorance folly in the Old Testament, is primarily a problem of the will not the mind

How did we get these short statements?

- 1 kings 3:4

“God says to Solomon ask me for whatever you want anything at all and I'll give it to you”

How did we get these short statements?

1 kings 3:7

“now oh Lord my God you have made your servant king in place of my father David but I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties”

- *“your servant is here among the people you've chosen a great people too numerous to count her number so give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong for who is able to govern this great people of yours”*

How did we get these short statements?

- God was pleased
- 10 *The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this.* 11 So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies **but for discernment in administering justice**, 12 I will do what you have asked. **I will give you a wise and discerning heart**, so that there will never have been anyone like you, **nor will there ever be.**

How did we get these short statements?

- 1 kings 4:20
- *the people of Judah and Israel were as numerous as the sand on the seashore, they ate, they drank and they were happy*

How did we get these short statements?

- 1 kings 4:29
- *“God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore Solomon’s wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the people of the east and greater than all of the wisdom of Egypt and his fame spread to all the surrounding nations*

How did we get these short statements?

- 1 kings 4:29
- he spoke 3000 proverbs and his songs numbered 1005
he described plant life from the cedar of Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of walls he also taught about animals and birds, reptiles and fish.
- *Men of all nations came to listen to Solomon's wisdom sent by all the kings of the world who had heard of his wisdom*

What do we learn?

I. Our world is in need of God's wisdom.

Jonah 4:11

people who cannot tell their right hand from their left

Proverbs 14:12

*¹² There is a path before each person that seems right,
but it ends in death.*

What do we learn?

II. Where do we find that wisdom? How do we obtain it?

- Proverbs 9:10
- ¹⁰*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*

What do we learn?

III. The results of *ignoring* or obeying Wisdom

- The reason God give us this book of knowledge and practical wisdom

- ¹ The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:
- ² *for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight;* ³*for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair;* ⁴*for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young—*

- The reason God give us this book of knowledge and practical wisdom

•⁵ *let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance—*⁶ *for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise.* ⁷ *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Wisdom is available to all.

- Proverbs 1:20-33
- *²⁰ Wisdom shouts in the streets. She cries out in the public square. ²¹ She calls to the crowds along the main street, to those gathered in front of the city gate: ²² “How long, you simpletons, will you insist on being simpleminded? How long will you mockers relish your mocking? How long will you fools hate knowledge? ²³ Come and listen to my counsel. I’ll share my heart with you and make you wise.*
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But wisdom is ignored by most

- 24 “*I called you so often, but you wouldn’t come. I reached out to you, but you paid no attention. 25 You ignored my advice and rejected the correction I offered.* 26 *So I will laugh when you are in trouble I will mock you when disaster overtakes you— 27 when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster engulfs you like a cyclone, and anguish and distress overwhelm you*

But wisdom is ignored by most

• . ²⁸ “When they cry for help, I will not answer. Though they anxiously search for me, they will not find me. ²⁹ For they hated knowledge and chose not to fear the Lord. ³⁰ They rejected my advice and paid no attention when I corrected them. ³¹ Therefore, they must eat the bitter fruit of living their own way, choking on their own schemes. ³² For the simple turns away from me—to death. Fools are destroyed by their own complacency.

But if you listen to wisdom

- Proverbs 1
- ³³*But all who listen to me will live in peace, untroubled by fear of harm.*

But if you listen to wisdom

- Proverbs 3
- *¹³ Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, ¹⁴ for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. ¹⁵ She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. ¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. ¹⁷ Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. ¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.*

But if you listen to wisdom

- Proverbs 16:20
- *²⁰ God blesses those who obey him; happy the man who puts his trust in the Lord.*

But if you listen to wisdom

- Prov. 19:3
- *A person's own folly leads to their ruin,
yet their heart rages against the Lord.*

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