

Proverbs ch. 2

On the moral benefits of wisdom

Spoken first person with wisdom personified speaking

Outline

- I. (Conditions for gaining wisdom) [1-4]
 - A. (Receive) [1]
 1. **If** you accept my words
 2. and store up my commands within you
 - B. (Incline) [2]
 1. turning your ear to wisdom
 2. and applying your heart to understanding
 - C. (Call) [3]
 1. **if** you call out for insight
 2. and cry aloud for understanding
 - D. (Seek) [4]
 1. and **if** you look for it as for silver
 2. and search for it as for hidden treasure
- II. benefits gained from wisdom [5-22]
 - A. (then) [5-8]
 1. (Promise) [5]
 - a. **Then** you will understand the fear of the Lord
 - b. and find the knowledge of God
 2. (Reason- For) [6-8]
 - a. (God gives wisdom) [6]
 - i. **For** the Lord gives wisdom
 - ii. and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding
 - b. (God gives victory) [7]
 - i. He holds victory in store for the upright
 - ii. He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless
 - c. (God protects the just) [8]
 - i. He guards the course of the just
 - ii. and protects the way of His faithful ones
 - B. (then) [9-11]
 1. (Promise) [9]
 - a. **Then** you will understand what is right and just
 - b. and fair-every good path
 2. (Reason-For) [10-11]
 - a. (for wisdom will enter and protect)
 - i. **For** wisdom will enter your heart
 - ii. and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul
 - iii. Discretion will protect you
 - iv. and understanding will guard you

D. (Then) [12-19]

1. **wisdom will save you** from the ways of wicked men [12-15]
 - a. whose words are perverse
 - b. who leave the strait paths to walk in dark ways
 - c. who delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil
 - d. whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways
2. **It will save you also** from the adulteress [16-19]
 - a. from the wayward wife with her seductive words [16-17]
 - i. who
 - a) has left the partner of her youth
 - b) and ignored the covenant she made before God
 - b. **For** [18-19]
 - i. her house leads down to death
 - ii. and her paths to the spirits of the dead
 - iii. None who go to her return
 - iv. or attain the paths of life

E. (Thus- In order that) [20-21]

1. (Promise) [20]
 - a. **Thus** you will walk in the ways of good men
 - b. and keep the paths of the righteous
2. (Reason) [21]
 - a. **For** the upright will live in the land,
 - b. and the blameless will remain in it;

F. (But) [22]

1. **but** the wicked will be cut off from the land,
2. and the unfaithful will be torn from it.