

Correspondence Bible Study

Lesson #19 - Proverbs

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, let my wisdom be found in Jesus Christ. Make me wise unto salvation and help me to humbly share my knowledge with others. Lead me in the right paths so that all I do and say may be righteous in Your sight. As I read Proverbs, show me how I can apply them to my own life. In the name of Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. I pray. Amen.

Notes on Proverbs:

King Solomon, whom the Lord said was the wisest man ever to live, wrote most of the Proverbs. Some of the Proverbs in chapters 22, 30, and 31 are attributed to others. The ones written by Solomon would date from his reign right at 1,000 B.C.

Proverbs are short sayings that tell us the truth about human behavior. They will use many times, picture language, to get the point across. In the Book of Proverbs, there is no story line or history being told. The topics are many and the words of instruction are just as valid today as they were 3,000 years ago.

Read Proverbs 1:1-7 - This is really the prologue of the Book.

Answer these questions:

- To whom were the Proverbs directed?

- What is the purpose of Proverbs?

- In verse 1:7, who is contrasted to the wise man?

Wisdom is one of the main themes of the Book. Read chapters 1-4 and list at least 7 benefits of wisdom:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

In chapter 8 wisdom is personified. In 8:22-31, we can see a picture of Jesus. With the help of John 1:1-3; 1 Corinthians 1:24, 30 and Colossians 2:3, write out how you see Jesus being the Wisdom of God.

Martin Luther says of Proverbs, "It may properly be called a book of good works, for it teaches how to lead a good life before God and the world." If you have time, read all of Proverbs, if not, skim through and as you do – pick out 4 or 5 proverbs that stick out in your mind. What makes them important to you?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Proverbs 31:10-31 is another Hebrew alphabetical acrostic poem like the one in Psalm 119. This section is the epilogue of the Book. Describe how it describes both a wife and also wisdom.

Wife –

Wisdom –

Your questions on Proverbs...

Start reading Ecclesiastes.