

Proverbs 3:13-26 — “Seize Upon All The Benefits of the Protection of God’s Wisdom!”*Introduction*

Colossians also helps by presenting the beauty & benefits of **wisdom**:

1. To be filled with the **knowledge** of God’s will (Col 1.9)
2. As an outflow of God’s Word **dwelling** in us (Col 3.16)
3. To conduct ourselves with wisdom toward **outsiders** (Col 4.5)
4. To **proclaim** Christ who is the embodiment of all wisdom (Col 1.28; 2.2-3)
5. To admonish and **teach** one another (Col 1.28)
6. To turn **away** from false, worldly, ungodly wisdom (Col 2.23)

Background to Prov 3.13ff

- Prov 3:1-12 - the **PRIORITY** of wisdom
- Prov 3:13-26 - the **PROTECTION** of wisdom
- Prov 3:27-35 - the **PRACTICALITIES** of wisdom

THESIS — This section will give us the *protection* of wisdom! Let us seize upon it! Let us hold on to God’s wisdom & be protected! We’ll see it *in 3 ways*...

I. GOD’S WISDOM PROTECTS YOU BY KEEPING YOU HAPPY! (13-18)

- **THE THEME = BE HAPPY!**

A. This divine blessedness/happiness comes in 4ways...

1. in its PURSUIT (13)
2. in its PROFITABLENESS (14)
3. in its PRECIOUSNESS (15)
4. in its PLEASANTNESS (16-17)

II. GOD’S WISDOM PROTECTS YOU BY KEEPING YOU HUMBLE! (19-20)

- **THE THEME = BE HUMBLE!**

- A. God created ALL THINGS [thru Christ!] - Col 1.16; Heb 1.2
- B. God created with WISDOM - Ps 104.24
- C. God created with a WORD - Gen 1; Ps 33.6
- D. God created ex NIHILO - Heb 11.3

O boundless Wisdom, God most high,
 O Maker of the earth and sky,
 Who bid'st the parted waters flow,
 In heaven above, on earth below.
 Let faith discern the eternal Light;
 Beyond the darkness of the night,
 And through the mists of falsehood see;
 The path of truth revealed by Thee.

—anonymous

The higher we go in our understanding of God’s greatness & majesty, the lower we should be in humility & dependence upon this God! *We Need Wisdom!*

III. GOD’S WISDOM PROTECTS YOU BY GIVING YOU A HAVEN! (21-26)

- **THE THEME = BE HELD!** *Find a shelter. A pillow for your head*

- A. get wisdom (21-22)
- B. walk securely (23)
- C. sleep sweetly (24)

D. fear nothing (25)

E. stand confidently (26)

O how we most desperately need God’s wisdom!

- To fear God, that is wisdom (Job 28.28)
- God counts the clouds by wisdom (Job 38.37)
- the Spirit of wisdom & understanding rests upon Christ (Isa 11.2)
- all wisdom comes from God (Dan 2.20)
- True wisdom is from God & distinct from the world (James 3.17)
- It comes thru prayer: Give me wisdom/understanding (Ps 119.34)
- wisdom is in the sacred writings to lead you to faith in Christ (2 Tim 3.15)

Where can one look for wisdom?
 Where understanding find?
 Man does not grasp its value—
 More than can be mined.
 It can’t be bought with finest gold,
 Silver, or jewels so rare.
 Priced far beyond all rubies,
 Nothing can compare.

Where then does wisdom come from?
 Where understanding dwell?
 God comprehends the pathway,
 He alone knows well.
 He views the ends of all the earth;
 He sees the world He formed.
 He has established wisdom,
 Tested and confirmed.

Fear of the Lord is wisdom;
 Seek it and you will find.
 Cry out for understanding;

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Let it fill your mind.
 Search as for hidden treasure;
 Look for it every day.
 This is the path to wisdom;
 Follow all the way.

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
 Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
 I in my Savior am happy and blest;
 Watching and waiting, looking above,
 Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

**This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long.
 This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
 Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
 Angels descending, bring from above
 Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

CHRIST IS ALL

I've found a treasure that can't be taken
 Found a well that won't run dry
 O worldly pleasure be now forsaken
 Behold what love what life is mine

And in the trial when storms are raging
 Though tears may fall my soul will rise
 For there's a peace that is mine un – changing
 There is a joy that never dies

Could endless striving now make me righteous
 Could all my works now grant me hope
 Oh hallelujah the blood of Jesus
 My only plea my only boast

When life is passing and strength is fading
 I'll see the One that I adore
 Let this world vanish oh give me Jesus
 My great desire my true reward

**Christ is all Christ is all
 And my song will ever be
 Christ is all, All in all
 And my song will ever be
 Christ is all!**