

“The Joy of Hidden Treasure”

Proverbs 2:1-9

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Psalm 19:7-11

Job 28:1-2, 12-19, 23-28

1. Six Steps for Us to Take to Find Wisdom – 1-4

(1) Receive the Word of God – 1a

In verses 1-4 we have the counter to 1:20-33 where wisdom is clamoring to be heard. Here it is the person needing wisdom who is clamoring. We need to make an active and determined effort to know the Word of God (where wisdom is found)

(2) Treasure the Word of God Within the Mind – 1b

(3) Listen Attentively to the Word of God – 2a

(4) Apply the Word of God – 2b

Promise in Revelation 1:3

(5) Pray Persistently for Insight and Understanding – 3

(6) Study Diligently the Word of God – 4

2. The Promise of God – 5-9

(1) To Give Wisdom – 5-7a

Wisdom is a gift of grace. There's a paradox: our diligent search is required but we will never find it apart from the grace of God (the grace both to seek it and the grace to discover it)

- Wisdom for decision making – 1 Kings 3:9-12; 4:29
- Wisdom in practical skills to be used of God – Exodus 31:2-5

Matthew 7:24-27

“Saints” is translated here from the Hebrew word “hesed”. Not to be confused with the New Testament use of “Saints” which comes from a Greek word. Here in the Old Testament it means “covenant keepers”.

(2) To Protect – 7b -8

(3) To Transform Our Thinking – 9

“Righteousness”=both God’s infinite righteousness and His righteousness that is given to the believer on the basis of faith and then the righteousness that God produces in the believer.

“Justice and equity”=the righteousness (previous word) produced by God in the believer enables him/her to walk in justice and equity.

“Justice” is correct decision making in interpersonal human relationships.

“Equity” is fair dealings with others.