

Proverbs Week #2 (1:5)

As a review from last week I want to take another look at Proverbs 1:1-4.

- 1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:
- 2 To know wisdom and instruction, to discern the sayings of understanding,
- 3 To receive instruction in wise behavior, righteousness, justice and equity;
- 4 To give prudence to the naive, to the youth knowledge and discretion...

In these few verses I wanted to highlight the four different groups (King Solomon, the men of Hezekiah, Agur, and King Lemuel) who compiled/wrote the collections of proverbs and emphasize 3 basic reasons for why the book was compiled. I'm adding one verse this week. Prov 1:5

- 5 A wise man will listen and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel

Three things to commit to memory:

- 1) To know wisdom and instruction
- 2) To receive instruction in wise behavior, righteousness, justice, and equity
- 3) To give prudence to the naive (to the youth knowledge and discretion)

According to verse five, the person who is wise will listen (from the same root as shema) and add or increase in learning. So the person who will be wise in God's eyes will be the one who has learned to listen and act according to God's instructions. Yeshua likened this type of wise person to a person who built his house on rock instead of sand.

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." Matt 7:24-27

How many of you have played at the beach and built things in the sand? Have you ever seen someone build a huge sand castle? What did the waves do to the castle? The Messiah compares those who learn from Him -- those who do what He teaches -- to people who build houses on solid foundations. The things you learn now, even as young children, can be a solid foundation. Listen to what God has to teach and show that you are listening by putting what you learn into action.