

Proverbs Week #14 (2:5-8)

“...then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.” Proverbs 2:5-8

Last week I talked to you about the first few verses in this chapter of Proverbs. I mentioned that they formed an “if...then” clause and last week I focused on the “if” section. Now I’m going to talk about the “then” part. The benefits of seeking after wisdom and prizing it are found in God who both gives the wisdom and whom we come to know as we grow in wisdom.

First, we learn that our obtaining wisdom gives us an understanding of the fear of the Lord and in it we find the knowledge of God. This knowledge is primarily relational. By faith we enter into a real relationship with our creator! That is the first and foundational result of true Biblical wisdom. We can cry out to Him “Abba, Father!” and know what it means for Him to be our King, Redeemer, Savior, and Shield.

These verses describe our growth in wisdom in terms of a journey and ensure us of God’s protection. For those who are upright He provides victory and to those who walk in integrity He is a shield. How we live our lives can be compared to a path or a road. As we learn to be wise we will also learn that not all roads or paths are good ones. Yeshua taught this lesson about different types of roads.

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.” Matt 7:13-14

In the Gospel of Luke, he records Yeshua teaching this as he was going from town to town on His way to Jerusalem. In those times walking was the main form of transportation. When one walked from town to town the roads and paths would be wide and narrow and often times dangerous. We all have choices to make in our lives. We can do the things that are right in God’s eyes or we can ignore God and do those things that are not pleasing to Him. Many people take the broad road and will suffer because of it. God tells us that if we go by the way of the narrow road we will be led to life. This is God’s desire for us that we live life to the fullest according to His definitions of what is good and right.

This lesson in wisdom reminds us that God Himself will protect those who trust in Him and live according to His ways. When troubles happen God will be the one to rescue us and protect us. Parents help your children remember this lesson. Everyone is on a road. With God’s help we can have confidence that we are on the right road going to His desired destination.