

Proverbs Week #32 (3:19-22)

“The LORD by wisdom founded the earth, by understanding He established the heavens. By His knowledge the deeps were broken up and the skies drip with dew. My son, let them not vanish from your sight; keep sound wisdom and discretion, so they will be life to your soul and adornment to your neck.”
Proverbs 3:19-22

Last week we spoke about taking hold of wisdom. Last week’s verses said that wisdom was a tree of life to those who take hold of Her. The wisdom that we are to embrace is God’s wisdom. And from our verses today we learn some of the characteristics of this wisdom.

In Genesis the phrase “then God said” is repeated numerous times as the story of creation is told. Every plant, animal, rock, star and element in our universe came into being because God spoke. The vast variety of colors, smells, textures, and forms of things came into being by the creative and wise design of our Creator. The intricacies of every living cell, organ, and body have been woven together and continue to exist because God has wisely fashioned them. God knows and is aware of every ant, lion, bird, and person who ever has lived, is living, and will live. His wisdom made all this possible.

“By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.” Psalm 33:6-9

As I asked last week, have you taken hold of wisdom? Do you know what that means? A few months ago was learned together Proverbs 3:5,6. I encouraged parents to help their children memorize this verse. Does anyone remember how it goes? “Trust in the Lord with all your heart...” Taking hold of wisdom starts by a proper fear of God and continues to build upon a life that trusts in Him and acknowledges Him.

Our trusting in God and living our lives united with His Messiah Yeshua is foundational to taking hold of Wisdom. The gospel of John tells us that all things were created by the Word. It teaches us that Yeshua the Messiah is the Word of God that created all things. When we embrace God’s wisdom we are embracing Yeshua.

As disciples of Yeshua this is our way of life. How we appear to others should be marked by our learning God’s lessons for all areas of our lives and living faithfully to them. The father in proverbs directly connects life and adornment to not letting this wisdom vanish from our sight. He is telling his son that to experience life to its fullest and to be finely dressed occurs when God’s wisdom and discretion abide with him.

3 Things to do on a regular basis:

- 1) Sing for Joy in the Lord – learn to sing and worship Him (Psa 33)
- 2) Give thanks to the Lord – learn what it means to be thankful (Psa 118)
- 3) If you lack wisdom ask God and trust Him to provide what you need (James 1)

Have you been asking God for wisdom? Have you prayed specifically that God would teach you? Did you remember to pray for others (your wife, husband, mother, father, brother, sister, etc...)?

The Bible teaches us that we should discipline ourselves for Godliness. (1 Tim 4:7)