

Life Lessons - Proverbs

Source of Wisdom II

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The Book of Proverbs

- ❖ **Wisdom Literature (Job, Ecclesiastes)**
- ❖ **Attributed to Solomon, King of Israel**
- ❖ **Anthology Israel's traditional wisdom**
- ❖ **Requires humble, earnest effort to hear and willingness to see our world in other's terms**

Raymond C. Van Leeuwne, The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary

Proverbs

Proverbs 2:6-7

Wisdom

- ❖ *The ability to apply and use knowledge appropriately.*

Wisdom

❖ ***ḥākmâ, (wisdom); technical skill; experience, shrewdness. 149×***

(2017). *The Lexham Analytical Lexicon of the Hebrew Bible*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.

Wisdom

- ❖ **Wisdom is seen in the skill of technical work in making garments for the high priest (Ex 28:3), craftsmanship in metal work (Ex 31:3, 6), as well as the execution of battle tactics (Isa 10:13).**
- ❖ **Wisdom is required from government leaders and heads of state for administration (Deut 34:9; II Sam 14:20), including pagan leaders as well as Israelites (Ezk 28:4–5).**
- ❖ **The Messiah demonstrates wisdom and discernment in his function as leader of his people (Isa 11:2).**

Goldberg, L. (1999). 647 חָכְמָה. R. L. Harris, G. L. Archer Jr., & B. K. Waltke (Eds.), *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (electronic ed., p. 283). Chicago: Moody Press.

Wisdom

True wisdom comes from the revelation of God!

Wisdom

- ❖ **The source of all wisdom is a personal God who is holy, righteous, and just. His wisdom is expressed against the background of his omnipotence and omniscience.**

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Proverbs 2:6b

“From His mouth come knowledge and understanding”

Proverbs 2:6b

- ❖ ***The mouth of Yahweh, a frequent expression in the prophets, is found only here in Pr. (Str.); here alone God is teacher, elsewhere Wisdom.***

Toy, C. H. (1899). *A critical and exegetical commentary on the book of Proverbs* (p. 36). New York: C. Scribner's Sons.

Spirit of Wisdom

- ❖ **You must seek God and ask God for wisdom!**
- ❖ **Also you have access to the spirit of wisdom. Christ in you by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Cry Out for Wisdom

- ❖ **Church, you cannot move beyond worship. Worship is the catalyst that connects you to the source of wisdom!**

Cry Out for Wisdom

**“God wants to know how serious we are about him!
Can God get a slot on our schedules?”**

Tony Evans, The Tony Evans Bible Commentary

Sound Wisdom

- ❖ **sound wisdom—literally, “substance,” opposed to what is fictitious. (truth)**

Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., & Brown, D. (1997). *Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible* (Vol. 1, p. 391). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

Sound Wisdom

- ❖ ***Tušiyyah (sound) is an inner power that can help one escape a fix. It is not an inherently intellectual faculty, nor is it a moral virtue; in fact, many honest people lack the gift. (After all, the deceitful man can cheat and harm honest people.) But the sage insists that God himself imbues the upright with the useful endowment of mental dexterity.***

Fox, M. V. (2008). *Proverbs 1–9: a new translation with introduction and commentary* (Vol. 18A, p. 114). New Haven; London: Yale University Press.

God Preserves Wisdom

- ❖ ***Setting aside: (šapan) setting something aside for a favored person (this can be oneself), who alone can benefit from it.***
- ❖ ***Preservation: (sapan) Share of wisdom is stored away for the pupil. He need not worry that his toil will come to naught. It is there waiting for him.***

Fox, M. V. (2008). *Proverbs 1–9: a new translation with introduction and commentary* (Vol. 18A, p. 114). New Haven; London: Yale University Press.

The Upright and Integrity

- ❖ **The *upright* are those who conform their lives to the straight line of moral and religious propriety;**
- ❖ ***Integrity* is perfectness of life. Integrity translates a meaning “complete,” or “blameless**

Reyburn, W. D., & Fry, E. M. (2000). *A handbook on Proverbs* (p. 58). New York: United Bible Societies.

Toy, C. H. (1899). *A critical and exegetical commentary on the book of Proverbs* (p. 36). New York: C. Scribner's Sons.

The Upright and Integrity

- ❖ **This refers to your thoughts and actions when no one is looking but God!**

The Lord is a Shield

- ❖ **God is himself a *Buckler, or Shield* (מגן magen), to those who walk uprightly, his saints. God has *protecting and delivering power!***

Spence-Jones, H. D. M. (Ed.). (1909). *Proverbs* (p. 36). London; New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company.

The Lord is a Shield

- ❖ ***Genesis 15:1***
- ❖ ***Psalm 3:3***
- ❖ ***Psalm 33:20***
- ❖ ***Psalm 84:11***
- ❖ ***Psalm 89:18***
- ❖ ***Psalm 144:2***

The Lord is a Shield

Proverbs 30:5

The Lord is a Shield

- ❖ ***Wisdom is the catalyst to activate the shield of God. When you operate in wisdom (obedience and revelation from God) there is deliverance!***

Proverbs 2:6-7

- ❖ **Wisdom which is the foundation of security and safety, and hence is *sound wisdom, is that which God treasures up for the righteous.***
- ❖ **God is not only the Source of wisdom; he is also the Ensurer of safety, the Source of salvation to those who act uprightly.**

Spence-Jones, H. D. M. (Ed.). (1909). Proverbs (p. 36). London; New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company.