



INTRODUCTION TO PROVERBS
PROVERBS 1:1-9
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Text: Proverbs 1:1-9

I. Introduction

We may all have different plans for how we'll spend our time on this earth, but our destination is the same. We all eventually die, answer to God and enter eternity. Where is your journey taking you? What are you living for? Who are you becoming as you pursue your goals? And most importantly: Where is God in all of this?

II. Background on Proverbs

- Proverbs are short, witty, wisdom sayings.
- The Book of Proverbs is an anthology compiled under Solomon.
- Other wisdom books include Job and Ecclesiastes.
- Proverbs addresses general patterns of the world.
- Proverbs teaches us to walk wisely in the fear of the LORD.

III. The Fear and Wisdom Motto of Proverbs

- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of Knowledge.
- The fear of the LORD is about our place before Holy, Magestic God.
- Wisdom is having knowledge discernment, and resolve
- Wisdom is an attribute of God.
- Know God, know wisdom. No God, no wisdom.

IV. Christ is the Path to Wisdom

- Wisdom calls the simple to turn.
- Jesus came to us as the wisdom of God, righteousness, and redemption.
- True wisdom is known through running to Jesus for salvation.

V. Conclusion

We're all on a journey living for something and becoming someone. Proverbs makes it clear that there are two paths you can take: walking in foolishness which leads to judgment or walking wisely in the fear of the LORD which leads to forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. Trust in Jesus Christ who is the way the truth and the life!

Kick Starters...

- Do you have any experience with the book of Proverbs?
Tell us about it.
- Does walking in wisdom guarantee earthly blessings?
Why or why not?

Entertain the text

- Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

Engage the text

- What is the Fear of the LORD and why is it important to have it before our eyes in our study of scripture?
- What is wisdom and how does it impact your life on a daily basis?
- Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 and talk about what it means that Jesus became wisdom, righteousness, and redemption for you.
- What are some ways you can cultivate walking wisely in the fear of the LORD?
- Spend some time praying that we would fear God in light of his holiness and majesty and that it would lead to us walking in his wisdom. Also pray that we would share the Gospel which is the wisdom of God even if the world sees it as foolishness.