

Proverbs 2:1-22

The Greatest Gift

teachable

"my son" - someone precious for whom you want the best

2 My son (if) you will receive my words

Don't forget or walk away from

And treasure my commandments within you,

listen close

2 Make your ear attentive to wisdom,

seek to follow

if you approach God with a certain kind of heart then you will receive the promise of the greatest of gifts..

- Divine Wisdom - The Key of Life

Incline your heart to understanding;

3 For (if) you cry for discernment,

uncommissioned and desperate

Lift your voice for understanding;

4 (if) you seek her as silver

As seeking the greatest treasure

And search for her as for hidden treasures;

as mankind does not correctly perceive and evaluate divine wisdom

5 Then you will discern the fear of the LORD

And discover the knowledge of God.

God will faithfully disclose His word. This is the essence of Old Testament salvation

The Promise

James 1:5 - 6 For the LORD gives wisdom;

as God is the source of all truth

Joshua 1:8 - From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

"Sanctify them in the truth. The word is truth" (Jn. 17)

Ps. 119!

7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;

God awaits His people as Joseph did his brothers in 26:11

He is a shield to those who walk in integrity,

- to provide
- and protect

8 Guarding the paths of justice,

But one must walk in that path and obey God's word if they are going to experience it

And He preserves the way of His godly ones.

9 Then you will discern righteousness and justice

And equity and every good course.

Right and left vs right and wrong

"The word is a lamp unto my feet. A light unto my path"

10 For wisdom will enter your heart

And knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;

Life is a joy when lived according to the dictates of its creator

11 Discretion will guard you,

Understanding will watch over you,

¹²To deliver you from the way of evil,

From the man who speaks perverse things;

The man of lies

¹³From those who leave the paths of uprightness

To walk in the ways of darkness;

¹⁴Who delight in doing evil

And rejoice in the perversity of evil;

¹⁵Whose paths are crooked,

And who are devious in their ways;

¹⁶To deliver you from the strange woman,

The woman of Deception

From the adulteress who flatters with her words;

she cheats
seduces

¹⁷That leaves the companion of her youth

forgets her trust

And forgets the covenant of her God;

and her covenant before God

¹⁸For her house sinks down to death

and leads downward
to death

And her tracks *lead* to the dead;

¹⁹None who go to her return again,

Nor do they reach the paths of life.

²⁰So you will walk in the way of good men

You will place yourself on a path
of nobility

And keep to the paths of the righteous.

²¹For the upright will live in the land

when all is done you will stand

And the blameless will remain in it;

²²But the wicked will be cut off from the land

The wicked? All trace of them
will be forgotten

And the treacherous will be uprooted from it.