

Wisdom in In Your Word

Proverbs

Purpose and Theme

- 1 The proverbs of Solomon^a son of David, king of Israel.^b
- ²for gaining wisdom and instruction^c for understanding words of insight
- ³for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair;
- ⁴for giving prudence to those who are simple,^d knowledge and discretion^d to the young —
- ⁵let the wise listen and add to their learning,^e and let the discerning get guidance —
- ⁶for understanding proverbs and parables,^f the sayings and riddles^g of the wise.^h
- ⁷The fear of the Lordⁱ is the beginning of knowledge, but fools^j despise wisdom and instruction.

Prologue: Exhortations to Embrace Wisdom

Warning Against the Invitation of Sinful Men

- ^aListen, my son,¹ to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching.²

^a 4 The Hebrew word rendered *simple* in Proverbs denotes a person who is glib, without moral direction and inclined to evil. ^b 6 Or *understanding a proverb, namely, a parable*. ^c and the sayings of the wise, their riddles. ^d 7 The Hebrew words rendered *fool* in Proverbs, and often elsewhere in the Old Testament, denote a person who is morally deficient.

- ⁸They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.
- ⁹My son, if sinful men entice³ you, do not give in⁴ to them.
- ¹⁰If they say, "Come along with us; let's lie in wait"⁵ for innocent blood,
- ¹¹let's ambush some harmless soul,
- ¹²let's swallow them alive, like the grave, and whole, like those who go down to the pit;
- ¹³we will get all sorts of valuable things and fill our houses with plunder;
- ¹⁴cast lots with us; we will all share the loot —
- ¹⁵My son, do not go along with them, do not set foot⁶ on their paths;
- ¹⁶for their feet rush into evil, they are swift to shed blood;
- ¹⁷How useless to spread a net where every bird can see it!
- ¹⁸These men lie in wait for their own blood; they ambush only themselves!
- ¹⁹Such are the paths of all who go after ill-gotten gain; it takes away the life of those who get it.⁷

Wisdom's Rebuke

- ²⁰Out in the open wisdom calls aloud,⁸ she raises her voice in the public square;

- ²¹on top of the wall⁹ she cries out, at the gate she makes her speech;
- ²²"How long will you who are simple¹⁰ love your simple ways?

- ²³"How long will you despise my counsel and despise my voice?

- ²⁴"How long will you refuse to be alarmed by my voice and despise my counsel?

- ²⁵"How long will you refuse to listen to my voice and despise my counsel?

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Moral Benefits of Wisdom

- 2 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,

- ³turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding¹ —

- ⁴indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,

- ⁵and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,²

- ⁶then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.³

- ⁷For the Lord gives wisdom⁴ and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

- ⁸He holds success in store for the upright; he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,⁵

- ⁹for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.⁶

- ¹⁰Then you will understand what is right and just — and fair — every good path.

- ¹¹For wisdom will enter your heart⁷ and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.

- ¹²Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.⁸

- ¹³Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse,

- ¹⁴who have left the straight paths to walk in dark ways,⁹

- ¹⁵who delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil,¹⁰

- ¹⁶whose paths are crooked¹¹ and who are devious in their ways.¹²

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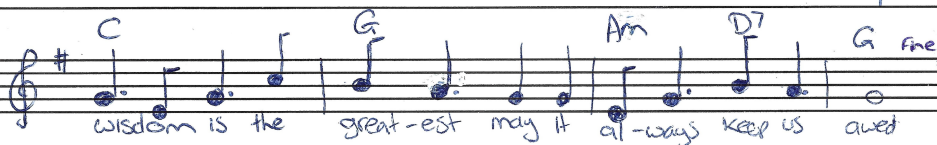
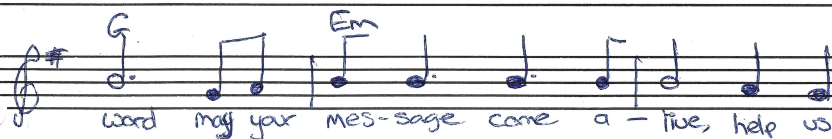
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 Help us ap - ply our hearts to

store up your com - mands within us
~~un - der - stand - ing~~ what you tell us

to tune our ears to the wisdom of your word
 to pray for wis - dom when we don't un - der - stand

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O Lord, grant us wisdom as we look into your word,
Make your message come alive,
help us practice what we've heard,
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