

The Benefits of Wisdom

Commentary for October 15, 2024 – You Are Learning Them Now

The first seven verses of Proverbs chapter 1 tell us the benefits of seeking and acquiring wisdom from the writings of Solomon and other authors. They begin with Solomon's proverbs. Read the verses from the Concordant Literal Translation:

“The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

TO know WISDOM AND ADMONITION [instruction, teaching],

TO comprehend sayings of understanding,

TO procure discipline,

TO gain intelligence,

**Righteousness and
right judgment and
equities,**

TO give to the simple, prudence,

TO youth, knowledge and foresight —

The wise one may also hear and add to his education,

And the one of understanding may acquire skills —

TO understand proverb and puzzle,

The words of the wise and their enigmas [dark sayings]:

The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of KNOWLEDGE:

WISDOM AND ADMONITION the foolish ones despise.”

• *Proverbs 1:1–7 CLV*

One reader of these beginning seven verses of Proverbs pointed out to me that these words of Solomon tell us *what life is all about*. He was correct. Although Solomon likely did not know it at the time, he tells us the process of learning about God and His Son. We believers were selected to absorb the truths of God: truths about your salvation and the salvation of every other human being. The Book of Proverbs is extremely valuable for us now.¹

The first six verses introduce the entire book of Proverbs. Verse 7 (“**The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge ...**”) opens the first of seven sections of Proverbs. This learning process of God's truths and wisdom given in Proverbs 1:1–6 is what each believer is learning in his or her lifetime, even though you may not realize it at present.

God Chose You to Learn NOW

When God chooses a person to believe, that person learns how Jesus emptied Himself of His

¹ Read Dr. Martin's analysis of Proverbs in “[Appendix Two: The Book of Proverbs: Its Structure, Design and Teaching](#)” from his book, [Restoring the Original Bible](#) (latest edition, 1994).

glory, became flesh and was born to Mary, lived a physical life, taught and performed miracles, even raising people from the dead. Jesus was judged, scourged, died on a tree of crucifixion, buried, and rose to glory after three days and three nights (Philippians 2:6–12). All this was done to accomplish God's will, which is:

"... that in the name of Jesus every knee should be bowing, [1] celestial and [2] terrestrial and [3] subterranean, and every tongue should be acclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord, for the glory of God, the Father."

• **Philippians 2:10–11 CLV**

Every human being will learn the truths of: **"the beginning of knowledge, wisdom and admonition"** (Proverbs 1:7 CLV above). You have been given the humbling privilege of learning and experiencing these things **in YOUR lifetime**. God will open the minds of every child of Adam to learn what you know **NOW** at a time of His choosing (1 Timothy 2:4–6).

The vast majority of all humanity will be raised from the dead to a physical body and taught about the work of Christ. This will occur during the Great White Throne Judgment period. All shall be privileged to grow **"... in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ"** (2 Peter 3:18 CLV). We are on earth to experience, to learn, to reconcile with those we harm, and for people to reconcile themselves to us. Further reconciliation will occur after all are glorified. Again, every child of Adam will become a glorified child of God.

We will learn knowledge (Greek "*gnosis*"), but we will not achieve "*epignosis*" (Greek, "realization" or "full knowledge" of the truth) **until** we are resurrected and glorified at Christ's return. We will learn everything about God's plan for each believer, and every child of Adam (1 Timothy 2:4). God accomplishes His will with His creation and creatures in their own eras (Ephesians 1:11; 1 Timothy 2:6). See my article, "[Universal Salvation in Two Verses.](#)"

Understand — God Our Father Is a Perfect Parent!

Of course, infants, such as we are now, cannot begin to realize the depths of his love, although John 3:16–17 tell us what God's commitment to us entails. It may not seem to be so at times, so we should do as Isaiah tells us:

"Trust in Yahweh with all your heart, And do not lean to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He Himself shall straighten your paths."

• **Proverbs 3:5–6**

God teaches us through Christ — the LIVING Word of God, and through the Scriptures — the WRITTEN word of God. We are taught what we need to know now to prepare us to serve God our Father, Christ, and to serve other people when we are glorified. Then we will be filled with the **"realization"** of the truth (or **"full knowledge"** of the truth as Young's Literal Translation renders the Greek *epignosis*).

You best learn a subject when you need to explain or teach it to someone else. What we learn now will help us teach others to be reconciled to God. He will use your unique experiences to fulfill His will through you, even if we do not yet feel worthy of God's trust.