

The Book of Proverbs

“Wisdom and the Fear of the Lord: Proverbs as a Book on Faith”

Week 4: Proverbs 4-5, “Get Wisdom, Get Insight, and Turn from the Adulterous”

I. Proverbs 4:1-9, “Wisdom Will Gain Honor”

1. To whom is this section directed?
2. How is wisdom passed down?
3. Who is being quoted here?
4. What are the three promises of Solomon? (v 4, 6)
5. As a bit of review, what really does Wisdom point to? (Prov. 3:19-20)
6. How does “garland” refer to something promised in the New Testament also? (read 2 Tim 4:8; 1 Pet 5:4; Rev. 3:11; 4:4,10)

II. Proverbs 4:10-27, “”

7. How can we surmise that the son is older? (v 11)
8. Life is again being compared to a path. This path is the freedom of the Gospel, free from snares or traps. How do the Gospels describe our path? (John 14:6; 8:12)
9. What is the path we are to avoid? (v 14-17; John 12:35; 1 John 2:11)
10. Read John 11:9-10 for Jesus’ commentary on this.

11. How do we receive life and healing even now in the church? (v 22)

12. What is the guidance given concerning bad language? (v 24)

13. What are we to set our eyes on? (see Heb 12:1-2)

III. Proverbs 5:1-14, “Avoid the Adulterous”

14. How are two kinds of lips contrasted here?

15. The law is being preached here. Does the adulterous woman heed it, and how does she lead others astray?

16. What are the consequences of adultery?

v. 9

v. 10

v. 11

IV. Proverbs 5:15-23, “Cherish Your Spouse”

17. What is the meaning behind the metaphor in verses 15-18?

18. Is sexual sin, or sin in general, something that only affects the sinner?