

The Book of Proverbs

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

Week 3: Proverbs 3, “Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart”

I. Proverbs 3:1-12, “Place God and His Wisdom at the Center of Your Life”

1. What are the commands and promises in this section?
2. “Shalom” is the Hebrew word for “peace.” While it can mean this, it denotes a fullness of life that can only come from God. How does Jesus use it in John 10:10 and John 14:27?
3. How is verse 5 both a hard thing to hear and yet also a comfort?
4. Certainly we are not given the promise of no troubles, but what is the promise of straight paths referring to?
5. How is this of ultimate comfort to the believer?
6. What does verse 7 warn us against?
7. How does putting one’s eye on the Lord free us from the power of greed?
8. Seeing God as our Father also means that He will at times discipline us. How is this a good thing?

II. Proverbs 3:13-20, “Wisdom Personified Again”

9. How is wisdom compared financially with money? Which is worth more? How does Jesus use similar language? See Matt. 13:44-46; 6:19-21

10. What is very interesting in the language of verse 18?

11. How do verses 19-20 quite explicitly connect Wisdom to Jesus? See also Col. 1:16.

III. Proverbs 3:21-35, “Living in a Right Relationship with Others”

12. How do verses 23-26 describe the confidence of the believer?

13. How should our dealings with our neighbors and their possessions be governed?

14. What are we warned of in verses 29-31?

15. What are some of the differences between how the Lord treats the righteous and the wicked?

Memory Verse for Today:

Proverbs 3:5, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.”

Proverbs 3:19-20, “The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens; by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew.