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Today's passage continues our study of Proverbs 3. It gives a deeper understanding of wisdom through God's eyes... which is the only real wisdom that exists. James 3 defines wisdom that doesn't come from God as "earthly, unspiritual, demonic" and motivated from bitter jealousy and selfish ambition. Yikes! But God's wisdom is "first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere." Wow. God's wisdom is beautiful. And the cool thing is, He offers it to you and me. Amen!

*Blessings,
Jonna*

Proverbs 3:13-26 ~

Proverbs 3:7 says, "Be not wise in your own eyes." So then, where do I get wisdom? From the Lord! Proverbs 9:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight." And James 1:5 says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." Wisdom comes from the Lord! How important is it that I have wisdom? Proverbs 3:13-26 gives me wisdom about the importance of wisdom.

Vs. 13-18 ~ "Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding." These come from the Lord. Having wisdom is better for me than having any measure of wealth. Nothing I desire can compare with wisdom.

What do I desire that doesn't stem from wisdom? I definitely desire comfort... I want the easy button. Is that good for me? Not always. I learned that if you help a butterfly break out of its cocoon, it will die because breaking out of its cocoon builds the strength it needs to survive. Wisdom knows that comfort and ease are not always what I need to survive and thrive.

I also desire honor for myself. Is that wise? No... when I'm seeking honor for myself, I make compromises or do things that lift me up and push others down. Wisdom says that all honor goes to the Lord who says, "Humble yourselves therefore before the Lord and He will lift you

up" (James 4:10). Fighting for my own honor tears me down because "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5).

Wisdom is what I truly need above comfort and honor. What am I blessed with if I have wisdom?

- I am blessed with "long life" ... I don't think Solomon was necessarily speaking to an eternal perspective, but the truth is... I have eternal life!
- I am blessed with the treasures of heaven where moth and rust cannot destroy, and thieves cannot break and steal. This is far greater than any treasure of earth.
- I am blessed with honor! The honor I foolishly seek is temporary. The honor God gives through wisdom is far greater and eternal.
- I am blessed with pleasant ways and peaceful paths that are not dependent on my circumstances.
- I am blessed with a tree of life! The tree of life will be in heaven forever. I will be able to eat from it. Truly the wisest thing I can do is put my faith and trust in Jesus and confess Him as Lord.
- I am blessed for holding fast to wisdom... to not just have moments of trusting God and seeking His wisdom but making His wisdom my practice... my pursuit.

Vs. 19-20 ~ What is the source of wisdom... or rather, WHO is the source of wisdom? The Lord! Proverbs 8:22-23 says of wisdom, "The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His work, the first of His acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth." Wisdom is older than time. And it comes from God.

Everything He does is done in wisdom, including creating this world and establishing the heavens. He knew and understood every intricate detail that had to work synergistically for it all to come together. He knew how to break open the deep waters and the clouds that brought the dew this earth needed.

God is the source of all wisdom, understanding, and knowledge. ALL. Any supposed wisdom that doesn't come from Him is foolish. Any understanding that doesn't come from Him is deluded. Any knowledge that doesn't come from Him is lacking intelligence. In Colossians 2:2-3, Paul said he struggled because he deeply desired "that our hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of UNDERSTANDING and the KNOWLEDGE of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden ALL the TREASURES of WISDOM and KNOWLEDGE." O Lord, may I NOT be wise in my own eyes, but may I worship You and enjoy Your peaceful wisdom, understanding, and knowledge.

Vs. 21-24 ~ How can I walk securely so that my foot does not stumble? DO NOT LOSE SIGHT of wisdom and discretion... keep my eyes fixed on what is wise and not foolish... what has purpose and not what is wasted evil.

Life for my soul and grace (adornment) that surrounds me comes from wisdom. Everything that is life giving and pleasant truly comes from the Lord who is life giving and pleasant. This is how I walk securely without stumbling.

When do I stumble? Never when I'm following the Lord, only when I drift from Him. O Lord, help me to be intentional about never losing Your wisdom from my sight... as intentionally as I would not let one of my grandkids out of my sight in a crowded place. I praise You that You never let me out of Your sight, and when I drift, You discipline me in love to draw me back to safety and peace where You are.

Vs. 25-26 ~ I don't have to be afraid of evil. It is not greater than the Lord. If my confidence is in me... then yes, I do need to be afraid. Fighting the evil one is like Ironman trying to fight the evil forces without his iron suit and empowered heart. But with the Lord as my confidence, I can trust that my foot will not be caught up into the traps of the enemy.

O Lord, everything comes down to this... Trust You. Put my confidence in You. From You come wisdom, understanding, knowledge, peace, and safety. These are the treasures of heaven that cannot be eaten by moths or rusted away or stolen by thieves. These treasures are hidden in Christ. O Lord, "You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance" (Psalm 32:7), because You are wise, powerful, loving, understanding, and full of knowledge. Praise Your name.