



Proverbs 1:1-7 | Treasure Hunting
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Who was the first Jew? **Genesis 12**

Who did the Jewish people ask for a king, and why did they want one? **2 Samuel 8:4-5**

What was God's response to the request for a king? **2 Samuel 8:6-9**

Who was the first king of the Jewish Nation? **2 Samuel 9:1-2**

The Nation of Israel lost sight of two vital truths regarding God's commands. (1) The commandments were never designed to be an end but a means to point everyone to the command giver – GOD! (2) The commandments of God are *not* only right but are also good.

The appeal from the prophets were ignored, which resulted in divine discipline and centuries of heartache and suffering. God had warned Israel through the writings of Moses' and through the voices of the prophets.

***Colossians 2:1-8** For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh, ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words. ⁵ For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. ⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. ⁸ Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰ and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.*

1. How did Paul describe his feelings to the church members? v. 1

2. What did Paul warn them about? vs. 4, 8

3. What did Paul desire from them? vs. 6-7

4. How did Paul define Jesus as being sufficient for every believer? V9-10

- Wisdom is ability to see and respond to life from God's point of view as revealed in Scripture.
- A proverb is a short saying filled with God-honoring and life-enhancing counsel.

Proverbs 1:1-7 *The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: ²To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding, ³To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity; ⁴To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion— ⁵A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, ⁶To understand a proverb and an enigma, (mysterious, puzzling, difficult to understand) The words of the wise and their riddles. ⁷The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

The fear of the Lord is an understanding that God sees and knows everything about me, and such knowledge motivates me to know love and serve Christ while awaiting my future accountability to Him. Re: **Hebrews 4:13**

Wisdom directs us to be skillful in glorying God in all of life, whether through singleness, dating, marriage, parenting, honoring our parents, handling our money, our thought life, our words, how we see others and how we respond to them. Our aim should be to glorify God in every circumstance that we face.

Three Basic Steps to Develop Spiritual Disciplines

Step One | Have a plan (commitment).

Step Two | Follow your plan (discipline).

Step Three | Share your plan (accountability).

The fruit of our spiritual maturity is left in God's hands, but the work for our spiritual growth is in our hands.

Philippians 2:12-16 *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. ¹⁴Do all things without complaining and disputing, ¹⁵that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.*

“Spiritual growth does not always involve learning something new. Our most important growth often is in regard to truth we have already heard but have not fully applied.” John MacArthur

Rarely does heart and soul examination come as a result of success. God uses our failures and inabilities to reveal our need for change and desire for change.

“Wise counsel is never popular, rarely obeyed, and usually forgotten.” Chuck Swindoll

“Considerable weight is to be given to the judgment (counsel) of men and women who live near to God, and in most instances their verdict will not be a mistaken one. Yet this appeal is neither final nor infallible, and is only to be estimated in proportion to the intelligence and piety of those consulted.” C.H. Spurgeon