POWER HOUR

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Lesson Text:
Proverbs 2:1-9

Related Scriptures:
Proverbs 2:9-22; 4:1-7; 7:1-5;
Psalm 119:129-136

"SEEK FOR WISDOM AS FOR SILVER"

NLT TRANSLATION

Golden Text: For the Lord grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:6 NLT

Time: between 971 and 931 B.C. **Place**: Jerusalem

Proverbs 2:1-9 NLT

1 My child, listen to what I say, and treasure my commands. 2 Tune your ears to
wisdom, and concentrate on understanding. 3 Cry out for insight, and ask for
understanding. 4 Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden
treasures. 5 Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord,
and you will gain knowledge of God. 6 For the Lord grants wisdom! From his
mouth come knowledge and understanding. 7 He grants a treasure of common
sense to the honest. He is a shield to those who walk with integrity. 8 He guards the
paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to him. 9 Then you will
understand what is right, just, and fair, and you will find the right way to go.

INTRODUCTION

Wisdom leads to the Lord (Proverbs 2:5). The result of seeking wisdom is that the one who seeks for wisdom will discover the source of all wisdom. The Lord is the answer to all our questions. Proverbs highlights the fear of the Lord as the foundation of knowledge (1:7) and wisdom (9:10).

The Lord gives wisdom (Proverbs. 2:6). All genuine wisdom is found in God; we are dependent upon God to reveal Himself to us. As James reminds us, if we lack wisdom, all we need to do is ask God, and He will provide (James 1:5-7, 17). God

himself imparts wisdom to us. In Isaiah 48:17, He promises to teach and direct us. If we have a consistent and habitual desire to learn and obey God's wisdom, we will understand what is right, fair, and just, biblically and practically. This will be the "every good path" set before those who walk with Him.

Additional Scripture Readings:

Get Wisdom. Proverbs 4:1-9.

Avoid Evil. Proverbs 4:10-19.

Ponder Your Way. Proverbs 4:20-27.

Treasure The Commandments. Proverbs 7:1-5.

The Lord's Testimonies Are Wonderful. Psalms 119:129-136.

The Blessings of Wisdom. Proverbs 2:10-22.

The Lord Gives Wisdom. Proverbs 2:1-9.

1. The search for wisdom (Proverbs 2:1-4). Proverbs 2 is a good example of the Hebrew poetic device of parallelism. A writer using this technique made a statement in the first part of the verse and then restated or reinforced that thought in the second part of the verse. Recognizing this parallelism helps us better understand the writer's message.

In verse 1, Solomon addressed his words to his son. Just as his father, David. had instructed him (1 Kings 2:1-4; Proverbs 4:3), Solomon wanted to instruct his son-and us today.

In Proverbs 2:1-4, Solomon used several phrases to describe how we should seek and what we should seek. We must apply every effort to find out what God wants. Verse 4 tells us to seek God's wisdom.

2. The rewards of wisdom (Proverbs 2:5-9). These five verses continue the same poetic parallelism as the first four verses. What happens when a person seeks for God's wisdom with the same intense desire as someone looking for silver or a hidden treasure? Solomon lists five rewards of that search.

The first reward is in verse 5: to "understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God." The reward is a growing understanding of what it means to reverence the Lord and a greater insight into God's person and character.

According to verse 6, the reward for seeking God's wisdom is that He will provide it, along with knowledge and understanding. God's wisdom is a sure guide to navigate the challenges of life. The next rewards are explicitly stated as being for the righteous (vs. 7). God will protect those who live upright lives before Him (vss. 7-8). God's wisdom will preserve His children by helping them make wise decisions.

The final reward of the search for God's wisdom is in verse 9. Seekers of God's wisdom will have a significantly greater sense of what is right ("righteousness"), just ("judgment"), and fair ("equity"). The search for wisdom provides the ability to walk on the Lord's path in life and avoid the way of the fool.

Verse 4 says to search for wisdom with the same diligence as one searches for silver. However, God's wisdom is more valuable than silver. Solomon wrote in Proverbs 16:16 that understanding is better than silver, and wisdom is better than gold. Let us, then, commit to seek diligently for God's wisdom.

PRACTICAL POINTS

The path to wisdom begins with a willing heart (Proverbs 2:1).
Attaining wisdom requires active obedience to its instruction (vs. 2).
Finding wisdom does not happen by accident. We must intentionally ask for it (vs. 3).
Wisdom is a precious treasure. It is worth the investment to find it (vs. 4).
Seeking wisdom leads us to God (vs. 5).
The Lord is the source of wisdom (vs. 6).
God gives His wisdom to those who obey His commands (vs. 7).
God protects His children by leading them in the right paths (vs. 8).
Consistently walking in wisdom will lead you to understand righteousness (vs. 9).

CONCLUSION

God's wisdom is found in the Scriptures and in prayer. The focus of this study, however, is how to go about seeking God's wisdom, not just knowing about it. No one can expect to obtain wisdom without effort. Rather, we must search for wisdom as we would search for hidden treasure. What should characterize our

Bible reading and prayer time if we are searching diligently for God's wisdom?

Next week's lesson: One area in which we need wisdom is handling trials. Next we will consider - ***'Enduring Trials in Wisdom" – James 1:1-11***

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