

## **HK 2018 – THE DOVE**

### **PROVERBS - OVERVIEW! INTRODUCTION 9/14/18**

- PROVERBS - Book of God's Wisdom
- Why is it called the Book of God's Wisdom? (not the wisdom from man, but to man from God!!)
- What is wisdom? – the application of knowledge
- Proverbs – one of the 66 books in the Bible, the word of God to man, from God, practical application of God's wisdom!
- Know this! THERE IS NO GREATER SOURCE OF WISDOM, ANYWHERE, ANYPLACE THAN THAT WHICH GOD'S WORD GIVES US – THE HOLY BIBLE!!
- Why is God's word, His wisdom so important to us?
- Do you want to make the best decisions? Have the best life possible?
- For this life and for life eternal?
- God's word, including the Book of Proverbs, gives us God's wisdom for everyone who willingly reads, meditates on it, accepts it and does it!
- It takes some digging, some pondering, some questioning by us
- We need to pray for understanding and application
- We need to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to receive His word!

So turn in your Bibles and let's be introduced to the Book of Proverbs pg 1029:  
(Chinese/English NIV Bible)

A book of wisdom, 915 verses pertaining to the practical application of God's wisdom for us,, for all aspects of our lives, at every age - young and old.

So much knowledge in the world, but the world is a mess because of failure to properly apply knowledge!

Proverbs is God speaking to us regarding our applying knowledge to our lives His way – the wisdom of God!

The source of this wisdom is God Himself.

Jesus is our Redeemer and Savior! He also is our source of all wisdom – Colossians 2:3 pg 353 “...Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”!

In the Book of Proverbs, In chapter one, verses 2-6, (pg. 1029) we have the purpose and theme of the Book.

The Beginning of Knowledge

Pro 1:1 The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

Pro 1:2 for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight;

Pro 1:3 for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair;

Pro 1:4 for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young—

Pro 1:5 let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance—

Pro 1:6 for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise.

Next, we have the key verse to the whole Book of Proverbs: “the fear of the LORD” used 21 times in the Bible, 10 times in Proverbs. Let's look at verse 7:

Pro 1:7 The **fear of the LORD** is the beginning of knowledge (wisdom, Prov 9:10), but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

2 parts to fearing the LOD: 1) For the believer, it's not fearing Him, that He will hurt you, but fearing that you will not do things that hurt Him?

2) Dreading sin! Do you dread you sin?

Do you have "**fear of the LORD**"?

### **DO YOU KNOW HIM?**

TO DETERMINE IF WE KNOW HIM, LETS' LOOK AT: Three great Questions of Life;

Where did I come from?

Why am I here?

Where am I going - now and forever? Is this life on earth all that there is?

(Great answers for those who are His - are given throughout the Bible! – an example in one Book, the Gospel of Mark

Where did I come from? Mark 10:6 (pg 81) "*But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.'*" - created by God in His image

Looking further into the first great question of life? Where did I come from? What is my current spiritual state?

Where did you come from?

Pg 1 **Gen 1:1** *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.* - God is the Creator -

Pg 2 **Gen 1:26-27** *Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." [27] So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.* – Man is eternal – created in the image of God!

Pg 3 **Gen 2:16-17** *And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; [17] but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."* – if you eat of the forbidden tree, you shall surely die

Pg 4 **Gen 3** – Man ate! The fall of man

Pg 5 **Gen 3:14-15** *So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. [15] and I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel."* – Messianic Prophecy - man has fallen-died spiritually, and is now separated from God. But God in His perfect and great love for man, promised to send a restorer, a reconciler, a Savior to redeem fallen man – that is be done in and through our Lord Jesus Christ – to pay our debt, to pay for our sin, to restore us back to God for everlasting life with Him!"

### **Second Great Question of life? Why am I here?**

Why am I here **Mark 12:29-31** (pg 87) "*The most important one (commandment)," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. [30] Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. [31] The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."* - To love Him completely and to love one another

### **Third Great Question of life? Where Am I Going?**

The Bible says we are created in God's image, eternal, so where do we go after we die?

During this life on earth every person has been given the choice by God to either accept, to love Him and His Son, Jesus Christ OR to reject, to not believe that Jesus Christ has died for

you, paying in full the price of your sin. On the third day after His death on the cross, He was resurrected from the dead to show that His payment was received and our debt was paid in full, enabling us to live forever with Him! Jesus Christ was fully God and fully man! Because He lives, we live!!!!

Where am I going? To those who are His, who believe in Him, Jesus said, Mark 13:24-27 (pg 89) *"But in those days, following that distress, "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; [25] the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken."* [26] *"At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. [27] And he will send his angels and gather His elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. - Jesus is coming back and we will be with Him forever.*

**SO THE FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO KNOW HIM! TO BE HIS! TO BE BORN AGAIN! TO SURRENDER YOUR LIFE TO HIM! TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU ARE A SINNER! TO REPENT OF YOUR SINS! TO SURRENDER YOUR LIFE TO HIM! TO ASK HIM TO COME INTO YOUR HEART! TAKING FULL CHARGE OF YOUR LIFE AND TO ABIDE IN YOU FOREVER!**

**HAVE YOU DONE THAT? TO COMMIT (OR RECOMMIT) YOUR LIFE TO JESUS CHRIST AS LORD AND SAVIOR FOREVER!**

#### **TIME FOR Q & A**

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