

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 125 – Receive My Words Through Rooting Out The Transgressors (Proverbs 2)

1. What has to be done to fear the Lord and find the knowledge of God?

“(1) My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; (2) So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; (3) Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; (4) If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; (5) Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God” (Proverbs 2:1-5).

* This answer starts with “***IF*** thou wilt receive my words” (Deuteronomy 4:29-31, Deuteronomy 11:27-28, Deuteronomy 28:1-2, Deuteronomy 28:9, John 14:15, John 15:10, John 15:14, and I John 2:3-6).

* Hiding commandments with thee (Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Proverbs 3:1, Luke 2:19, and Luke 2:51).

* Apply thine heart to understanding (Proverbs 22:17-21 and Ecclesiasts 7:25).

* Really seeking knowledge as looking for valuable treasures (Psalms 19:7-10 and Proverbs 16:16).

2. What or who is the source of wisdom?

*“**For the LORD giveth wisdom**: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding” (Proverbs 2:6).*

* I Chronicles 22:12, Job 32:8, Psalms 119:97-103, Colossians 3:16, and II Timothy 3:15-17.

3. For whom does God lay up sound wisdom?

*“He layeth up sound wisdom **for the righteous**: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly” (Proverbs 2:7).*

* I Corinthians 1:23-24 and I Corinthians 2:6-7.

4. Whose way does the Lord preserve?

*“He keepeth the paths of judgment, and **preserveth the way of his saints**” (Proverbs 2:8).*

* I Peter 1:3-5.

5. From the understanding and wisdom we gain from the Lord; can we understand righteousness, judgment, and equity [uprightness]?

Yes: *“Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path” (Proverbs 2:9).*

* The Hebrew word for “equity” (Strong’s # 4339) is translated as “uprightness” in other places (**Psalms 9:8**). “Right things” in **Proverbs 8:6; 23:16**.

6. What is the result of wisdom entering into the heart?

You’re delivered from the way of evil men and from strange women: “(10) *When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; (11) **Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee;** (12) **To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; (13) Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; (14) Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked; (15) Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths; (16) **To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words; (17) Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. (18) For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. (19) None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life”** (**Proverbs 2:10-19**).***

* **Psalms 17:4-5**.

7. Who leaves the paths of righteousness?

The evil man: “(12) *To deliver thee from the way of **the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; (13) **Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness**”*** (**Proverbs 2:12-13**).

* We should hate the way of the wicked (**Proverbs 8:13** and **Romans 12:9**).

* Those who depart from the paths of the upright are EVIL (**Proverbs 21:16, Ezekiel 18:24, II Timothy 4:10, and II Peter 2:20-22**).

8. What do evil men rejoice to do?

Evil, in the context talking about evil men (**2:12**): “*Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked”* (**Proverbs 2:14**).

* **Proverbs 10:23**.

* Yes, people do take pleasure in doing evil (**Romans 1:32; cf. Hebrews 11:25**).

9. How do strange women flatter those who do not have wisdom from God?

“*To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words”* (**Proverbs 2:16**).

* **I Kings 11:1-6, Proverbs 5:3-14, and Proverbs 6:23-24**.

10. Will those snared by a strange woman be able to escape without harm?

Can’t escape AT ALL: “(16) *To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words; (17) Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. (18) For her house inclineth unto death, and her*

paths unto the dead. (19) None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life” (Proverbs 2:16-19).

*** Proverbs 22:14, Proverbs 23:27, and Ecclesiastes 7:26.**

11. Under the old law, if the children of Israel wanted to dwell in their land, what way should they have walked in?

“(20) That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous. (21) For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it” (Proverbs 2:20-21).

*** Psalms 37:3, Psalms 119:63, Jeremiah 6:16, and Hebrews 6:12.**

12. Can wicked people root themselves secure enough to escape God’s judgment?

No: *“But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it” (Proverbs 2:22).*

*** Psalms 37:9 and Psalms 145:20.**