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Wisdom in the Book of Proverbs

We can learn a lot from the book of Proverbs in the Bible. First of all, what is a “proverb”? A proverb is defined as, “a short saying stating a general truth or piece of advice.” Most cultures have their own sayings or “proverbs” and the Hebrews are no exception. It is generally believed that King Solomon wrote the majority of the book of Proverbs. You may remember that he had asked Yahweh for wisdom instead of selfish desires. Yahweh was very pleased with Solomon’s request. We, too, can ask Yahweh for wisdom.

So what can we learn in the book of Proverbs? If you have not yet read this important book, we encourage you to do so. Here are some things we can learn from this wisdom-filled book: making wise decisions, being obedient, having faith, avoiding evil and folly, being blessed, and having good virtues.

Good virtues, in particular, are very important to Yahweh. “Virtue” is defined as “behavior showing high moral standards.” Throughout the entire Bible, we read how Yahweh intended His people to be different from the world in their behavior. He wanted a holy and righteous people for Himself.

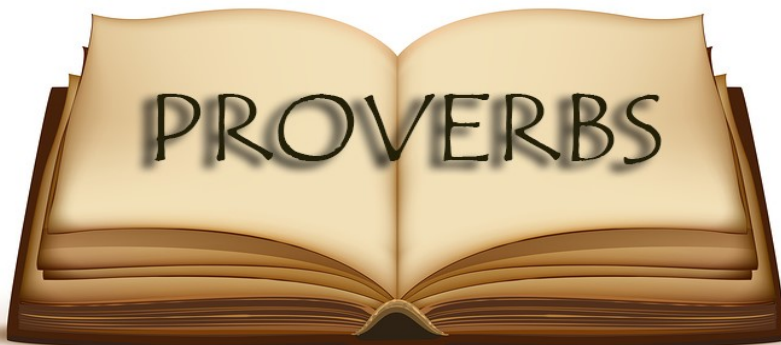
The book of Proverbs encourages people to avoid folly. “Folly” is defined as “lack of good sense; foolishness.” Our decisions have a huge impact on our lives, and the lives of those around us. Oftentimes, foolish decisions can cause much pain and suffering. Another good quality mentioned in Proverbs is being content. In the world today, contentment is not found very often. Yahweh is deeply concerned about His people being content. He gives us many blessings every day, including food, clean water, and clothing. But many people don’t even recognize the blessings in their lives. We’d be wise to be grateful for what Yahweh provides for us. Even in the New Testament we find this same principle. The Apostle Paul mentioned that he had learned to be content in any situation. Let’s all glean wisdom from the book of Proverbs!

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Proverbs 15:9 (ESV)

The way of the wicked is an abomination to Yahweh, but He loves him who pursues righteousness.



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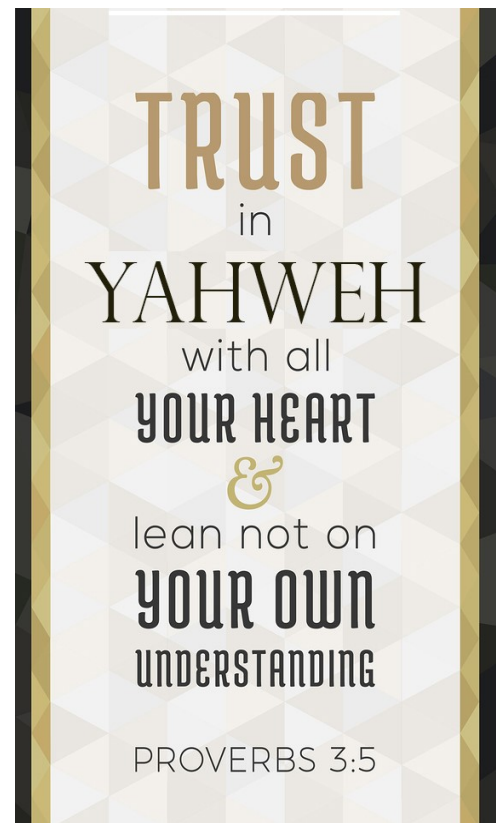
1. Who wrote most of the book of Proverbs?
 - A. King David.
 - B. King Ahab.
 - C. King Solomon.
 - D. King Agrippa.

2. Which statements are true?
 - A. Solomon asked Yahweh for wisdom.
 - B. Yahweh was pleased with Solomon's request.
 - C. Solomon requested selfish desires.
 - D. A. and B. are correct.

3. What is a proverb?
 - A. A short saying or piece of advice.
 - B. A lengthy speech.
 - C. A sermon.
 - D. A short article.

4. What else is true of the use of proverbs in general?
 - A. Proverbs are only unique to the Hebrews.
 - B. Many cultures, including the Hebrews, had proverbs.
 - C. Only the Greeks had short sayings imparting wisdom.
 - D. The ancient Canaanites invented wisdom sayings.

5. What does it mean to have "virtues"?
 - A. Being selfish.
 - B. Having a high standard of moral character.
 - C. Thinking of only yourself and what you want.
 - D. Stubbornness.



Lessons from Proverbs

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CONTENTMENT VIRTUES FOLLY SOLOMON

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Preachers in the Bible

1. Name the person who preached in the wilderness crying, “Repent ye: for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Matt. 3:1-2).
2. Name the person who was referred to as the “preacher of righteousness.” (2 Pet. 2:5-6).
3. Who was a reluctant preacher to the evil people of Nineveh? (Jonah 1:1-3).
4. Who preached on the Day of Pentecost and many were saved? (Acts 2:14).
5. Name the Person Who said, “Repent: for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand...Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.” (Matt. 4:17, 19).
6. Who said that Yahweh anointed him to preach good tidings to the meek? (Isa. 61:1).
7. Who refused to stop preaching when commanded to do so? (Acts 5:28-29, 42).



8. Name the two people who were forbidden to preach in Asia (Acts 16:1-6).
9. Who preached about Yahshua to a man in a chariot? (Acts 8:26-35).
10. Name the preacher that Barnabas defended when people were afraid of him because he had persecuted them in the past (Acts 9:26-29).
11. Who went to Samaria and preached about Yahshua, resulting in Simon the Sorcerer becoming a believer? (Acts 8:5, 13).