

## **SERMON OUTLINE**

**'Getting it right: wise words for life'**

**'The Book of Proverbs'**

**Study - 2**

**Proverbs 3 v1 - 10**

*'Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge'*

*T.S. Eliot*

Key Question - What is Proverbs all about? See - 1 v1 - 2a. This wisdom is not human wisdom, but divine wisdom - it's God's wisdom. What an astonishing thought this is - think of how God has displayed (made known) His wisdom:-

### **A. GOD'S WISDOM IS TO BE SEEN IN THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE**

See - 3 v19 - 20 & Gen 1 v31

### **B. GOD'S WISDOM IS TO BE SEEN IN THE SALVATION OF THE SINNER**

That is - it's seen in the cross, God's means of saving the sinner. See - 1 Cor 1 v23 - 25a

Key Truth - This wisdom can become ours! We need to ask - and we need to obey. See - James 1 v5 & Lk 6 v46 - 49.

To encourage us to seek after His wisdom, God not only gives principles and priorities to follow and practice - He gives us promises as well. In this passage we have 4 exhortations (principles and priorities) with 4 accompanying promises.

#### **1. THE EXHORTATION - LISTEN TO THE LORD**

#### **THE PROMISE - PEACE**

#### **The Exhortation**

See - v1. This is wisdom! Note - The context is that of the family. A son ("my son") gladly and eagerly receiving the instruction of his parents. See - 1 v18. This address "my son" is used 17 times in this first section of the book. What is the evidence that this father truly loves his son? See - 3 v11 - 12. We listen to the Lord (doing what He says)

because He is the Father who loves us and in His wisdom has nothing but the very best for us.

### **The Promise**

See - v2. The word "prosperity" is (literally) - "peace". What use is a long life if we have no peace?

## **2. THE EXHORTATION - BE LIKE THE LORD**

### **THE PROMISE - A GOOD NAME**

#### **The Exhortation**

See - v3. This love and faithfulness is God's love and faithfulness.

#### **The Promise**

See - v4.

## **3. THE EXHORTATION - TRUST IN THE LORD**

### **THE PROMISE - BEING LED IN HIS WAY**

#### **The Exhortation**

See - v5 - 6a. We are to trust God wholeheartedly. See - v5a

We are to trust God exclusively. See - v5b

We are to trust God completely. See - v6a

#### **The Promise**

See - v6b

## **4. THE EXHORTATION - LIVE FOR THE LORD**

### **THE PROMISE - OVERFLOWING BLESSINGS**

#### **The Exhortation**

See - v7 - 9

#### **The Promise**

See - v10 & Matt 6 v31 - 33