



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAKE ORION

THE PROTECTION WISDOM PROVIDES

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TEXT: PROVERBS 2:1-22

I. THE PRIORITY IN THE SON'S DEVELOPMENT: Godly Character, vv. 1–11.

A. The Son is to Internalize the Parent's Teaching By Accepting and Applying Wisdom, vv. 1-2.

- 1. The Acceptance of Wisdom,** v. 1
- 2. The Application of Wisdom,** v. 2

B. The Son is to Arduously Seek After Wisdom , vv. 3-4.

- 1. The son who seeks wisdom will come to know the fear of the Lord and discover the knowledge of God,** v. 5.
- 2. The son who seeks wisdom will come to know the giver of true wisdom and knowledge—
The Lord,** v. 6.
- 3. The son who seeks wisdom will find protection from God and wisdom,** vv. 7-8, 10-11.
- 4. The son who seeks wisdom will develop an intuitive understanding of righteousness and justice,** v. 9.

II. THE PURPOSE OF THE SON'S DEVELOPMENT: Godly Conduct, vv. 12–22.

A. The Exposition

- 1. The infinitive constructs** in verses 12 & 16 point to the purpose of the sons's development.

12 To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things;

16 To deliver you from the strange woman, From the adulteress who flatters with her words;

- 2. The use of the verb "leave" describes the actions of the wicked man and woman,** vv. 13 & 17.

13 From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness;

17 [she] leaves the companion of her youth And forgets the covenant of her God;

- a. **They have apostatized and abandoned the covenant God.**
- b. **They seduce followers of God with enticing words.**

Notice the seductive speech:

*12 To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who **speaks perverse things**;*

*16 To deliver you from the strange woman, From the adulteress who **flatters with her words**;*

B. Explanation:

As a person submits himself to God and His words of wisdom, he gains the wisdom that will protect him. The ways of the wicked will lose some of its allurements and the sensuality of the adulteress will lose its appeal. The wise person will see that what the wicked promise are thrills that are sensual and temporary and never deliver what is promised.

1. To deliver the son from the evil way of wicked men, vv. 12—15

- a. They speak perverse things, v. 12.
- b. They abandon God to walk in darkness, v. 13.
- c. They delight in doing evil, v. 14.
- d. They rejoice in the perversity of evil, v. 14.
- e. Their direction is crooked and devious, v. 15.

2. To deliver the son from the forbidden woman, vv. 16–19

- a. She flatters with her words, v. 16.
- b. She abandons her husband, v. 17.
- c. She forsakes her God-ordained relationship, v. 17.
- d. She dwells in deeds that lead to death, v. 18.
- e. Her direction leads to death from which there is no return, v. 19.

3. To give the son direction, vv. 20–22

CONCLUSION: This chapter, like the previous one, ends by contrasting the ends of the wicked and the righteous (vv. 21-22; cf. 1:32-33). This long poem communicates that those who seek for wisdom will find her and the Giver of wisdom. Once found, wisdom will protect those who seek her.