
PROVERBS, CHAPTER 2

1. The first four verses of Proverbs 2 list conditions that we must meet to obtain God's wonderful promises in verse 5. Write the things that God has instructed us to do.

(1) _____

(2) _____ * The best place to hide them is in our hearts. See Psalm 119:11. Then they are always with us.

(3) _____

(4) _____

(5) _____

(6) _____

(7) _____

(8) _____

2. What are the promises to each one who meets these eight conditions?

(1) _____

(2) _____

* Are you meeting these 8 conditions? What do you seek more - pleasure; wealth; security; health; acceptance; fame - or understanding the fear of the Lord and knowing God personally?

What would make you happier: (1) a gift of \$100,000 worth of gold; or (2) finding a treasure in God's Word, that will give you wisdom and understanding to help you live a victorious life?

Spend some time examining yourself before going on with this study. Do you *want* to fear God? Do you *want* to know Him? Look at each condition again. Are you doing your part to seek God? Make Psalm 27:8 your commitment. He has a blessing waiting for those who seek Him!

See Psalm 119:2. Jeremiah 29:13 shows us that the blessing is finding *Him!* "And ye shall seek **me**, and find **me**, when ye shall search for **me** with all your heart." When we have the Lord, we have all we will ever need - now and throughout eternity! Jesus gave a wonderful promise, in Matthew 7:7-8, to every one who asks, seeks, and knocks: "Ask, and it shall be given you; **seek, and ye shall find**; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for **every one** that asketh receiveth; and **he that seeketh findeth**; and to him that knocketh it **shall be opened**."

3. Who is the Source of wisdom? _____

4. What comes out of the Lord's mouth? (1) _____ (2) _____

* Anyone who claims to have knowledge that is contrary to God's Word is not wise, but foolish. Study Proverbs 14:7. Do not keep company with those who claim to know more than God, our Creator! Proverbs 15:2 tells us that "...the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness."

See I Corinthians 1:25. Read Proverbs 2:6 again. Do you want wisdom? knowledge? understanding? Stay in God's Word! Seek the Lord with all your heart! Surround yourself with God's people, who base their knowledge on the Scriptures. Jesus said in Matthew 24:35: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but **my words shall not pass away**."

5. What people will inherit sound wisdom, laid up by the Lord? _____

6. Who has the Lord for his buckler? _____