

1. Last week I taught in part 1Ti 2:4 and when time expired we were in the process of studying Proverbs chapter 9.
2. Before we resume our study, you may want to use the provisions of 1Jo 1:9 by silently naming your sins to God as the Holy Spirit may or may not show.
3. Before we return to our analysis of Proverbs 9 I want to give you an expanded translation of 1Ti 2:1-3.

Expanded Translation

1Ti 2:1 First and foremost I urge, therefore, that petitions be made continually for that which is lacking or needed, and that intercessions be made on behalf of all men,

1Ti 2:2 but particularly for kings, and for all those ones who are in places of eminence and authority, in order that we might lead honest lives replete with both inner and outer tranquility as we go about living our very own spiritual life.

1Ti 2:3 For you see, praying for one another, and especially our authorities, is a noble undertaking and clearly an action looked upon with favor in the eyes of God our Savior,

4. So far we have exegeted that portion of 1Ti 2:4 which in the KJV has been translated "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come to a knowledge of the truth... noting it might better be rendered "**who desires that all men would believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and come to a complete understanding of the mind of Christ.**"

5. I want to review some of that learned earlier and then begin new material at point 9 on page 3.

6. The entire verse has been translated in the KJV.

KJV

1Ti 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

UNTO THE KNOWLEDGE ΕΙΣ ΓΝΩΣΙΣ

1. **Eis Gnosis** is better translated "to a clear understanding ..."
2. **Eis** is a preposition followed by the monadic noun **Gnosis**, declined as an accusative singular.

3. Salvation faith comes from a belief that Christ died to make the believer right with God. As a result, deliverance comes immediately as a forever condition to one who exercises faith alone in Christ alone. This we call positional sanctification. Positional sanctification is a forever fact.

4. There is for the believer a temporal sanctification for which all believers should strive. Temporal sanctification is also called “spiritual maturity.” It is a process and a product of the intake of the Word under the filling of the Spirit.

5. We are filled with the Spirit when we confess our sins and thus we are said to be spiritual and teachable. There are two Scriptures that best describe this grace phenomenon. Rom 12:1-2

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

6. The use of wisdom in Proverbs is quite distinctive.

Pro 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Pro 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy one is understanding.

7. Proverbs is the ultimate wisdom book.

7.1 In Proverbs, chapters 1-9, wisdom is described as a righteous woman. This is natural, for wisdom in Hebrew is a feminine noun. The contrast is drawn with the foolish woman, the harlot, as opposed to she who is wise. The two are contrasted; one leads to blessing and the other to sin and evil.

8. The opposite of wisdom leads to sin and evil. In Pro 9:1-18 the contrast is most pointed. Wisdom and the foolish woman give the same call to those who pass by. The one calls to the fear of the Lord; the other calls to sin and evil. The question is always to whom will you answer? In Pro 9:1-12 wisdom calls and in Pro 9:13-18 folly or the prostitute calls. Folly is a euphemism for a whore.

Wisdom Calls

Pro 9:1 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

Pro 9:2 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.

Pro 9:3 She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,

Pro 9:4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,
Pro 9:5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.
Pro 9:6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.
Pro 9:7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot.
Pro 9:8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.
Pro 9:9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.
Pro 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.
Pro 9:11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.
Pro 9:12 If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.

9. Now for new material and the call of Folly the Prostitute. Folly represents any and everything that keeps the believer from doctrine.

Folly Calls

Pro 9:13 A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing.

Pro 9:14 For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,

Pro 9:15 To call passengers who go right on their ways:

Pro 9:16 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

Pro 9:17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.

Pro 9:18 But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.

10. In Proverbs, chapter 8, wisdom is presented as the companion of God in creation and providence. This Proverb is often called the wisdom Proverb. Wisdom or doctrine is said to exist from the very beginning. Its importance is again stressed.

Pro 8:1 Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice?

Pro 8:2 On the heights along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand;

Pro 8:3 beside the gates leading into the city, at the entrances, she cries aloud:

Pro 8:4 "To you, O men, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind.

Pro 8:5 You who are simple, gain prudence; you who are foolish, gain understanding.

Pro 8:6 Listen, for I have worthy things to say; I open my lips to speak what is right.

Pro 8:7 My mouth speaks what is true, for my lips detest wickedness.

Pro 8:8 All the words of my mouth are just; none of them is crooked or perverse.

Pro 8:9 To the discerning all of them are right; they are faultless to those who have knowledge.

Pro 8:10 Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold,

Pro 8:11 for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

Pro 8:12 "I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion.

Pro 8:13 To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.

Pro 8:14 Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have understanding and power.

Pro 8:15 By me kings reign and rulers make laws that are just;

Pro 8:16 by me princes govern, and all nobles who rule on earth.

Pro 8:17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me.

Pro 8:18 With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity.

Pro 8:19 My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver.

Pro 8:20 I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice,

Pro 8:21 bestowing wealth on those who love me and making their treasuries full.

Pro 8:22 "The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old;

Pro 8:23 I was appointed from eternity, from the beginning, before the world began.

Pro 8:24 When there were no oceans, I was given birth, when there were no springs abounding with water;

Pro 8:25 before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth,

Pro 8:26 before he made the earth or its fields or any of the dust of the world.

Pro 8:27 I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,

Pro 8:28 when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,

Pro 8:29 when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.

Pro 8:30 Then I was the craftsman at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence,

Pro 8:31 rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind.

Pro 8:32 "Now then, my sons, listen to me; blessed are those who keep my ways.

Pro 8:33 Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not ignore it.

Pro 8:34 Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway.

Pro 8:35 For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the LORD.

Pro 8:36 But whoever fails to find me harms himself; all who hate me love death."

11. In the remainder of the book of Proverbs there are many tributes and warm praise for the wise man. For example, the wise son is contrasted with the foolish son. Pro 10:1 and 20

Pro 10:1 The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

Pro 10:20 The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth.

12. Knowledge is a pleasant thing and when made a part of a person's understanding it will be evident in the mouth of that person. Pro 22:17-18

Pro 22:17 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

Pro 22:18 For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.

13. While wisdom is personified in the Old Testament in the book of Proverbs and shown to have existed eternally, it is centered in the New Testament in one person, the Lord Jesus Christ. 1Co 1:30 and Col 2:2-3

1Co 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

Col 2:2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

Col 2:3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

14. Christ in His human nature increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. "Upon Him," said Isaiah, "shall rest the Holy Spirit," whose primary attribute is to convey wisdom. Luk 2:52; Heb 5:8 and Isa 11:2

Luk 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Isa 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

15. As a result of the demonstrated wisdom of Christ, men asked, "Whence hath this man this wisdom?" Mat 13:54

Mat 13:54 And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?

15.1 Little did they know, there standing before them was one greater than Solomon, and that one day their cynicism would result in a special judgment from the queen of the south.

Mat 12:42 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

16. Of Christ Paul writes that He is the power and the wisdom of God, stressing that Christ's life and death were God's wise plan of salvation. 1Co 1:22-25

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