

PROVERBS 2:1-33

THE REWARDS OF HEEDING GOD'S WISDOM

Introduction

Heeding wisdom requires . . .

1. Humble receptivity (v. 1a)
2. Proper valuation (v. 1b)
3. Careful listening (v. 2a)
4. Inner eagerness (v. 2b)
5. Prayerful dependence (v. 3)
6. Diligent pursuit (v. 4)

Six rewards belong to those who heed God's wisdom.

- I. Successful searching (v. 5)
 - A. Understands the fear of Yahweh
 - B. Finds the knowledge of God
- II. Divine generosity (v. 6-8a)
 - A. From God's person
 - B. From God's mouth
 - C. From God's treasury
- III. Sufficient understanding (v. 9-10)
 - A. Of righteousness (what is right)
 - B. Of justice (what is due every man)
 - C. Of equity (fairness)
 - D. Of everything
- IV. Divine protection (v. 8b, 11-19)
 - A. From self-destruction (v. 8b; cf. 1:17-19)
 - B. From certain destruction (v. 12a)
 - C. From stupid delinquents (v. 12b-15)
 - D. From seductive dames (v. 16-19)
- V. Enduring godliness (v. 20)
 - A. As an unchanging, well-worn pattern of life
 - B. As what is known by those who please God
- VI. Ancient blessing (v. 21-22)
 - A. For the godly
 - B. In the land
 1. Permanently
 2. Remaining