

“A Father’s Longing for A Son”

Text – Proverbs 3

I. A wise son opens his _____ to his father’s _____. - Three Exhortations (3:1-6)

- A. Be _____! (3:1-2)
- B. Be spiritually _____! (3:3-4)
- C. Be _____ in the Lord! (3:5-6)

II. A wise son _____ and _____ the LORD. (3:7-10)

- A. The Father’s _____ (3:7-8)
- B. The Reward of Faithful _____ (3:9-10) – Principle of Sowing and Reaping

III. The characteristics of a _____ man (3:11-26)

- A. He accepts the _____ of the Lord. (3:11-12)
- B. He pursues and enjoys the rewards of _____. (3:13-18)
 - 1. The incomparable _____ of godly wisdom (3:13-15)

Queen Wisdom is ready and willing to reward all who seek her favor.

- 2. Wisdom’s lasting tangible _____: (3:16-18)
 - a. _____ (3:16a)
 - b. _____ and _____ (3:16b) - *and in her left hand riches and honour.*
 - c. _____ - (3:17a) *Her ways are ways of pleasantness, [sweet and pleasant to the soul]*
 - d. _____ - (3:17b)
 - e. _____ (3:18a)
 - f. _____ - (3:18b) - *and happy [satisfied] is every one that retaineth her.”*

Proverbs 3:19-20 - The Source and Originator of Wisdom—God our Creator.

Proverbs 3:19-20 – “The LORD [*Jehovah; Eternal, Self-Existent; the Great “I AM”*] by wisdom hath founded [*established; lay*] the earth; by understanding [*intelligence; reason; insight*] hath he established [*prepared; direct; fixed*] the heavens [*celestial bodies; sky*].

²⁰ By his knowledge [*cunning; perception*] the depths [*oceans; subterranean waters*] are broken up [*divided; break forth; burst asunder*], and the clouds drop down the dew.”

- C. He enjoys the _____ and _____ only godly wisdom can give. (3:21-26)

1. A man of integrity [*consistency*] walks with _____ before the LORD and man. (3:21-23)
2. He finds _____ upon his bed and in his soul. (3:24)
3. He is not driven from _____ to _____. (3:25)
4. The Lord is His _____. (3:26)

IV. An exhortation to love your neighbor (3:27-30)

- A. Extend _____ to a neighbor in need. (3:27-28)
- B. Seek _____ and avoid _____ with your neighbor. (3:29-30)

V. Avoid the ways of the wicked (3:31-35)

- A. A _____ man is a trouble to all who know him. (3:31-32)
- B. “Truth and Consequences” (3:33-35)

Psalm 53:1 – “The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.*”