

Proverbs 3:1-4
“Have You Lost That Loving Feeling?”

~ LET'S PRAY ~

SO FAR...

- We've discovered a few things about WISDOM:
 - 1) The **value** of wisdom – it brings honor (1:9)
 - 2) Encouraged to **pursue** wisdom – for safety (1:33)
 - 3) We learned some **benefits** of wisdom (2:1-22)

TONIGHT...

- We're going to arc over chapter #3...
 - With a hand full of insights as we go.

BUT... FIRST...

- Let's capture the texture of the environment Proverbs was written in.
- Proverbs was written under the OT covenant relationship.

IN (Deut. 6:4-9)...

- These verses are recited as the Jewish confession of faith.
 - And Jewish people use a physical symbol to remind them...
 - Of God's faithfulness – a **Mezuzah**.

Mezuzah – Is a decorative case with a small handwritten scroll...

- With two bible passages:
- (Deut. 6:4-9) “*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.*”
- (Deut. 11:13-21) speaking about the blessing of obeying God.

THESE PASSAGES...

- Command the people of Israel to love God & keep His commandments.

(Deut. 6:9) “... *write them on the doorposts of your house and your gates.*”

GOD IS HIGHLIGHTING...

- Faithfulness in relationship with Him.
 - Believers become miserable & depressed...
 - When we live partially as Christian's...
 - AND partially as a non-believer.

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HERE’S THE WISDOM...

- To avoid the unnecessary swings in our relationship with God.

(v.1a) *Forget* = #7911 (*Shaw-Hay-AK*)... Be oblivious to.

- When we stop caring for the word of God it slips from our memory.
 - And there’s a withering effect (like a flower that dies).

(v.1a) *Law* = This is a Hebrew word meaning human direction.

- God’s word gives direction for life.
 - Direction in worship;
 - Direction in relationship to God;
 - Direction in relationship with others.
 - We learned this in ([Exodus 20](#)).

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD...

- Is based upon His word.
 - He doesn’t want us to forget His goodness...
 - Even when we neglect His promises.

(2 Tim 2:13) NLT

“If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny who He is.”

(v.1b)

Let your heart (phrase) = #3820 (*Lav*)...

- Feelings / will / motives / affections / desires / thoughts / intellect.

THIS IS WHERE THE ISSUE’S OF LIFE ARE WRESTLED OUT.

- It’s the seat of our emotions... AND if we don’t take care of our heart...
 - It’s where rebellion & pride spring up.

(Ps. 51:10-11) NKJV...

- David asked God for what we all need.

(v.1b) *Keep* = #5341 (*Naw-tsar*)

- Guard / protect / maintain / obey.

(v.1c) *Commands* = The internal attitude toward divine direction.

(vv.5-8) = *Trust* – Confidence in God who doesn’t let you sink.

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*Ohio ice story

(Isa. 26:3) NKJV

*You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You,
because he trusts in You.”*

(Ps. 27:11) NKJV

“Teach me Your way O LORD, and lead me in a smooth path...”

(Philp. 3:3b) NKJV

“... have no confidence in the flesh.”

(vv.9-10) = *Honoring God*

- This is a topic the church has become skeptical of...
 - In the last few decades.

BUT...

- It's a promise 500-years before (Malachi 3:8-11) NKJV
 - And it's... “Written for you NOT about you.”

(vv.11-12) = *Correction*

- (Heb. 12:5-9) NKJV

(vv.13-18) = *Benefits*

- Happy is the man who finds wisdom
- It's profitable
- Length of days & honor
- Pleasantness & peaceful
- A tree of life

(vv.19-20) = *The example of Jehovah*

- An example of how mind-blowing truth is.

(vv.21-26) = Exhortation to hold to God's wisdom

(vv.27-31) = A list of warning about man-to-man pitfalls.

(vv.32-35) = Gods' perspective over this whole section.

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~ IN CLOSING ~

