

# The Book of Proverbs

Godly Wisdom for Everyday Life

## SSBC Proverbs Bible Study # 18 Review

*Take this Bible Study home and use it to guide your exploration of the scripture passage that next Sunday's sermon will be focused on.*

Passage: Proverbs 1:7 (Review)

Related Passages: From Studies 3—9

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### **The Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom**

For the next two Sundays we will be holding the Missions conference in the Sunday morning worship service. As a result we will not be studying Proverbs for the first two Sunday's in February.

While we have two Sundays open in the middle of our study of the book of Proverbs, we thought that it would be a good time to go back and review the Proverbs studies 3 through 9 this week and those studies that make up a "Portrait of the Wise" (10 through 17) for the week of February 10th.

We hope that you find this review of Proverbs studies 3 through 9 beneficial and rewarding to your Christian walk with the Lord.

1. Below are some of the verses we studied during weeks three through nine. Take time to read them and make some fresh observations.

Scripture	Your Observation & Questions
<p><b><u>THE LORD IS:</u></b></p> <p><b>The LORD is completely sovereign. His purposes always prevail.</b> (Lesson #4)</p> <p><sup>19:21</sup> Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.</p> <p><b>The LORD is omniscient and searches our hearts.</b> (Lesson #5)</p> <p><sup>16:2</sup> All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD.</p> <p><b>The LORD is wise beyond our comprehension.</b> (Lesson #6)</p> <p><sup>25:2</sup> It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.</p> <p><b>The LORD's Word is Perfect.</b> (Lesson #7)</p> <p><sup>30:5</sup> Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.</p>	

Scripture	Your Observation & Questions
<p><b><u>THEREFOE WE SHOULD...</u></b></p> <p><b>Trust in the Lord.</b> (Lesson #8)</p> <p><sup>3:5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;</p> <p><sup>3:6</sup> in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.</p> <p><b>Fear of the Lord.</b> (Lesson #3)</p> <p><sup>1:7</sup> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.</p> <p><b>Worship of the Lord.</b> (Lesson #9)</p> <p><sup>15:8</sup> The LORD detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him.</p> <p><sup>15:9</sup> The LORD detests the way of the wicked but he loves those who pursue righteousness.</p>	

2. Next, use this chart to interpret some key observations.

a. From the chart on the previous pages, select a few of your observations & questions that you find most interesting or important. Rewrite these below, and then interpret and apply each of them using the columns to the right.

b. For each observation, begin to interpret by asking yourself these kinds of questions:

- What does it mean?
- Why is this important?
- What does this tell me about the Father,? Jesus? The Holy Spirit?
- Are there other scriptures that could help me understand this?

Observation What does it Say?	Interpretation What does it mean?

3. Now consider how you can **apply** the Word to your life. Look for:

- ◆ **Sins** to avoid
- ◆ **Promises** to believe
- ◆ **Examples** to follow (remember "SPECK")
- ◆ **Commands** to obey
- ◆ **Knowledge** to share

Don't just write things to write them — listen carefully to God's Word and what he seems to be teaching you, and look for relevant things that you're truly stirred to do. Then as you do them, God will help will help you learn, grow, and help others grow.

Application How do I apply what it means?



The last question asks you how you can “pursue righteousness” this week in your daily life. Was that hard to answer? Do you know what it means or looks like to pursue righteousness or godliness in your life? If you’re struggling with these concepts, or with putting them into action, ask God to help you. The first step, if you haven’t taken it already, is to invite Jesus Christ to lead your life. Take a walk with me down the Romans Road, which tells us how to begin a new life as followers of Jesus.

### **THE ROMANS ROAD TO SALVATION**

**Romans 3:23**—“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”. (This says that all of us are sinners and do not measure up to what God desires for us.)

**Romans 6:23**—“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Jesus is the way!)

**Romans 5:8**—“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us.”

**Romans 10:9-10**—“That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”

**Romans 8:16**—“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.”

Take the time right now to asked Jesus to come into your heart as it says in Romans 10:9-10 confess that “Jesus is Lord” of your life and believe that God has raised him from the dead and you will be saved.

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