

Proverbs 2

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father. I pray for wisdom and understanding this morning. I thank You for this day, and I will rejoice and be glad in it. I thank You for the cross, for eternal salvation. May Your word always be in my heart and on my lips.

Comments/Insights: Verse 4 says, "If you seek her (wisdom) as silver, and search for her as hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of The Lord." The question is, to what degree do we "seek" wisdom? Are we lazy in our approach and rely on TV evangelists or Christian authors to give us a quick "word from The Law!?" Or do we search the deep and hidden things, praying always, studying to show ourselves approved, seeking the treasures of God's wisdom as a Pirate of Caribbean, facing the dangers of perilous weather, sharks, and confrontations with cannonballs from enemy battleships, ready always to go to war, fully arrayed in the armor of God?

Basic Scripture Truth: I believe the lack of our fear of The Lord comes directly from our lack of His wisdom. The more we learn of the majesty, power, and loving grace of our God and Savior, the more we reverence, respect, and fear Him. The same God who "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son," also took Ananias and Sapphira, allowed a young Stephen to be stoned to death, and refused to remove Paul's thorn. The same Lord who wished to gather Jerusalem under "His wings" allows His church to go through many "tribulations" before we enter the kingdom of God.

Application to My Life: There is no easy way to follow our Lord God. We must seek His wisdom in fear and desperation, not as those who want to serve, but as servants of the most High God, who have died to our own fleshly desires, and carry the cross of Christ every day. We must be a people willing to face the arduous trials and tribulations of an evil world filled with The Holy Spirit and fully clothed in the armor of God. This is only possible when we fear The Lord, and this fear only comes by His wisdom. Only then are we delivered "from the evil way." Verse 12.

Closing Prayer: Thank You Heavenly Father for Your wisdom. May I fear You always in wisdom and truth that I may be the servant You called me to be. May I always seek You as silver and gold that I may be delivered from evil, and walk the path of righteousness. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

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