

MORNING WORSHIP

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Title: "Happy is the man who finds wisdom"

Text: Proverbs 3:13-18

(I) THE MANIFOLD BLESSINGS THAT ATTEND WISDOM

1. Longevity

"For length of days and long life and peace they will add to you." **Proverbs 3:2**

"Length of days is in her right hand..." **Proverbs 3:16a**

- a) Long life
- b) Peaceful long life

2. High esteem

*"And so find favour and high esteem
In the sight of God and man."* **Proverbs 3:4**

- a) From man
- b) From God

3. Good health

*"It will be health to your flesh,
And strength to your bones."* **Proverbs 3:8**

- a) Health
- b) Strength

4. Physical (Material) aspects

"...In her left hand riches and honour." **Proverbs 3:16b**

- a) Riches
- b) Honour

5. Peace

*"Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace."* **Proverbs 3:17**

- a) Pleasantness
- b) Peace

6. A Tree of life

"She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her..." Proverbs 3:18a

"...Keep sound wisdom and discretion;

So they will be life to your soul..." Proverbs 3:21a-22b

a) A tree of life

b) Life to your soul

7. Happiness

"...happy are all who retain her." Proverbs 3:18b

Assured happiness

8. Beauty

"...And grace to your neck." Proverbs 3:22b

"...gives grace to the humble." Proverbs 3:34b

9. Glory

"The wise shall inherit glory..." Proverbs 3:35

(II) THE STATE OF THE UNWISE

1. The perverse

"...the perverse person is an abomination to the LORD." Proverbs 3:32a

2. The wicked

"The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked..." Proverbs 3:33a

3. The scornful

"Surely He scorns the scornful..." Proverbs 3:34a

4. The foolish

"...shame shall be the legacy of fools" Proverbs 3:35b

(III) EVERY REASON TO SEEK THE WISDOM OF GOD

"...He blesses the home of the just." Proverbs 3:33b

1. Logic

2. Natural inclination of the heart

3. Soul's desire