

Seeing the Gospel in the book of Proverbs Proverbs 1:1-7

Background information

The book of Proverbs was written by _____ and is:

1. Classified as Wisdom Literature
2. A _____ teaching his _____ to pursue wisdom

Proverbs 1:8

What is wisdom?

1. Possessing right _____
2. Being _____ and knowing how to act in light of that knowledge
3. Then _____ rightly upon that knowledge

Proverbs 1:1-7a

The opposite of wisdom is _____ (foolishness)
Proverbs 1:7b

This example of Solomon _____ his son (most likely Rehoboam-who would become king after his father) is modeled upon God (our Father) and the way He teaches His children

-This started in the _____ as God taught His son (_____ -Luke 3:38) wisdom-Genesis 2:15-17

-God also teaches _____ (His Son-Exodus 4:22) wisdom through the giving and explaining of the Law

Sadly, in all of these instances the son proves to be _____
(Adam rebelled, Israel rebelled, Rehoboam rebelled)

How should we read and understand Proverbs?

1. By understanding that since this book is _____ by God this teaching from a Father to His son should be

viewed as from God our Father teaching His sons to pursue wisdom

2 Timothy 3:16

2. With a _____ and _____ spirit that reflects on our foolishness both before conversion and after conversion (allow the Law of the Lord to do its work)

Titus 3:3a

Romans 7:15

3. Confess that _____ unto the Lord and plead for mercy

1 John 1:9

4. With eyes and minds pointed to the Eternal and Only Begotten Son of God who while on earth was taught to know and pursue wisdom by His Heavenly Father and did so _____ (Gaze upon Christ)

Proverbs 3:4

Luke 2:52

5. Let your mind ponder the beauty, wonder, and glory of our _____ and adoption through Christ, our wisdom

1 Corinthians 1:30

Colossians 2:2-3

6. With a humble and _____ heart plead with the Lord of mercy to help you walk in wisdom and be further conformed into the image of Christ

Romans 13:14

The book of Proverbs should point us to our _____, Christ's perfection, the glory of our salvation, and spur us on to pursue wisdom out of _____ to the Lord