

Day 5—Feast of Tabernacles What We will be Teaching in the Millennium

Proverbs provides the stated educational and foundational goals for all human life

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Greetings, brethren! Welcome to Day 5 of the Feast of Tabernacles! *Time* marches on! Here we are, figuratively, a little past halfway of the Millennium, year 500. That's something to think about and contemplate!

Setting up the Millennium and being part of the Family of God to rule with Christ, to save the world and bring millions, perhaps billions, into the Kingdom of God, and that's almost beyond our comprehension to grasp. That's why the book *From a Speck of Dust to a Son of God: Why Were You Born?*

During the Millennium, everyone is going to know why they were born, why they're here, where they're going. But think about it for just a minute: we all get up in the morning, regardless of our age, and we clean up and get ready for the day and we look in the mirror and there we are, whether good, bad or indifferent. The older you get the more wrinkles that are there and the more gray hair you get or the less hair you have, whatever the case may be.

When you really stop and try to wrap your mind around it, each of us began as an invisible speck of dust. Look at the fantastic things that God has put into the human body, the human mind and every part about us is really a tremendous miracle the way that He has made us.

Look at the world and there's nothing to compare with human beings, and it's just exactly like God said, 'have dominion over the earth.' Since mankind has failed, He has given that to the saints.

What we are going to do is look and see how the Millennium began and then we'll jump forward just a little bit and see:

- what is that we are going to do
- what we are going to teach people
- what will be the most important thing that there is

I think we're also going to see that in spite of whatever knowledge we have today, it's just like that little speck of dust that we ourselves began with.

God brings the people out of captivity and brings them to their inheritance. We're going to have a part in this, and that's going to be something! To come back with Christ on the earth, the earth is all in

great destruction and upheaval, and we are going to help rebuild it. All the people will be working. All will know God from the greatest to the least. And the knowledge of God is going to cover the earth as the seas cover the earth.

We don't know what that's going to do to the Bible, but just think about how much more is going to be added to the Bible. There will be a thousand years with no war! That's going to be fantastic! Let's read what God says:

Jeremiah 30:24: "...He has fulfilled the purposes of His heart. In the latter days you shall understand it."

Jeremiah 31:1: "'At that time,' says the LORD, 'I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people.'" That's also talking about *us*, because we are *spiritual Israel!* There will physical Israel, and there will be all of the other nations.

Verse 2: "Thus says the LORD, 'The people *who were* left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I will go to give him rest.'" Of course, *rest* is another word for peace from war and the Millennium.

Verse 3: "The LORD has appeared to me from afar, *saying*, 'Yea, I have loved you with an everlasting love...'"

Sidebar: God's love is everlasting, but for those whom He is dealing with it is conditional based upon our choices. One of the greatest false doctrines is that God's love is unconditional, 'you can do anything you want to do and God still loves you.' I don't think they ever read about the Lake of Fire (Rev. 20).

Verse 4: "Again, I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin of Israel. You shall again put on your drums, and shall go forth in the dances of those who rejoice. You shall yet plant vines on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall eat *them* as common things" (vs 4-5).

There's going to be plenty of everything! Just imagine! It says, '*They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy mountain.*' That means God's government on the earth.

Verse 11: "For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of the one

stronger than he. ‘Therefore, they shall come and sing in the height of Zion...’ (vs 11-12). There’s one thing we’re going to be doing during the Millennium, there’s going to be a lot of singing, and it’s not going to be music like we have today, the modern music, which is nothing but satanic demonism. It’s going to be beautiful, wonderful and awesome. *They will sing for joy!*

“...and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and the herd. And their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not pine away anymore at all” (v 12).

Abundance, no end! Love, joy and singing! Children that will not be raped or kidnapped. Children that will be taught the will of God. Parents knowing the plan of God to bring forth many children. I just imagine that there’s going to be the greatest population boom ever during the Millennium. God’s plan is so great that reaching out beyond the Millennium, beyond New Jerusalem and the new heaven and earth, *out beyond into the ages of eternity!* What will that be like?

Just like it’s hard for us to comprehend that each one of us began less than a speck of dust, almost invisible. As a matter of fact, couldn’t see you unless there was a microscope. Of course, they didn’t have those going back many years in human history. So, it’s quite a miraculous thing that we can even talk about it and understand it. But think about what God is going to do.

Verse 13: “‘Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together; for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them and make them rejoice from their affliction. And I will fill the soul of the priests with fatness, and My people shall be satisfied with My goodness,’ says the LORD” (vs 13-14).

That doesn’t mean that since we’re going to be priests and kings of God that we’re going to be fat. That means that *God will give to us the best of everything!* The cream of the crop! In French they call it *crème de la crème*. That’s why we have to be spirit beings in order to handle it. It’s going to be quite a different thing.

Verse 17: “‘And there is hope for your future,’ says the LORD...” Everyone is going to know:

- why they’re here
- who God is
- who we are
- how we teach and instruct them

They are going to have great projects that they can build, because by the time we get to the end of the Millennium, a very strange thing happens, and that will all be rooted in free choice. We’ll look at that on Day 7.

Verse 23: “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, ‘Again they shall speak this word in the land of Judah and in its cities...’” We’re going to have cities; I wonder what they are going to be like? Think of all the things that men have done; think of the cities that they have built. Do you not suppose that:

- what Christ and the saints will build
- the cities that we will be in charge of
- the people that we will teach
- the education that we’re going to bring them

will be so fantastic and on a level beyond what we even have a clue of today. That’s going to be something! Yet, 4,000 years.

“‘...when I shall bring them back from their captivity: “The LORD bless you, O habitation of righteousness and mountain of Holiness.”’” (v 23). Think of that! A society where sin is very minor, and where sin is repented of, and where people fulfill their purpose and they’re able to learn and grow.

We’re going to see some things of what they’re going to learn and what they’re going to grow in knowledge and understanding of. It’s going to be an amazing thing. No sickness; if there’s sickness there’s healing. We’re not going to have doctors like we have today.

- We will be the ones who will help them.
- We will be the ones who will raise them up if that happens.

Verse 24: “And farmers, and those going forth with flocks, shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities of it together. For I have **satiated** the weary soul...” (vs 24-25)—so **full** of goodness and righteousness, the best of the physical things, the best comforts of what it is for living. *The best of everything!*

It’s going to be hard, because there will still be some human nature there, and it’s going to be so absolutely marvelous that the great things will be ordinary, and the marvelous things will become commonplace. The knowledge, understanding and learning is going to be absolutely beyond what we can think of.

Think of it today. We have the knowledge of God in the Bible. We have some knowledge concerning scientific things, some knowledge concerning building things. What is it going to be

when the knowledge of the Lord covers the earth as the seas cover the earth?

I want you to think on that. I want you to really grasp as much as you can how great that is going to be. We will be the ones to administer it. Think of that!

Verse 25: “For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.” *No doubt about it!*

Verse 31: “Behold, the days come,’ says the LORD, ‘that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah’”—so they can fulfill their purposes, and with all the nations of the world. Isn’t that going to be a great thing?

Men have had slogans:

- we’re going to end war
- the war to end all wars, WWI
- the war for democracy for the world, WWII

all the wars since then, all the wars going clear back to the beginning of war with Cain killing Abel. Think of the trail of death and destruction and misery that men have caused.

Now, with all the saints, with Christ as King ruling the world. A New Covenant, and it’s going to have the same laws, statutes and judgments that’s in the Word of God today. Those are spiritual and eternal, and that’s what they’re going to learn, and that’s what we’re going to teach.

Verse 32: “Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which covenant of Mine they broke, although I was a husband to them,’ says the LORD. ‘but **this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel: After those days,’** says the LORD, **‘I will put My law in their inward parts...’**” (vs 32-33)—become a very part of their being; that’s exactly what God is doing to us today:

Hebrews 10:16: “**‘This is the covenant that I will establish with them after those days,’** says the Lord, **‘I will give My laws into their hearts, and I will inscribe them in their minds.’**” That’s the best place to have the laws and commandments of God.

All human beings operate on how they think and what they have learned. This gives us a basis for making the right choices. We’re going to see that God is not going to take away human choice.

Jeremiah 31:33: “**‘...and write it in their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.**” And they shall no more teach each man

his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, “Know the LORD”; **for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,**” says the LORD. ‘For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sins no more’” (vs 33-34).

- What does God say about removing sins?
- How far does He remove it?
- *As far as the East is from the West!*

Verse 35: “Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for a light by day and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, who stirs up the sea when its waves roar; (the LORD of hosts is His name).”

Here’s the promise. This is why we can trust God in everything, v 37: “Thus says the LORD...”

- the Word of God is true
- the Word of God is right
- the Word of God is Holy
- the Word of God will always be in effect

“...‘If the heavens above can be measured...’” (v 37). Men haven’t been able to measure it even with the greatest telescopes that they have going out to the furthest reaches of space with some of the pictures that they’re able to take.

“...and the foundations of the earth below can be searched out...” (v 37). We still don’t know very much about the earth. If those things can be done...

- God has spoken it
- God cannot lie
- God will not lie
- God has given this promise and it will happen exactly as He has said

He said that if that can happen, if human beings can do that, “...I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done,’ says the LORD” (v 37). Quite a thing! It’s going to be an amazing time!

Just think about how we’re going to be able to, with the restoration of the whole earth... Remember what we read in Day 4, *the restoration of the whole world!* Human nature is going to be tamed way down. It’s going to be something!

Psa. 145 talks about what God is going to do. It’s a marvelous and wonderful Psalm. This tells us the attitude that we are going to have toward God, not only us, but all the people. We’ll be:

- the teachers
- the priests
- the kings

- the administrators
- the ones running what ever bureaucracies there will be

because there will have to be some. It's all going to be a great and glorious thing. This Psalm gives us a good indication of what that is going to be like. When you read Psa. 145, you're going to see this has never really happened.' It's saved for the Millennium.

Talk about worshipping God, it's really going to be a thing. Remember, Satan the devil is restrained, he's not around; *no evil!* Think of this on an individual basis. Think of it as each of us, after we're resurrected from the death, and we worship God, go Jerusalem, or we work there—whatever it may be—and it's going to be a wonderful thing, whatever it's going to be. Yes, we will worship God, and the people will worship God.

Think what it's going to be like on the Sabbath Day with all the singing, the praise and the glory that goes to God. People who love God, serve God, love each other.

Psalm 145:1: "I will extol You, my God, O King; and I will bless Your name forever and ever." Going out into the ages of eternity. You think on that for a minute. That is going to be an absolutely marvelous and wonderful thing. We'll see God face-to-face, we'll talk to Him. That's going to be a great and marvelous thing. Remember, there's no restriction on time.

Verse 2: "Every day I will bless You; and I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise Your works to another... [that's what's going to happen down through the Millennium] ...and shall declare Your mighty acts. I will speak of the glorious splendor of Your majesty and of Your wondrous works" (vs 2-5).

Think what this is going to be. When we go to Jerusalem we will see Jesus Christ, and we will come back and explain that to the people and tell them we just came from Jerusalem. Wait until you're a *spirit* being_[transcriber's correction] and you can see God! That's going to be something else!

Verse 6: "And men shall speak of the might of Your awesome works; and I will declare Your greatness. They shall pour forth the memory of Your great goodness and shall sing of Your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and full of compassion; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love" (vs 6-8). Think of the whole world operating on love:

- the love of God

- the love of those in the first resurrection
- our love for God
- our love for the people
- the people loving each other
 - ✓ husband or wife
 - ✓ father and mother
 - ✓ children and parents

All together! *That's our goal!* I want you to think about it, because here in a few days we're going to be through the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day, and we're going back to wherever we live and that's back into the world. In one week, here comes Halloween; Satan out there in full blast and glory.

That won't be in the Millennium! No occult holidays there. The whole world and society will be based upon the Sabbath and the Holy Days, and what God wants us to learn. I think we're going to find out that the potential really gave to human beings is so much greater than we have ever supposed! ***But because of sin we are where we are!***

Verse 9: "The LORD is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works. All Your works shall praise You, O LORD; and Your saints shall bless You" (vs 9-10).

Think what that's going to be like. I myself can hardly wait. I don't know what I'm going to be doing, you don't know what you're going to be doing, but the day is going to come when we're going to go to Jerusalem and here's this great tabernacle that has the pillar of fire by night and the bright in the day time. We're going to go to Jerusalem and have Sabbath services with Jesus Christ, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, all the prophets, the 12 apostles, and we'll be gathered together in assembly. I don't know what kind of songbooks we're going to have, and I don't know what kind of instruments that there will be, but there will be the greatest sound and noise, the greatest singing to God:

- to praise Him
- to exalt Him
- to sing of His love
- to sing of His power
- to sing of His Truth

and what a marvelous thing that He has done and we are a part of that, part of the very Family of God, the Church of the Firstborn forever.

Verse 13: "Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD upholds all who fall and raises up all who are bowed down" (vs 13-14). Yes, everyone will be successful ***if***—we'll get to IFMA

later—they choose what is right.

Verse 15: “The eyes of all wait upon You, and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing” (vs 15-16). Think about the next time you watch National Geographic showing whatever part of the world, whatever animals or sea life that there is, and God feeds them all. God has worked it out that they are all fed. That’s a fantastic thing!

Verse 17: “**The LORD is righteous in all His ways and loving in all His works.**” Look at that! Think of that! I don’t think our minds can grasp even the smallest amount of what it’s going to be like to be a spirit being and administer this and help the people. Think about that.

Verse 18: “The LORD is near unto all who call upon Him, unto all who call upon Him in Truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry, and will save them. The LORD watches over all who love Him...” (vs 18-20). Think of that:

- in your life now
- in relationship to all the brethren
- in relationship to all the brethren around the world wherever they are
- of what it’s going to be during the Millennium

This is something! That’s why Jesus told the scribe that the greatest commandment is ‘to love God with all your heart, mind, soul and being,’ because God wants to love us back and to be a spirit being, to see God and experience that love back to us. We are to give that love to all the people under our charge for whatever we do.

“...but all the wicked He will destroy” (v 20). At the end of the Millennium, we’ll find out why that is necessary to do again.

Verse 21: “My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless His Holy name forever and ever.” A perfect picture of what the Millennium will be like. That is awesome indeed when we come to understand that and see that.

What will be teaching the people during the Millennium? As we saw in Day 5, all those who are righteous are going to live a hundred years in the flesh. We’ll talk about what happens when they reach the hundredth year a little later, probably tomorrow and Day 7.

We also know that the righteous are going to be blessed. We also know that those who sin, and if there’s repentance—probably in ‘repentant centers’: where they can go and recover, where they can

overcome their sin and problems, repent of it and be in the society, and then live out their life and serve God in the way that they should. We are going to have a great, great project of:

- teaching
- helping
- showing God’s way

It’s still going to be a fact that when children are born that there’s nothing in the mind. Everything that they’re going to learn they will be taught by us and their parents through the Word of God. We will be busy teaching, as a basis of learning, the things that are contained in the book of Proverbs. How much more expanded, how far out will that reach, what are the ramifications of all the things that will be taught, will all be based on the foundations of what we find in the book of Proverbs, expanded over and over and over again beyond what we can even comprehend.

Let’s look at the things that we are going to teach. We can’t list all of them, but here are the important ones:

1. **Knowledge**

- knowledge of God
- knowledge of life
- knowledge of things
- knowledge of building

All of those things; whatever knowledge, a vast array of knowledge!

2. **Understanding**

As we will see, you get knowledge up to a certain point, then you have understanding.

3. **Wisdom**

*When we have those three, **then** we can have:*

4. **Judgment**

All of those are combined into:

5. **Righteousness**

- the spirit of Truth
- the spirit of love
- the spirit of knowledge
- the spirit of understanding

All working together!

I think we’re going to have the most marvelous kind of civilization, that we’re going to look back on this one that we have, even living in this age that we’re living in now and all the things that we have. That civilization is going to be vastly superior to this one, it’s going to require a completely different way of thinking.

However, important thing: *it's based on the Word of God!* Here are the principles for learning and what we're going to be doing. Here is what we will be teaching them, probably much more expanded than what we find here:

Proverbs 1:1: "The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel." What is the lesson of this, because we will be talking about Solomon in Day's 6 & 7.

- ***IF*** you have the knowledge, understanding, wisdom, judgment and righteousness
- ***IF*** you do not continue in that way
- ***IF*** you do not continue to love God

Look what happened to Solomon!

Another Truth: *It's not how you start out! It's how you finish!*

Let's continue on and see the things that we are to be teaching:

Verse 2: "To **know wisdom and instruction**; to **perceive the words of understanding**; to **receive the instruction of wisdom, righteousness, and judgment, and equity**" (vs 2-3). There it is!

The stated education goals for all human life, the foundational stones of it!

Let me just say that we're going to cover in the rest of sermon a good number of Proverbs, but we also have the Proverbs study, which you can download to your iPhone, listen to the audio reading of it, study it yourself. {truthofgod.org} If you do that you will be amazed at how much knowledge, wisdom, understanding, information and righteousness that you will be able to obtain just from going over the Proverbs again and again and again!

Verse 4: "To give prudence to the simple..." the uneducated. That's what newborn children are, simple; very simple. The only thing they know how to do is to nurse, sleep, to nurse and sleep. Then mom has to take care of all the rest. All the bodily functions are working and that has to be all cleaned up.

"...knowledge and discretion to the young man.... [and woman; remember the word *woman* ends with *man*] ...A wise man will hear and will increase learning, and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsel" (vs 4-5). That's the whole purpose in it.

- What is your purpose in life?
- Where are you going?

- What are you doing?
- How are you going arrive at the ultimate of the resurrection?

Verse 7: "**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge...**" No one can really understand anything about:

- life
- why we're here
- where we're going
- God's purpose
- Who is God

unless they fear the Lord! Of course, we'll have a lot of things around to demonstrate to them!

Imagine that if you were a teacher and you have a classroom and you come to your class. Since you're a spirit being you just walk through the door unseen and there you are at the front of the class. How would that be for an entrance?

"...**but fools despise wisdom and instruction**" (v 7).

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God is still going to set before every person *choices!* Every human being is going to have to make up his or her own mind and *choose!*

When people are taught the right thing from infancy up through adulthood, generally speaking they will choose the right things most of the time. But human nature is still self-serving, self-centered and wanting to be what it wants to be without being told.

To give you an example, here in California we've got about four major fires burning and there are some people who were told to evacuate. Nearly all of them did, but there was one man whose property was right in the middle of where the fire was coming and he chose to not to evacuate.

They talked to him about it and said, 'The fire is coming here, why don't you evacuate?' *I don't want to, I'm going to stick it out. I think I can make it.* I don't know if they showed the results of that later, but human beings have to choose. And even in spite of the fact that what they've been told is the truth, every human being has to choose as to whether to:

- believe it
- accept it
- act upon it
- live by it

That's the challenge! Let's look at the different levels that these Proverbs can apply to. First of all, it applies to all human beings, male and

female. From a very young age, through the teens, through adulthood the Proverbs is the book that is for everyone of every age, all the time, everywhere. Not only that, it's for the *unconverted* and the *converted*.

Now let's apply it to one more level. When we are spirit beings and in the Kingdom of God, and as teachers, priests, rulers and administrators over the Kingdom of God under Christ, we too can have the principles of Proverbs apply in learning spiritual things way beyond what we're able to comprehend now.

However, it will be based on the same principle that the book of Proverbs has been based upon. This is why I've asked you—because we can only cover so much in a sermon or half sermon—to do an in depth intense study of the book of Proverbs. We have the audio and the video so you can play it, listen to it, read it and you can do this over and over and over again. What it will do—and this is why it's so important—is the human brain at birth needs to be programmed, and that programming is teaching and learning, and gaining knowledge and understanding.

There is the spirit of man, as we know, and there's also the Spirit of God that joins with it for conversion, so it applies at all levels. Here are the conditions, and there will always be conditions.

Proverbs 2:1: “My son, **if**...” I want you to notice the **ifs**. I've gone over them before covering them in the past and I'll cover them again in the future, because what is the most important thing in learning? *Repetition! Repetition! Repetition!* Everything that we read is written with the same alphabet that we learned in kindergarten or first grade. From the same basic understanding of things to the more complex things, and then you add into that all the math and everything that goes along with it. There's a lot!

Verse 1: “My son, **if** you will receive my words and treasure up my commandments within you.” That's what we're going to be doing in teaching people. That's what God is doing with us. This is a choice we have to make.

Verse 2: “So that you **incline your ear** to wisdom and **apply your heart** to understanding.” Wisdom and understanding comes after you receive knowledge, because it goes this way:

- knowledge
- understanding

putting facts together from the knowledge

- wisdom

able to have the mental acumen because of what you

have learned to be able to make a wise decision

That's what this starts out with here. But you have to “...incline your ear...apply your heart...”—those are choices! They take action!

Verse 3: “Yea, **if** you cry after knowledge and lift up your voice for understanding.” What did Jesus say with the blessings, the beatitudes? ‘*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,*’ which is:

- the knowledge of God
- the knowledge of Truth
- the knowledge of His Word

‘They shall be filled’!

Doing a little Proverb, reverse it: *cursed is the one who does not hunger and thirst after knowledge, for they shall never understand, never learn and never be filled with the Truth!* That's how the Proverbs work, all the way through:

- right and wrong
- good and evil
- righteousness
- Truth and error
- deception, lying, wickedness

vs

- honesty, understanding, truth

That's why the Proverbs are so great.

Verse 3: “Yea, **if** you cry after knowledge and lift up your voice for understanding. **if** you seek her as silver and search for her as for hidden treasures” (vs 3-4).

Look at all the work and everything that people do to find silver: silver mines, gold mines, diamond mines, emerald mines—whatever it is—hidden treasure. People put their lives, their fortune and everything into it to learn it. ***This is what we need to do with the Word of God and Truth!***

Notice that we have *if, if, if!* Verse 5: **“Then you shall understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.”** All of those conditions have to be met.

- What did Paul write to Timothy? *Diligently study and rightly divide the Word of God!*
- Why? *So he would understand it better!*

That applies to everything. This is going to apply to the method that we teach the people during the Millennium. However it is, whatever it is, it's going to apply the same way.

Verse 6: “For the LORD gives wisdom...” Everything comes from God! ***You have nothing that you did not receive!*** (1-Cor. 4:7). Everything every

human being has come from God. Maybe through other people, but it's from God originally:

- from our lives
- to the food we eat
- to the clothes we wear
- to the thoughts we think
- to the things we see

It's all been given!

- Did you create anything out of nothing? *No!*
- Did you make anything happen without any power from God? *No!*
- Who gives you life and breath? *God!*

And everything that goes with it!

Verse 7: "He lays up sound wisdom for the righteous... [those who love and obey God] ...*He is a shield to those who walk uprightly.*" He will bless and protect you now, He will keep you from harm and things like that.

Verse 8: "He keeps the paths of *right* judgment..." God is perfect and you can never go wrong following God. That's why it is such a damnable thing—and why I pick on them so much—that the Sunday preachers, though they may speak some things from the Bible, actually keep people from knowing the Truth, ***because they will not repent of their Sunday-keeping! And holiday-keeping!***

Think of it this way: I've got a little bottle of water—H₂O, the chemical makeup—which is two atoms of hydrogen and one atom of oxygen makes water. Hydrogen alone is very flammable, and oxygen alone is very flammable. But together as water it can put out a fire.

If you make this H₂O by putting in there an extra atom of hydrogen, what do you have? Something you can drink? *No! You have hydrogen peroxide!*

You have something entirely different! That's exactly what Sunday-keeping 'Christianity' is! It is the wrong thing, using the wrong combination of Scriptures, or lack thereof, to create their doctrines and they fall short and don't come up with the Truth, because even though they are good, they are not righteous because ***they don't keep the commandments of God as God has said!***

Verse 8: "He keeps the paths of *right* judgment and preserves the way of His saints."

Notice the *if, if, if, then!*

Verse 9: ***Then*** you shall understand righteousness and judgment and equity, every good

path. Wisdom shall enter into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasing to your soul" (vs 9-10).

- you will love the Word of God
- you will enjoy the Word of God
- you will understand the Word of God

Living on a spiritual level, think of what that's going to be like, because it says in Rev. 22 that those who keep the commandments of God will have the right to eat of the Tree of Life and the Tree of Life is that which shows how we are going to be living for all eternity.

Please understand—and we will learn this on Day 7 and Day 8—that God is never again going to have any rebellion. Not because He's just going to exercise His authority, *which He could do*, and make people do it, *which He won't*, but ***because eternal life is going to be so fantastic and so great that there cannot be any room for rebellion!*** That's why we need to learn here! Notice all the conditions *before* you get wisdom.

Verse 11: "Discretion shall preserve you and, understanding shall keep you, to deliver you from the way of the evil *man*, from the man who speaks wicked things, those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness, who rejoice to do evil *and* delight in the perversities of the wicked, whose ways *are* crooked, and *are* devious in their paths" (vs 11-15). *Wisdom is going to keep you from all of that!*

What's going to happen to those who believe it? *Fast forward to Day 8, the Lake of Fire!*

Prov. 4:

- this is what it has to be with us
- this is what it has to be when we're teaching the people in the Millennium
- this is what it has to be with the children today growing up in the Church

You need to learn God's way, and you need to learn the Proverbs first. The most important thing you need to protect is *your mind* and *your heart!* That's what Satan wants to destroy, and he's got a lot of people working to do that, especially in entertainment and media. It's very important for everyone to understand this:

Proverbs 4:13: "Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; keep her, for she *is* your life.... [you can expand that out for all eternity] ...Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not into the way of evil *men*. Avoid it; do not go in it; turn from it, and pass on!" (vs 13-15).

Satan comes with a benefit for you, and says, 'your parents don't know anything, your

teachers don't know anything, here you follow this. Rebellion is the way to live.' *No! It's not!* The way that this society is going ought to be ample evidence that that is true.

Verse 16: "For they do not sleep except when they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away unless they cause *some* to fall, for they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence" (vs 16-17). *That's the way of the world!*

Today our choices are much more extreme. During the Millennium, the choices will be less in degree, but nevertheless, the same principle is going to apply.

Verse 18: "**But the path of the just is as the shining light...**" Who is the Light of the world but Jesus Christ? Who is the One Who justifies us to God? *Jesus Christ!* So, you see how much is contained in some of these verses that apply way beyond just the obvious superficial meaning of it as you read it.

"...that shines more and more to the perfect day" (v 18). From the time we're born until the time of the resurrection, and from the time of the resurrection on into all eternity. Yes, indeed, that's how important that is.

Verse 19: "The way of the wicked *is* as darkness; they know not at what they stumble. My son, **attend to my words...**" (vs 19-20).

- *listen* to God
- *listen* to His Word
- *listen* to His Truth
- *let it penetrate* into your heart, mind and soul

because that is what is going to help you grow in grace and knowledge and be ready for the return of Christ, to be resurrected in the first resurrection, to help rule the world.

Verse 21: "Let them not depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart, for they *are* life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh" (vs 21-22).

Likewise with us now, this is true, but what's it going to be like when we're spirit beings. Is that not also true? *Yes, indeed!* This is why our choices are so very important today.

Verse 23 is the most important verse in the life of every human being to understand:

- right from wrong
 - good from evil
 - righteousness from wickedness
- and to be able to live God's way and have your life

be fulfilled the way God wants it to be fulfilled so that you become a son or daughter of God and rule and reign with Jesus Christ.

Verse 23: "**Above all...**"—everything that there is. Here you are as a human being; you have your mind, your eyes, ears, nose, every part of your body working, and all of that. You can take care of it and eat and everything else like that. But what is the most important thing for you to do? All of us? Every one of us?

Sidebar: How many of those who were supposed to ministers of God turned out to be agents of Satan the devil because they did not do these Proverbs and make them an active part of their lives?

Verse 23: "**Above all guard the door of your mind...**" That includes your heart and your emotions. You also think with your heart emotionally and you think with your mind, so they're both combined together. "Above all..."—everything else in life.

"...**guard the door of your mind with diligence...** [you don't do it haphazardly] ...**for out of it are the issues of life**" (v 23). The life that is here now and the life at that resurrection and all eternity.

Think on that! This is what's so important. This is why I wanted to go through this and cover this, because this is where we are. Let's read some more Proverbs and see how this will help us. We're going to look at:

- knowledge
- understanding
- wisdom
- judgment
- righteousness
- good/evil
- truth/error
- lies

WISDOM:

Proverbs 5:1: "My son, attend to my wisdom; bow your ear to my understanding; that you may keep discretion, and that your lips may keep knowledge" (vs 1-2)—because things will come along. Then it talks about the wanton woman. There are other things that come along.

Prov. 8 is about wisdom. Everyone wants to be smart—isn't that true? *Yes!* Who wants to be dumb? Anyone want to be dumb? *Of course not!* God has it right here and it's in a spiritual sense, because you don't get wisdom without thinking and understanding, without learning, knowing and

applying what you learn. With the spirit of man you're able to do that to a great degree as a human being. With the Spirit of God you're able to do even more. But as a spirit being, with a spirit body, a spirit mind and a spirit existence, this becomes even more important.

Like I said, you can apply these Proverbs at many different levels.

Proverbs 8:1: “Does not wisdom call? And does not understanding put forth her voice? She stands in the top of high places, by the place where the paths meet. She cries in the gates, at the entrance of the city, *at the doors.*” (vs 1-3). Don't we need wisdom and understanding just to live, just to take care of life the way it should be? *Yes!*

Verse 4: “To you, O men... [add women] ...I call; and my voice *is* to the sons of men. O you simple ones...” (vs 4-5)—those not yet educated.

- I want you to learn
- I want you to know
- I want you to grow

“...understand wisdom...” (v 5). Remember, you have to have:

- knowledge
- understanding
- wisdom

Wisdom is the right use of knowledge and understanding, which must come first.

“...and, you fools, be of an understanding heart. Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips *shall be* right things... [from God] ...for my mouth shall speak truth...” (vs 5-7). That's what's important. That's why we've changed the name of our website *from cbcg.org to truthofgod.org*

We have many subsidiary URL domain names, which if people do a Google search will bring them to our website. So, it is truthofgod.org sponsored by the Christian Biblical Church of God. That's what people need. Literally, because of the Internet and through all of the technology and waves that that goes on, isn't it true that it's in the air? *Yes!*

Verse 6: “Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips *shall be* right things, for my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth *are* in righteousness; there is nothing twisted or perverse in them” (vs 6-8).

That's how we need to learn to think now so that we can live a decent life in this world today, and do things that uplift us, but also to prepare us for

eternal life. This is what we are going to be doing and teaching all during the Millennium. An amazing thing, yes, indeed!

Verse 9: “They *are* all plain to him who understands, and right to those who find knowledge.” It all works out. In other words, we can put it a different way: *Truth proves Truth!* This Truth over here and this Truth over there put together can bring understanding of the Truth of how everything works. But Truth and error doesn't work.

Try this: Put water in your car engine, and put oil in your radiator. How is that going to work? You might say that is *stupid*; another word is *foolishness*. But if you follow *Truth, knowledge and wisdom* they're all plain and right to those who find knowledge, and of course, that's the knowledge of God, the knowledge of life, the knowledge of why you're here.

Verse 10: “Receive my instruction... [a choice; you must choose to receive it] ...and not silver... [silver can't buy that] ...and knowledge rather than choice gold.” It's all a choice!

Verse 11: “For wisdom *is* better than rubies, and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge and discretion. The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil; I hate pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the perverse mouth” (vs 11-13).

That's how we change, grow and overcome. This is why the Proverbs are so important for us to realize and what we do. This is how our lives operate. Isn't that something? Think about it, now; we have to take it at every level.

Proverbs 9:9: “Give instruction to a wise one, and he will be still wiser...” Isn't that interesting? Why? Because he knows how to handle knowledge and understanding and put it together. Who is the most wise but God?

“...teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning” (v 9). We're to always be learning. I'm still learning, and I'm happy to learn. The only one who understands everything is God! He's going to bring us up to His level through all eternity.

Verse 10: “**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom...**” Why have fear? *It says that perfect love casts out fear!* Well, there are two kinds of fear. There is *fear of God* because you're in awe of Him and how right and Holy He is. There is the *fear because you don't have wisdom and understanding*, any of those things, and that's more

like what you would call a phobia today in English. Though in Greek *phobia* and *fear* are the same.

It's the beginning of wisdom because you begin obeying God!

“...and the knowledge of the Holy *is* understanding” (v 10). That’s why we study. That’s why we pray. That’s why we need to go over and over these things. You can’t take the Bible like an ordinary book and say, ‘Okay, I’ve read it from cover to cover, I don’t need it anymore.’ *NO!* Because all the words we have in the Bible are Spirit and Life, they are to teach us and give us understanding, wisdom and all this sort of thing.

Proverbs 10:13: “In the lips of him who has understanding, **wisdom is found**... [this is what we are to grow to] ...but a rod *is* for the back of him who is without understanding. Wise ones store up knowledge...” (vs 13-14). We learn, *learn*, **learn** continually! That’s the whole process of growing and overcoming and preparing for eternal life:

- to know the Scriptures
- to know how to apply them to ourselves
- to know how to think
- to know how to reason
- to know how to perceive

To be able to have all of these things we grow in that! It all comes from God; it doesn’t come from us!

As I said, I want you to go through all the Proverbs. Just think, you can take each one of these verses in the book of Proverbs and you can go

- application #1 to children
- application #2 to youths
- application #3 to adults
- application #4 to those who are converted
- application #5 to us as spirit beings when we’re in the Kingdom of God

An amazing thing! The Word of God is just infinite and continues to expand. This is what we’re going to be teaching the people in the Millennium. Think of what that is going to be!

Verse 29: “The way of the LORD *is* strength to the upright, but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.” What is the Lake of Fire but the destruction of the wicked?

Verse 30: “The righteous shall never be moved...” Steadfast because of the Spirit of God. What does God say? *I, the Lord, change not!*

“...and the wicked shall not remain in the land. The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom...” (vs 30-31).

- this is what we are to do
- this is how we are going to teach
- this is how we are going to run the cities, the villages, the administration things that we will do

Isn’t that going to be amazing? Think of what kind of cities are going to be built. Think of how those will operate. We think today that we have something really slick. We can walk up to a building and the doors open for us and they close after us. We get in an elevator and we go up. All of those are interesting, but what is it going to be like with the cities in the Millennium? How are you going to run your cities?

Verse 32: “The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked speaks perversity.” Get rid of those things that are not good in your life.

Here’s one; there are the choices; Proverbs 14:12: “There is a way, which seems right to a man...” You can think about it, you can analyze it, you can philosophize it, you can put it together, but if you are missing any of the things of God you’re going to get it wrong, even at the very best.

I’ve mentioned many times before, look at the television program on the American Heroes Channel: *I Almost Got Away with It*. Human beings think they’re right, even in the most disastrous situations.

“...but the end thereof *is* the way of death” (v 12).

Verse 22: “Do not those who devise evil go astray?...” Yes, and there will be those in the Millennium who will do that. If they go to the right hand or the left hand, what do we do? *We say here is the way, walk in it!*

This is what is so good about the Proverbs; one sentence tells you a whole chapter when you expand it out.

“...But mercy and truth shall be to those who think of good” (v 22). Isn’t that amazing? The difference between v 12 and v 22?

Proverbs 15:12: “A scorner does not love one who corrects him... [Isn’t correction hard to take? *Yes, indeed!* But what happens if you listen and change?] ...nor will he go unto the wise.”

Verse 14: “The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge.... [that’s what we are to do; that’s what it means to grow in grace and in knowledge] ...but the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.”

Proverbs 12:1: “Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid.” *Self-evident!*

Here’s a description of what we’re going to be doing in the Millennium, Proverbs 15:7: “The lips of the wise spread knowledge...” To teach, *to teach!* The earth is going to be filled with the knowledge of God as the seas cover the earth.

I’m going to end in Psalm 85, again. I think this describes exactly how it’s going to be during the Millennium.

Psalm 85:9: “Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, so that glory may dwell in our land.” That’s what we want, the glorious reign of Jesus Christ, of which we are a part of over the whole world.

Verse 10: “Mercy and Truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good, and our land shall yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before Him and shall set us in the way of His steps” (vs 10-13).

This is what we’re going to be doing for the Millennium! Come back for Day 6 because there’s a whole lot of learning that we have for the Feast of Tabernacles. Don’t forget to be really studying the book of Proverbs over and over again, so you get *wisdom, knowledge, understanding and righteousness!*

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