

Introduction

The Wisdom that Comes from God

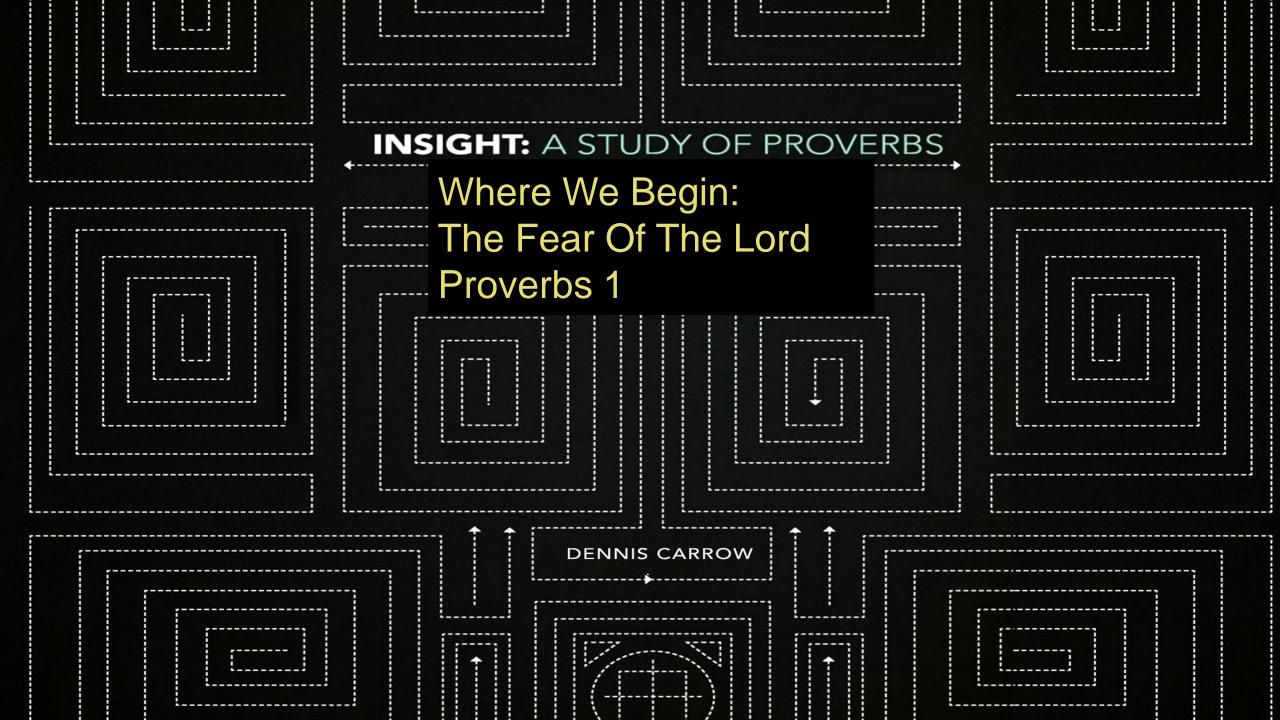
What are proverbs?

Sayings or sentences of ethical wisdom

It is the proper application of knowledge that gives birth to wisdom.

Foundational principle:

A wise man does not think he knows everything! (Proverbs 1:2-6)



Fear

"in one sense, is defined as the "instinctive emotion aroused by impending or seeming danger" (New Webster's Dictionary).

- To "stand in awe" or respect.
- Both definitions must be applied to the beginning of wisdom.

Godly Instruction vs.
Sinful Enticement
Proverbs 1:7-9, 10-19, 20-23

- Wisdom cries out...I will make known my words to you (vs. 20-23).
- Sinners entice...come with us, we shall fill our houses with precious possessions (vs. 11-14).

The Failure in Rejecting Wisdom

Proverbs 1:24-33

The text does not imply that God rejects men who come to a knowledge of the truth and repent, but those who have lost sight of reality by rejecting His word

The key to the promises of peace, protection, contentment, and happiness...

"The wise man will hear."

Memorize and meditate

"My son, if sinners entice you do not consent."

Proverbs 1:10

- What determines the difference between the foolish and the wise?
- What criminal activity today mirrors that mentioned in verse 14?
- What is the response of the wise to those who attempt to involve us in things that are wrong?
- Why will God not answer those in trouble in verses 28-30?
- In light of the things God has revealed in this study, how will you respond in prayer to Him?