

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Proverbs 1.

Proverbs 1:1-7 "The Beginning of Knowledge

The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:

To know wisdom and instruction,

to understand words of insight, to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth—

Let the wise hear and increase in learning,

and the one who understands obtain guidance, to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction."
(ESV)

"The Hebrew word translated "proverb" is also translated "taunt" (Is. 14:4), "discourse" (Num. 23:7, 18) and "parable" (Ez. 17:2), so its meaning is considerably broader than the English term. Most proverbs are short, compact statements that express a truth about human behavior. A common feature of the proverbs is the use of figurative language."
(NASB Reference Bible)

"Knowledge is nothing more than an accumulation of raw facts, but wisdom is the ability to see people, events, and situations as God sees them. In the Book of Proverbs, Solomon reveals the mind of God in matters high and lofty and in common, ordinary, everyday situations, too. It appears that no topic escaped King Solomon's attention. Matters pertaining to personal conduct, sexual relations, business, wealth, charity, ambition, discipline, debt, child-rearing, character, alcohol, politics, revenge, and godliness are among the many topics covered in this rich collection of wise sayings." (Got Questions)

As you read through the Book of Proverbs, don't look for a main character or even a storyline. Seek the truth that is being revealed and look for the application in your life. Look for the wisdom being imparted to you. See the relevance of a book written nearly 3000 years ago to today's happenings in everyday life. Look for the answers to the questions you have today.