Bible Alive 365 – Day #153

Proverbs 1-3

Proverbs 1:1-33 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; **2** To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; **3** To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; **4** To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. **5** A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: **6** To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. **7** The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction. **8** My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: **9** For they *shall be* an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck. **10** My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. **11** If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: **12** Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: **13** We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: **14** Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: **15** My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: **16** For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. **17** Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. **18** And they lay wait for their *own* blood; they lurk privily for their *own* lives. **19** So *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof. **20** Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets: **21** She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, *saying,* **22** How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? **23** Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. **24** Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; **25** But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: **26** I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; **27** When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. **28** Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: **29** For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: **30** They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. **31** Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. **32** For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. **33** But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Proverbs 2:1-22 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; **2** So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding; **3** Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* liftest up thy voice for understanding; **4** If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures; **5** Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. **6** For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding. **7** He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: *he is* a buckler to them that walk uprightly. **8** He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. **9** Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; *yea,* every good path. **10** When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; **11** Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: **12** To deliver thee from the way of the evil *man,* from the man that speaketh froward things; **13** Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; **14**

Who rejoice to do evil, *and* delight in the frowardness of the wicked; **15** Whose ways *are* crooked, and *they* froward in their paths: **16** To deliver thee from the strange woman, *even* from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words; **17** Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. **18** For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. **19** None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life. **20** That thou mayest walk in the way of good *men,* and keep the paths of the righteous. **21** For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. **22** But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

Proverbs 3:1-35 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: **2** For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. **3** Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: **4** So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. **5** Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. **6** In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. **7** Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. **8** It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. **9** Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: **10** So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. **11** My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: **12** For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth. **13** Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding. **14** For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. **15** She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. **16** Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour. **17** Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace. **18** She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is every one* that retaineth her. **19** The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. **20** By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew. **21** My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion: **22** So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck. **23** Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. **24** When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet. **25** Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. **26** For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken. **27** Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do *it.* **28** Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee. **29** Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee. **30** Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm. **31** Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways. **32** For the froward *is* abomination to the LORD: but his secret *is* with the righteous. **33** The curse of the LORD *is* in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just. **34** Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly. **35** The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.