

Prov. 2:1

My son, **if**, when you accept the saying of my commandment, you hide it with yourself,

Prov. 2:2

then your ear will be attentive to **wisdom**, and you shall incline your heart to **understanding**; yes, you shall incline it to the admonition of your son.

Prov. 2:3

For **if** you call upon **wisdom** and raise your voice for **understanding**, as well as **seek perception** with a loud voice,

Prov. 2:4

and **if** you **seek** it like **silver** and **search** for it like **treasures**,

Prov. 2:5

then you will **understand** the fear of the Lord, and you will **find** divine **knowledge**.

Prov. 2:6

Because the Lord gives **wisdom**, also from his presence come **knowledge** and **understanding**,

Prov. 2:7

and he **stores up** salvation for those who succeed.

He will **shield** their journey

Prov. 2:8

to **guard** the **ways** of **righteous** deeds, and he will **protect** the **way** of the ones who revere him.

Prov. 2:9

Then you will **understand righteousness** and judgment, and you will make all good **courses straight**.

Prov. 2:10

For **if** **wisdom** comes into your mind and **perception** seems pleasing to your soul,

Prov. 2:11

then **good counsel** will **guard** you, and **holy insight** will **protect** you

Prov. 2:12

in order that it can rescue you from an **evil way** and from a man who speaks nothing reliable.

Prov. 2:13

Oh, those who abandon **straight ways**, to walk in **ways** of darkness,

Prov. 2:14

who rejoice in **evil** and are happy about **evil** perverseness,

Prov. 2:15

whose **paths** are crooked and their **courses** are bent

Prov. 2:16

in order to remove you far from the **straight way** and to make you a stranger to a **righteous** opinion.

Prov. 2:17

My son, do not let **bad counsel** overtake you, that which forsakes the teaching of youth and has forgotten the divine covenant;

Prov. 2:18

for it has set **her** house near death and its **courses** by Hades with the shades;

Prov. 2:19

all those who walk in **her** will not come back, nor will they **seize straight paths**, for they are not being **seized** by years of life.

Prov. 2:20

For **if** they were walking good **paths**, **then** they would have **found** the smooth **paths** of **righteousness**.

Prov. 2:21

The kind will be inhabitants of the earth, and the innocent will be left in it, because the **upright** will encamp on the earth and the holy will be left in it;

Prov. 2:22

the **ways** of the **impious** will perish from the earth, and the transgressors will be banished from it.

A. Intro

IF Accept Teaching

Then Goal - Seek Wisdom & Understanding

B. IF Seek Wisdom & Understanding

IF A. Like Treasure

B. Found Goal - Understand Fear of the Lord and Knowledge

B' Goal - Wisdom / Knowledge / Understanding Given by the Lord

A' Lord Stores it (Like Treasure)

A' Protection (Journey Ways Concept Introduced)

Ways "of Righteous Deeds"

Goal - Understand Righteousness, Judgment & Make Straight Courses

B' IF Wisdom

1. A. Good Counsel as Protection

B. Evil Way

B' Evil Ways of Darkness

A' Counter to Righteous (Good) Counsel

2. A. Bad Counsel associated with Risk of Death

B. Her House in a Bad Location Near Death

B' Those Who enter Her House Don't Live Long

A' Counter to Righteous (Good) Paths

A" Conclusion

The Righteous get to inhabit the Earth

The Wicked will perish