**Pr 4-31 Godly Wisdom-Interpreting Themes in Proverbs (Pt 5a-c) ©2020 WF Cobb Truthbase.net *DailyTruthbase.blogspot***

B. Blessings/Reward: Wisdom Literature outlines a (narrow) wise path to blessing and foolish (wide-default) path to unhappy ever after.

F. Fear of God/Humility: (vs self exalting Pride) is the beginning of wisdom, ordering our steps acc the paths He blesses (exalting Him)

C. Consequences/Judgment/Admonishment: Proverbs highlights the conseq of our actions, indicating the reality that satan deceives us about by his bold lies and appeal to the immediate illicit gratification of our legitimate pre-Fall desires for Power (security/significance)-Pleasure-Possessions

P. Priorities/Values/Focus: understanding that being right in God's sight is the key to happiness in this life and the next, the wise values what He values, and orders their steps to blessing, and keeps that destination in view continually (See previous sermons Pr 1-3)

G. Guidance/Security; if we keep God's commands and judgment in view, they will guide us around danger to a best life with no regrets

E. Evaluation; God designed life with a rhythm/cycles of work/rest; planning/action/reflection on results (just like a successful business)

R. Repentance/Reproof: finding out we're off the right path, or perceiving/thinking incorrectly, the humble change their mind/values/actions

D. Diligence/Self-control/Will power; accurately perceiving present and future reality enables us to subdue the natural for the sublime

H. Holiness/Sanctification/Temptation; an intense concern for being holy, like God is holy, paves the way to partaking of His divine nature

Rl. Relationships +/-; self-centeredness is demonic, not Christlike; a trust in God's character & promises frees us from self-inflicted prison

S. Speech; out of the heart the mouth speaks. Self-exaltation is demonic; Other-centered truth-speaking/service/edification is Christlike

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Priorty**4**:7 Wisdom is the principal thing; Thus/therefore get wisdom. and in all your getting, get understanding

Guide/Holy12 When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, and when you run, you will not stumble.

P/H/G13 Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; Keep her, for she is your life.

14 Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. 15 Avoid it, do not travel on it; Turn away from it and pass on.

Eval/Holy4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. Speech24 Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you. G25 Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. E/G26 Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. G/H27 Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.

H/Consq/Reproof **5**:3 honey 4 bitter as wormwood 8 Remove your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house, 9 Lest you give your honor to others, and your years to the cruel one; 11And you mourn at last, 12 and say: "How I have hated instruction, and my heart despised correction! 13 I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, Nor inclined my ear to those who instructed me!

Fear/E/C 5:21 ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and He ponders/examines all his paths/ways 22 His own iniquities entrap the wicked man; he is caught in the cords of his sin R23 He shall die for lack of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray

Dil/Eval/Con **6**:9 How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep? 10 A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep 11 So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, and your need like an armed man*. Large Loss*

Fear/Con 16 LORD hates...abomination 17 A proud look, A lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, 18 A heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, S19 A false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren.

P/G 21 Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie..neck. 22 When you roam...lead you; sleep, they will keep you; and when you awake, they will speak with you. R23 For the commandment is a lamp, and the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life,

Holy/C 25 Do not lust...in your heart, nor let her allure you with her eyelids. 26 For by means of a harlot...reduced to a crust of bread; adulteress prey..precious life. 32 Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; He who does so destroys his own soul

P/C**10**:1 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness delivers from death. 3 The LORD will not allow the righteous soul to famish, but He casts away the desire of the wicked. D4 He who has a slack hand becomes poor, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.

S11 The mouth of the righteous is a well of life D/C16 The labor of the righteous leads to life; the wages of the wicked to sin.

R17 He who keeps instruction is in the way of life, but he who refuses correction goes astray. S/C18 Whoever hides hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool. 19 In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise. 21 The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of wisdom. B22 The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it. C24 The fear of the wicked will come upon him, and the desire of the righteous will be granted.

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F/P/C **11**:2 pride comes, then shame; with the humble is wisdom G/C3 The integrity of the upright will guide them, but the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them. 6 The righteousness of the upright will deliver them, but the unfaithful will be caught by their lust. F20 Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to the LORD, but the blameless in their ways are His delight. 21 Tho they join forces, the wicked will not go unpunished. P24 scatters, yet increases more; withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty. 25 The generous soul will be made rich, he who waters will also be watered himself. 28 He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like foliage

S11:22 As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, so is a lovely woman who lacks discretion. P30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise. B/C31 If the righteous will be recompensed on the earth, how much more the ungodly and the sinner

R**12**:1 Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid. D/G11 He who tills his land will be satisfied with bread, he who follows frivolity is devoid of understanding. S/C/B14 A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth, and the recompense of a man's hands will be rendered to him. R15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise.

D12:24 The hand of the diligent will rule, but the lazy man will be put to forced labor. Rl 26 The righteous should choose his friends carefully, for the way of the wicked leads them astray. 27 The lazy man does not roast what he took in hunting, but diligence is man's precious possession

R**13**:1 A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke. D4 The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; but the soul of the diligent shall be made rich. C12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.

 R/F/B13 He who despises the word will be destroyed, but he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.

G/C/R14 The law/torah/instruction of the wise is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death.

G/C16 Every prudent man acts with knowledge, but a fool lays open his folly.

R18 Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, but he who regards a rebuke will be honored. C19 A desire accomplished is sweet to the soul, but it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil. G/Rl 20 He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed. C/B25 The righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul, but the stomach of the wicked shall be in want.

C/F**14**:1 A wise woman builds her house, but the foolish pulls it down with her hands. 2 He who walks in his uprightness fears the LORD, but he who is perverse in his ways despises Him. C4 Where no oxen are, the trough is clean; but much increase comes by the strength of an ox. C/H 6 A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not find it, but knowledge is easy to him who understands. GRl 7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when you do not perceive in him the lips of knowledge. Eval/Fear 8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, but the folly of fools is deceit. 9 Fools mock at sin, but among the upright there is favor.

C/G/E14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. C/B14 The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways, but a good man will be satisfied from above. F16 A wise man fears and departs from evil, but a fool rages and is self-confident. C19 The evil will bow before the good, the wicked at the gates of the righteous. B22 Do they not go astray who devise evil? but *hesed* and truth/faithfulness belong to those who devise good. D23 All hard labor brings profit, but idle chatter leads only to poverty

S14:25 A true witness delivers souls, but a deceitful witness speaks lies F26 In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge. 27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death. S/H/C29 He who is slow to wrath has great understanding, but he who is impulsive exalts folly.

S**15**:1 soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. 2 tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, but the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness. F3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good. R5 fool despises his father's instruction, but he who receives correction is prudent *(1:3-4 sakal)*. S7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge, but the heart of the fool does not do so.

F8 sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, but prayer of the upright is His delight. 9 way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, but He loves him who follows righteousness. C/R10 Harsh discipline is for him who forsakes the way, and he who hates correction will die.

F/E11 Hell and Destruction are before the LORD; so how much more the hearts of the sons of men. 12 A scoffer does not love one who corrects him, nor will he go to the wise. F/V 16 Better is a little with the fear of the LORD, than great treasure with trouble. D19 way of the lazy man is like a hedge of thorns, but way of the upright is a highway. H21 Folly is joy to him who is destitute of discernment, but a man of understanding walks uprightly. G22 w/o counsel, plans go awry, in multitude of counselors they are established.

C/G24 way of life winds upward for the wise, that he may turn away from hell below. F26 The thots of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD, but the words of the pure are pleasant. S 28 heart of the righteous studies how to answer, but mouth of the wicked pours forth evil. F29 The LORD is far from the wicked *Ps50* but He hears the prayer of the righteous. R31 The ear that hears the rebukes of life will abide among the wise. 32 He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, but he who heeds rebuke gets understanding.

 F33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom, and before honor is humility

G/F**16**:1 preparations of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD. 2 All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirits. 3 Commit your works to the LORD, and your thots will be established *(by Him)*

F/C5 Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; tho they join forces, none will go unpunished. H6 By *hesed* and faithfulness iniquity is purged Isa 6:7 KJV; and by the fear of the LORD one departs from evil G9 man's heart plans his way, but LORD directs his steps.

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P**16**:16 better to get wisdom than gold! to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver. H/C/E17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; He who keeps his way preserves his soul. R/C/B20 He who heeds the word wisely will find good, and whoever trusts in the LORD, happy is he 22 Understanding is a wellspring of life to him who has it. but the correction of fools is folly 25 There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. Rl/S27 An ungodly man digs up evil, on his lips a burning fire. 28A perverse man sows strife, and a whisperer separates the best of friends. H31 The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, if it is found in the way of righteousness. W32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city

Rl/P**17**:1 Better is a dry morsel with quietness, than a house full of feasting with strife. F3 refining pot is for silver. furnace for gold, but the LORD tests the hearts. S4 An evildoer gives heed to false lips; a liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue. Rl 9 He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates friends. R10 Rebuke is more effective for a wise man than a hundred blows on a fool. C/F11 evil man seeks only rebellion; thus cruel messenger will be sent against him. C13 Whoever repays evil for good, Evil will not depart from his house. Rl 14 beginning of strife is like releasing water; thus stop contention before a quarrel starts.

F17:15 He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD. Rl17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. C/H/S10 He who has a deceitful heart finds no good,

 and he who has a perverse tongue falls into evil. P22 A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones.

P24 Wisdom is in the sight of him who has understanding, but the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth.

S27 He who has knowledge spares his words, and a man of understanding is of a calm spirit.

Rl **18**:1 He/she who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment. S2 A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart. D9 He who is slothful in his work is a brother to him who is a great destroyer. F/G10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. F12 Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, and before honor is humility. S13 He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him. P15 The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge. C 17 The first one to plead his cause seems right, until his neighbor comes and examines him.

H/P**19**:1 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than one who is perverse in his lips, and is a fool 2 Also it is not good for a soul to be without knowledge, and he sins who hastens with his feet. C3 The foolishness of a man twists his way, and his heart frets against the LORD. S5 A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who speaks lies will not escape. Rl/W11 The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, and his glory is to overlook a transgression. D15 laziness casts one into a deep sleep, and an idle person will suffer hunger. H16 He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, but he who is careless of his ways will die.

R19:20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter days. F21 There are many plans in a man's heart, but the LORD's counsel will stand. H/P22 What is desired in a man is hesed/loyalty kindness, and a poor man is better than a liar.

F/C23 The fear of the LORD leads to life, and he who has it will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil. D24 A lazy man buries his hand in the bowl, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

R/P25 Strike a scoffer, and the simple will become wary; Rebuke one who has understanding, and he will discern knowledge.

H/P 27 Cease listening to instruction, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.

D**20**:13 Do not love sleep, lest you come to poverty; Open your eyes, and you will be satisfied with bread P/Sp15 There is gold and a multitude of rubies, but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel. C17 Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man, but afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel G/P18 Plans are established by counsel; by wise counsel wage war

F22Do not say, I will recompense evil; Wait for the LORD, and He will save you. H/F23 Diverse weights are an abomination to the LORD, and dishonest scales are not good. G/P24 A man's steps are of the LORD; How then can a man understand his own way?

F**21**:1 The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes. F/E2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the hearts. P3 To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice. F4 haughty look, a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked are sin. D/W/G5 The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, but those of everyone who is hasty (insufficient consideration), surely to poverty.

H12 The righteous wisely considers the house of the wicked, subverting the wicked for their wickedness.

C/H16 A man who wanders from the way of understanding will rest in the assembly of the dead.

D17 He who loves pleasure will be a poor man; He who loves wine and oil will not be rich. Rl/P19 Better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and nagging woman. P20 There is desirable treasure, and oil in the dwelling of the wise, but a foolish man squanders *Piel* it. P/C21 He who follows righteousness and *hesed* finds life, righteousness, and honor. F30 There is no wisdom or understanding or counsel against the LORD. F/P31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but deliverance is of the LORD.

G/C**22**:3 A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished. F/P/B4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches and honor and life. H5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse; He who guards his soul will be far from them. D13 lazy man: There is a lion outside! I shall be slain in the streets! D29 you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings...

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P**23**:4 Do not overwork to be rich; Do not trust in your own cleverness! 5 Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away like an eagle toward heaven. R/Sp9 Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, for he will despise the wisdom of your words. Rl/C13 Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die. 14 You shall beat him with a rod, and deliver his soul from hell. *19:8 don't be a willing party to his death* P23 Buy the truth, and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding. P/R26 My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways.

P**24**:5 A wise man is strong, yes, a man of knowledge increases strength; H16 For a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again, but the wicked shall fall by calamity F/Rl11 Deliver those who are drawn toward death, and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. 12 If you say: Surely we did not know this; Does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps/preserves your soul, does He not know it? and will He not render to each man acc to his deeds?

C19 Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the wicked; 20 For there will be no prospect for the evil man; the lamp of the wicked will be put out. R/B24 He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous," Him the people will curse; nations will abhor him. R/B25 But those who rebuke the wicked will have delight, and a good blessing will come upon them.

G/P24:27 Prepare your outside work, make it fit for yourself in the field; afterward build your house. D/C30 slothful...void of understanding 32 I considered it well; I looked on it and received instruction: 33 little sleep, little slumber, little rest; 34 So shall your poverty come like a prowler, and your need like an armed man. *Little laziness leads to large loss [Saga of the Sorry Sluggard on Truthbase.net]*

R**25**:11 word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. 12 ornament/earring of fine gold is a wise rebuker to an obedient ear

F/B21 If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat...22 so heap coals of fire on his head, and the LORD will reward you.

H/W26 A righteous man who falters before the wicked is like a murky spring and a polluted well. G27 It is not good to eat much honey; so to seek one's own glory is not glory. W28 Whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls.

Rl/C**26**:4 Do not answer a fool acc to his folly, lest you also be like him. 5 Answer a fool acc to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes.

C/S9 Like a thorn that goes into the hand of a drunkard is a proverb in the mouth of fools. F/R10 The great God who formed all gives the fool his payback and the transgressor his wages. C11 As a dog returns to his own vomit, so a fool repeats his folly.

Rl/C24 He who hates, disguises it with his lips, and lays up deceit within himself; 25 When he speaks kindly, do not believe him, for there are 7 abominations in his heart; F/C26 Tho his hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness will be revealed before the assembly

Rl/R **27**:5 Open rebuke is better than love carefully concealed. 6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

W7 A satisfied soul loathes the honeycomb, but to a hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet. Rl/R17 As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens his friend. D/F18 Whoever keeps the fig tree will eat its fruit; so he who serves his master will be honored. Rl/E19 As in water face reflects face, so a man's heart reveals the man. 20 Hell and Destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

Rl/R22 Tho you grind a fool in a mortar yet his foolishness will not depart from him. D/E23 Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, and attend to your herds; P4 For riches are not forever, for does a crown endure to all generations

H**28**:1 wicked flee when no one pursues, the righteous are bold as a lion. R4 Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, but such as keep the law contend with them. P5 Evil men do not understand justice, those who seek the LORD understand all. P6 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than one perverse in his ways, tho he be rich. F9 One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination. H/C13 who covers sins will not prosper, whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

F/B14 Happy is the man who always FEARS, but he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity. D19 He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows frivolity will have poverty enough! P/B20 faithful man will abound with blessings, but he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished. P/F26 He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

R**29**:1 who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck, will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. S/W11 A fool vents all his feelings, a wise man holds them back G/B18 Where there is no vision/revelation, the people cast off restraint; but happy is he who keeps the law. Rl/P27 An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous, and he who is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked

P/F**30**:5 Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. 6 Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar. P/H/F 7 Two things I request of You... 8 Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food allotted to me; 9 Lest I be full and deny You... poor and steal, and profane the name of my God.

H/G**31**:3 not give your strength/virtue to women, nor your ways to that which destroys kings. 5 drink and forget the law, forget justice

P/H 10 Who can find a virtuous *12:4 Ruth 3:11* for her value is far above rubies.

Rl 11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her; so he will have no need of spoil. 12 She repays him good, not evil all the days of her life.

Sp26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the instruction of *hesed*/faithfulness/kindness. D27 She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. P/B29 many have done virtuously, you excel them all

P/F/B30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised