

# Knowing God Will Keep Us

## Proverbs 3:19-26

The first two verses of this passage serve as the introduction. The three topics of the book are mentioned in relation to God, showing us their importance to Him, and the relevance to us – those being wisdom, understanding, and knowledge. All of creation show us these three ever-important attributes of God, and of us.

### Proverbs 8:27-29

<sup>27</sup> When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

<sup>28</sup> When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

<sup>29</sup> When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

### Psalm 104:24

<sup>24</sup> O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

### Psalm 136:5

<sup>5</sup> To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.

### Jeremiah 10:12

<sup>12</sup> He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

### Jeremiah 51:15

<sup>15</sup> He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.

By knowing these are attributes of God, and knowing

He has given them to us through His Spirit, we can better understand that knowing God will keep us...

## **I. KEEP US SANE – VS. 21-22**

**A. "Let not them" – speaking of the wisdom, understanding, and knowledge of the Lord.**

**B. "Keep sound wisdom and discretion" – guard them, keep them close at hand to help in life. Someone said of the word "keep," hold on to it and not let it out of your site.**

1. "Sound wisdom" – different word than the word "wisdom" (חָכְמָה) that is personified in Christ in the Book of Proverbs. This word (תּוֹשִׁיעַ) describes the wisdom of the Lord that keeps a person on the right track (Zodhiates).

Isaiah 28:29

<sup>29</sup> This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, *which* is wonderful in counsel, *and* excellent in **working**.

2. "Discretion" (understanding) – Webster defines it as "that discernment which enables a person to judge critically of what is correct and proper, united with caution."

**C. "Life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck" – soul is the seat of our emotions, and the neck is symbolic of what people see us to be.**

## **II. KEEP US ON THE RIGHT TRACK – VS. 23**

**A. "Walk in thy way safely" – in the path God has designed for us we will be safe from falling into the Devil's traps and temptations. It's when we get outside of that path that problems occur.**

Proverbs 2:8

<sup>8</sup> He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.

Proverbs 4:12

<sup>12</sup> When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

Proverbs 10:9

<sup>9</sup> He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

Psalms 37:23–24

<sup>23</sup> The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

<sup>24</sup> Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth *him with* his hand.

Psalms 37:31

<sup>31</sup> The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

Psalms 91:11

<sup>11</sup> For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Psalms 121:3

<sup>3</sup> He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Psalms 121:8

<sup>8</sup> The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for

evermore.

Zechariah 10:12

<sup>12</sup> And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

***B. "And thy foot shall not stumble" – we'll have confidence we're where we should be.***

### **III. KEEP US AT PEACE – VS. 24**

***A. "When thou liest down thou shalt not be afraid" – the "shadows" won't get us.***

***B. "Thy sleep shall be sweet" – we'll sleep soundly because we know God's got everything under control.***

### **IV. KEEP US ALIVE AS LONG AS GOD WANTS US ALIVE – VS. 25-26**

***A. Verse 25 indicates that there will be times when we will be under duress, but we don't need to be afraid because we are immortal as long as God has a use for us.***

***B. Verse 26 shows that it is God that is our "confidence", our surety, our safety, and we'll live as long as He wants us to.***

***C. There is a point to be made here – there are those that would think that they are invincible because they are a Christian and will do foolish things to the risk of their own lives. If we do that, then God's hand of protection is going to be***

***removed and nature will have its way with us, i.e., if you stand in front of a train it will hit you – it will be your time to go. We won't live longer than God determines, but we can shorten our life by our foolish actions.***

Conclusion: We don't need to worry about anything, since the same God that hung the world in space and is holding it together is the God that we serve; so, why worry?