

Proverbs

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Today is the day we have been waiting for, and we are going to start the book of Proverbs. Today will be basically an introduction to that great book. I think my favorite book in the Bible is the book of Proverbs. It is the book that I have probably spent more time in than any other book in the Bible, just because I understood its relevance to everything that I needed.

I have told you this many, many times: if there is any one book that I could get into my brain that I would have total recall on, it would be the book of Proverbs. Today I want to give you an introduction by showing you a number of things that I think you will want to remember when we begin this book. The way I put books of the Bible together, I simply find out all of the basic fundamental stuff. I like to get all the information I can about a book of the Bible; it helps me, and that is just the way I have done it. So, anytime I teach you a book of the Bible, I always give you an amount of material or the background because I think it helps when you begin to get into that book.

In your Bible, almost in the center of your Old Testament, you have what is commonly called the five wisdom books. They are all placed together in one section in your Bible; in fact, they make up a section of your Bible. In the order of your Bible, the first one you have is the book of Job. Job was written by a man by the name of Elihu, and Job is a great book. Then you have the book of Psalms; that will be the next book. David writes most of the book of Psalms, but then several other authors come into play in it. Solomon writes some of them, Asaph, who was David's chief musician, Moses writes some, Ethan, and then you have some men by the name of the sons of Korah; they write some of them. But when it comes to the next three books—and that will be Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon—those are all written by Solomon.

In my mind, calling these books the wisdom books is an understatement. For in my mind, and the way I look at it, and what I have come through over the years, these five books will detail every aspect of the Lord Jesus Christ to you. These five books are the key. In fact, Colossians chapter 2 says that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are in Christ Jesus. That is why God took all of that, and He put it in five books that are right in the middle of that Old Testament, and He calls them the wisdom books.

Now, these five books, when you get them down, will give you what the Bible calls in Ephesians chapter 3, verse 19, as the fullness of God. The fullness of God is getting all of God that there is to get: all the knowledge about, all the knowledge, all of God's knowledge, all of God's wisdom, all of God's character. When I talk about getting the knowledge of God, I am not talking about getting knowledge about God, or the wisdom about God. The fullness of God is you and I getting the exact same knowledge and wisdom that God has, that He operates by, that we begin to operate by in our lives.

Now, let me give you just a short overview of these books. Before we do that, let us have a word of prayer.

Father, thank You today for those that have come. We pray Your blessings upon us now, and we love You. Thank You for all that You do, and we ask You, Father, to take today and to give us, Lord, what we need. Help these folks who want to learn the Bible to grow and to keep growing and learning, and help me to be a better teacher, a better preacher, a better pastor, to meet their needs every day. And, Lord, we just thank You for what You have given us here with the people who love You, love the Book, and love each other. And we will thank You and praise You in Jesus' name, for His sake we ask it. Amen.

I. The Five Wisdom Books and the Mind of God

The book of Job will be our first wisdom book. The book of Job deals with the suffering of God. Most Christians think that the real depth of the crucifixion is found in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John because that is all they ever read. The truth of the matter is, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John just give you an overall view of what took place at the crucifixion of Christ. If you really want to understand what Christ endured on the cross, you have got to go to the book of Job. The book of Job in Job chapter 30, Job chapter 16, takes you to the inside of the cross. In fact, you can line it up almost point by point in Job chapter 30 with the New Testament principles. What it does is it shows you exactly, I mean exactly, what Christ is feeling and experiencing on the cross. Job shows us the sufferings of Christ.

Now the book of Psalms, our second one, will show you the heart of God. You hear me talk about getting God's heart. I preached a message on it a couple of weeks ago or months ago, whatever it was. You hear me talking about getting God's heart and getting God's heart. God's heart is the book of Psalms. You will find that the theme of the book of Psalms is truth because God's heart is truth. Psalms 119 has 176 verses, and every one of them will talk about another way to love God, to God's Word. Every one of them has something to do with the Word of God. That is why most people are drawn to Psalms more than any other book in the Bible. When you need to get close to God, when you are going through some trial in your life, if you know anything about the Bible at all, you are going to make your way to the book of Psalms. That is the heart of God.

Then the next three books, and you hear me talk about the mind of God all the time. The Bible talks about in 1 Corinthians 2:16 that we have the mind of Christ. Philippians 2:5 says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." We talk a lot about the mind of God, and I tell you over and over again that the mind of Christ, the mind of God, is the Word of God. These last three books show you God's mind in three different aspects according to the Trinity. Most people understand that God is a Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. But what most people do not understand is that even though they are all the same, yet they are separate, but they are all the same God, and He manifests Himself in three different forms. Most people do not understand that each one of those forms has a particular function in the Bible, in history, and in your life. God the Father has one particular function, the Lord Jesus Christ has another particular function, and the Spirit of God has another particular function. They each have their own mind by which they are going to accomplish something. So when you get to these last three books, each will show you the complete function of what is going on.

Now you take the book of Ecclesiastes; that will show you the mind of the Spirit. In the book of John chapter 16, which is the definitive chapter on the Holy Spirit of God in the New Testament, it shows you seven things that the Holy Spirit of God wants to accomplish in your life, or what He does. It shows you what His function is. The book of Ecclesiastes shows you the mind of the Spirit. The book of Ecclesiastes deals with the movement of the Holy Spirit of God down through history. When you get into Ecclesiastes chapter 1, you are told that the Holy Spirit of God moves in a circuit or a pattern. We have talked a lot about patterns over the last year. You can follow that pattern throughout history. If you know anything about the book of Ecclesiastes and now understand how the Holy Spirit of God works, you will know exactly where He is at today. You can trace Him down through the Middle East. You can trace Him down through Europe, down through history, and you can trace Him through and across America as America goes into her final demise. The book of Ecclesiastes shows us the cycle of history. All history is based on a movement of the Holy Spirit of God. In the Bible, it will be east to west. Horace Greeley coined a phrase back in the 1800s that I am sure he did not know was in the Bible, but he said, "Go west, young man." You are going to find that the Holy Spirit of God moves through a circuit, through a pattern that moves east to west down through history. It is an incredible study to take under itself. But the book of Ecclesiastes shows you the cycle of history. It shows you what the movement of the Holy Spirit of God is. It also shows you the repetitive nature of history. It shows you that even though the Holy Spirit of God goes through a cycle, history always repeats itself. I have heard me say it many, many times: the only thing man never learns from history is the fact that man never learns anything from history. It repeats itself.

Ecclesiastes 1:9-10

The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.

Now you take the Song of Solomon. That is a great book. That will be the mind of Christ. Song of Solomon shows you two great things. Now this is my own personal opinion what I am about to say. I know a lot of people might disagree with what I am about to say, but I am going to say it anyhow. The bottom line is this: from my experience in life and what little bit I know about the Bible, I want to tell you something: you will never have the relationship with Christ that you want to have until you understand fundamentally the book of Song of Solomon. The book of Song of Solomon is a book that Christ wrote to you. It is a book that shows you first of all what Christ thinks of you. We get all messed up today. We think that Jesus is worried about everything that is going on in the world. It happens because we get sucked into this religious world today that has nothing to do with God or the Bible. So we get the idea that God cares about who wins the World Series. We get the idea that God cares about who wins the Super Bowl. You see a guy make a touchdown; he goes down and points to Christ like Christ helped him get across the goal line. Christ does not care anything about that. When you understand the book of Song of Solomon, you realize that Christ cares about one thing: it is you, if you are saved today. All He wants is your undivided attention. He does not sit up in heaven and look down and say, "Put bets

on the Super Bowl," or "What is going on over here?" He sits up there in heaven and looks at you. Song of Solomon chapter 2, He looks through the lattice. He looks down there, and all He cares about is you. He thinks about you 24/7. He cannot wait to be with you. He cannot wait for the rapture of the church. All He thinks about is you. It tells you that in that book. It also tells you that all we ought to be thinking about is Him. It is a great book. It is a great book. This is why it is called Song of Songs. You realize that the Bible says that He wrote 1,005 songs. But there is only one Song of Songs. You know what that tells me? That tells me that out of any 1,005 Christians, there is only one that is going to be what He wants him to be. That is the odds from the Song of Solomon, the mind of Christ.

Then the book we are coming to today, the book of Proverbs. Where Ecclesiastes is the mind of the Spirit, and Song of Solomon is the mind of Christ, the book of Proverbs will be the mind of God.

Isaiah 55:8-9

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The book of Proverbs is about making choices. God's ways and God's thoughts are not my ways and my thoughts. The book of Proverbs lays out for me the thoughts and ways of God on the issues of life on planet Earth. It tells me in Proverbs 4:23 that all the issues of life that I have to deal with, they start in my heart.

Proverbs 4:23

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

From my heart come the issues of life that I have to face, and issues of life demand decisions. You and I, in everything in our life, will make choices. We will make choices about everything. It is those choices, good or bad, that will mark us for the rest of our lives in some cases of what we do with God and what we do not do with God. But the book of Proverbs will deal with the issues and show us exactly what God's opinion is on everything in life. I have told you before, the job of every Christian is to find out what God's opinion is on everything on planet Earth, and then scrap your own personal opinion and make that opinion, God's opinion, your opinion. That is what it is. That is what growth is. That is what spiritual growth is. That is what becoming more like Christ is.

Now the book of Proverbs is written by the wisest man that ever lived, and his name was Solomon. You are going to find that when you go down through history today, you are going to find two aspects to history. You are going to find the history that is recorded for you in the Bible, that is the true history. And you are going to find the history that is displayed out in the world today through the public education system, which is basically a Gentile history. If you went to college or you went to high school or grade school, and whenever you took a world history course or an ancient history course or whatever, you will never be told that there was a time in

history where the nation of Israel was the greatest nation on the face of the planet. You will never be told that there was a time when every nation on the face of this planet came to Jerusalem to hear the wisdom of Solomon and see the glory of God and the temple that he built. You will hear a lot about the Egyptians and those stupid pyramids they built. You will hear a lot about the Sphinx. You will hear a lot about the Babylonians. You will hear a lot about the Carthaginians. You will hear a lot about the Romans. You will hear a lot about the Hittites and all of these groups. But when it comes to the group which was God's group, which God basically has built—and I will show you in a minute—God has basically built all history around, you get nothing. That is because the world wants to suppress, the devil wants to suppress the fact that the greatest period on this planet was when Solomon reigned, and the Bible says that every nation on this planet came to hear the wisdom of Solomon. You know what the wisdom of Solomon was? "Hear what God's Word says." And boy, it was a great time. But that has all been lost to history. History and how Israel has lost its place with time in the times of the Gentiles. I have told you before, the times of the Gentiles now are when the Gentiles come in, they take over the world, and they begin to rewrite history. That is why when you take a history course, you will never hear about the nation of Israel.

Now there are different aspects to our Christian life in our walk and our fellowship with God. I believe that everything in our lives will go back to these five wisdom books.

- You want to understand the price that was paid on Calvary's cross? Then you get into the book of Job.
- You want to understand the world system? You get into the book of Ecclesiastes.
- You want to know how to walk with God and fellowship with God? You get into the book of Psalms.
- You want to have a personal relationship with Christ that will be unlike anything in your life? Get into the Song of Solomon.

Now when it comes to you and me making the choices of life, when it comes to you and me looking at a circumstance and a situation that we have to decide what we are going to do, it comes to the book of Proverbs. Proverbs gives you the right take, God's opinion on every issue of life in which we should conduct ourselves. You will see it as we begin to go through it here in the following weeks. What I am saying is this: there are thousands of places that you can go in the Bible that we can see good examples and bad examples that we can take good advice from to either embrace or stay away from. But what I am telling you this, and this is what I personally believe, I believe that all of the principles, all of the examples, all of the stories originate from the principles in Proverbs because Proverbs is God's mind. Proverbs is God's opinion on everything on planet Earth and the issues of life.

Yet I marvel at this. My personal thoughts on the Word of God are probably unique, to say the least. But I take the things of God very personally. I remember years ago, we are going to jump

around a little bit this morning so you get a little practice with your Bible, but turn over to John chapter 21. I want to show you one thing that I can actually put my finger on that changed my whole life when it came to understanding and how I looked at the Bible. I know that Christians look at the Bible differently. You have some Christians who look at the Bible in a blasé way that, "Yeah, it is a great book, but I do not have time for it." You have some who dabble in it, and they read it until they find something they do not like, and they do not read it anymore. You have some who try to get in it, but they never get a real system in studying the Bible, so they get the "scurries" and quit. I mean, you have, and then you have people who just really love the Bible. I understand that. Years ago, when I was really trying to get into the Bible, I think this one principle changed my whole viewpoint so much about the Bible, and it altered everything in my life about how I viewed it, the Bible at that point. It is found in John chapter 21, in verse 25, which is the last verse in that chapter. Here is what it says:

John 21:25

And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

Now, that is a pretty incredible verse. That verse says that if you did not get everything that Jesus said and everything He did, the Bible says that if everything that He said and obviously everything that He did had been written down, that the world itself would not contain the book. Now, when I saw that, when I understood that, when I grasped that concept, the Bible took on a whole different place in my life because now I realize that out of everything that He said, of all the events that He did, He hand-picked what He wanted me to have. He chose for me out of everything that He did. He hand-picked it for me and put it in a book and said, "Bob, out of everything I did and everything I said, here is what I want you to have." Now, once I understood that, how do I ever look at the Bible again just as a book? How do I ever just pick up that book and say, "Oh, it is the Word of God"? Once I knew that He hand-picked everything in it for me personally, and I realized that He wrote that book and He could have put anything in it He wanted, He chose to give me exactly what He wanted me to have. That put some burden of responsibility on my part if I was going to have a relationship with God to appreciate that.

Now, I will show you something else. Now turn back to 1 Kings 4:29-32. We will see the same thing about Proverbs.

1 Kings 4:29-32

And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.

And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

You will never get that in history. You will never get that in secular education. You will not even get it in Christian education. But it is true. He gave us a total of 3,000 Proverbs, but you do not have them all. Just as the Bible says that the world would not contain all of the things that Jesus said and did, so He hand-picked what He wanted you to have when it came down to the book of Proverbs. He had 3,000 of them, but there again, He hand-picked exactly what He wanted me and you to have. He looked at my life and what I would need. He looked in your life and what you would need. He looked at the circumstances that we as human beings would face. He looked at the issues of life that we would have to go through, the trials, the struggles, the choices we would have to make. You know what He did? Out of 3,000, He hand-picked exactly what I would need to get through life. People look at that. God's people look at that and do not even think twice about it. That is quite a book you have. The book of Proverbs is an incredible book. God gave you exactly what you want. The book of Proverbs contains God's viewpoint on everything in life. It is the book of making good choices. I told you that it is the handbook of leadership. It is because a leader must make good choices.

II. The Wise Man and the Foolish Man

Now with all that in mind, I want to show you something else. The book of Proverbs is written about two men, and everybody in life is going to follow one of these categories. You are never going to meet anybody in life at any time, saved or lost, that does not fall into one of these two categories. You already know what they are. The book of Proverbs is about a wise man and it is about a foolish man. In fact, the book of Proverbs itself, the name Proverbs, means to make a similitude or a comparison. It means to compare side by side. One of the main things Proverbs does, and we will get into this in a couple of weeks, is it defines first of all what a wise man is and it defines what a fool is. It defines what a wise man is so you can be wise, but it also defines what a fool is so you can stay away from him, that you can stay wise. Of course, it is about a wise man and a foolish man.

Now let me show you in the New Testament, Matthew chapter 7. Let me show you the New Testament illustration of what the book of Proverbs does in a concept of a wise man and a foolish man. I know some of you will have fingers cramped by the end of the service today, but it will be all right.

Matthew 7:24-27

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

The wise man builds his house upon a rock. When we see a storm come, that will represent the storms of life. When the wind beats on your house, when the sun comes up, when all of the rain comes down and the floods come and the winds blow, and they beat upon this guy's house, it never faltered. You know why? Because the house of a wise man is built on a rock. Now let us look at the alternative. The foolish man built his house upon the sand. Now we have a wise man and a foolish man. The wise man, defined in the book of Proverbs, builds his house upon a rock. Now what is that rock? That rock is the things of God, the doctrines of God.

1 Corinthians 10:4

And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

He is the rock that you build your house on. Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which you have of God? You are not your own, you are bought with a price. It is talking about your body. First and foremost, you need to build your body upon a rock, a rock that will withstand the test of this old world when the wind comes, and the floods come, and the rain comes. When you do not do that, and as a foolish man—and this is, life is so simple—people all the time who claim to be saved, they claim to be Christian, they claim to go to church, and the first time some catastrophe comes into their life, they fall apart, they break up, they have all kinds of issues where they just cannot stand through any adversity. We scratch our heads many times and wonder why. There is the answer right there. Because they have never built their house. Their personal relationship with Christ is not based on the rock of God. It is based on the sands of this world. That is the problem. The rock with which this house was built is Bible doctrine. Doctrine starts with Proverbs.

Proverbs 9:1

Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

Now that is a great verse that takes it a little bit farther; it is found in the book of Proverbs. It talks about wisdom building its house on seven pillars that are hewn out. "Hewn out" means to chisel, to cut. What we have here, the Bible itself, the Bible itself is built on seven pillars. The Bible just is not a rock, that is Christ. But within that rock, Christ, God has chiseled out seven pillars that support that book. When you want to know the Bible, understand the Bible, figure out the Bible, the first thing you realize is that Bible is built on seven pillars. Those seven pillars are taught throughout the scriptures, and you show me a man who does not understand them, I will show you a man who does not understand the Bible.

Now the house here is personally, number one, your body. It is also the house of Israel, historically. The house of Israel is a picture of the wise man and the foolish man, all the way through the Bible. When you look at this thing in a doctrinal application, the wise man and the foolish man is Israel. When you look at it in inspiration, it is me and you. But Israel does the exact same thing. She is faced with decisions just like you are. She had the wisest man that ever

lived as her king who wrote these things to her. She turned her back on him, and she went the way of the world, and we know what happened to her. When the enemies finally came, she and Accad from the north and Babylon from the south, and the winds and the floods and the waters came because she had chosen, chosen, chosen to build the house of Israel on sand. She got taken into captivity.

Now inspirationally, that house is more than just your body. It is your house that you live in with your family. You make choices in your life if you are going to build your house on a rock or you are going to build your house on the sand. There is no perfect family, just like there is no perfect church, just like there is no perfect anything in life. The reason why God gives us the principles of the Word of God is because we live in an imperfect world. People say, "Well, I do not like this, I do not like that, I do not like this church, I do not like this person, I do not like that person." There is nobody, nothing in life that is perfect. The reason why God gave you a perfect set of standards is to get you around the imperfections in this world. What is the matter with you? But you choose not to take the standard and use it when a problem comes up, when you have to make a choice, when you have to make a decision. I have seen parents all my life that have been with the church all their life, but they built their home on the sand. When that evil day comes, like I talk to your kids at camp and your kids are faced with those decisions, when the rains came and the floods came and the problems came because you were building your house on everything else except what it was supposed to be. Boy, that is an understatement when it says, "and great was the fall of it." That is an understatement when it comes to families.

Your family should be built on seven pillars. I do not even know if you know it or not. Just like the Bible is built on seven pillars, your family, you as a husband and wife, need to chisel out of that rock of God seven pillars that you establish your family on. It is just that simple. It needs to be chiseled out on truth. When you chisel it out on truth, the next concept you chisel out in your family is discipline. You have got to have discipline, but that will not work by itself. So you chisel some more, and then you get the pillar of love. That is great, but that will not work all by itself. So then you keep on chiseling, and you get the pillar of long-suffering. Now those are all good, but those things without the rest of the pillars will not make it work either. The next thing you have to chisel out once you have got truth and discipline and love and long-suffering, now you have got to chisel out accountability. The next one you have got to chisel out is responsibility. And the last one you chisel out of it is grace, the ability to use it all. Your house, your family, should be built on seven pillars, hewn out of the rock of God. You see, it all starts with Proverbs. Proverbs is the handbook of leadership.

III. The Depth of God: The Fourth Dimension

Then the next thing the book of Proverbs does, it takes you from the natural into the supernatural. You hear me talk about it all the time. The job of every Christian, not many make it, but the job of every Christian is to transform yourself out of the natural into the supernatural. Get out of the lifestyle of everything around you being affecting you, to get to the place where you see it from God's standpoint. I want you to turn again to the book of Ephesians. I want to show you this. Ephesians chapter 3. We will pick it up in verse 17.

Ephesians 3:17-19

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Now there it is again. Verse 19 says that we need to be filled with the fullness of God. Let me explain this thing to you. We live in a physical world. The Bible is a supernatural book, but you hold it in your hands in a physical form. I know the Bible is the mind of Christ, but God's majesty is the fact that He gave us a supernatural book that represents His mind in a book that you can hold. That in itself is quite incredible. We can spend the next thousand years talking about that.

In our world that we live in, the physical world, we have three dimensions. We have height, we have breadth—that is the width of something—and then we have length. Everything in our life, everything in our life, is based on those three dimensions. Now when you watch your paranormal movies on TV and your ghost movies where they try to, these goofy guys going with all these heat sensors and try to find ghosts and sprinkle talcum powder on the floor to pick up their footprints and all that stuff, and the demons just play with them and have a lot of fun and all that stuff, that is called the fourth dimension. The fourth dimension is the spiritual world; it is the fourth dimension. We see so much of that is phony that the average Christian just kind of blows that off. But I have got some news for you. The fourth dimension, the fourth dimension, is a real Bible teaching in the Bible. There is a fourth dimension, and the concept of a fourth dimension is a Bible truth. The problem is that it is completely unknown to most Christians because they never get there. Let me tell you something. Three-dimensional Christians are hard to find, really. I am going to show you in a minute. Three-dimensional Christians are hard to find. Fourth-dimensional Christians are like trying to find a brontosaurus in New York Central Park, man. There are just not too many of them out there. When I talk about leaving this world in a natural sense and getting into a supernatural life, stepping out of the natural, which is the third dimension, and living in a supernatural, now I am talking about the fourth dimension.

Now look at verse 18 here. I will show you what this is. "May be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and the length and the depth and the height of God." Now let us talk about the three dimensions for just a second. Most Christians understand God in a first, second, or third dimensional understanding of God because that is the physical thing. Let me show you how these things line up. The physical world we live in is the third dimension, three dimensions.

1. The first thing he says is the breadth of God. That is how wide God is. When we look at that and put that into a biblical context, that will be the length of God's mercy and love. We talk about God took my sins and parted them far as the east is from the west. See, that is God's mercy. That is God's love. When you understand that, you ask your little kids. I asked my grandkids all the time, especially little Macy. The other ones are too smart now; they will not

fall for it, but Macy does. I said, "Macy, how much do you love grandpa? Show me." And she said, "Grandpa, I love you that much." You see? That is a width. Is it not strange that when Christ died on the cross that the official form of crucifixion was Roman crucifixion? When He died on that cross, He basically illustrated to you by the nails in His hands, outstretched hands on that cross, how much He loved you. See, that is God's, that is the breadth of God's mercy. That is the breadth of God's love. We can understand that. I can talk to you about Christ dying on a cross and how much He loved you. Even though we cannot get to it, maybe in all the details in a third dimensional aspect of the physical life, who here can understand how much God loved you? "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." If I talk about the crucifixion, Him dying on a cross, you can grasp that. You can get that. That is in our physical world.

2. The second thing he talks about is the length of God. That is the longevity of God. That is God down through history. Daniel chapter 7 calls God the Ancient of Days. It means He has been around for a while. When God wanted to illustrate Himself to you and show you where He is at because history can be a long, entailed thing, He told you in Proverbs 22:28 to remove not the ancient landmarks, which the fathers have set. Then He told you again in Proverbs 23:10 to remove not the old landmarks and enter not into the fields of the fatherless. Proverbs 22:28

Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set. Proverbs 23:10

Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless: You know what the fields of the fatherless are? You know what a fatherless child is? Some kid who walks around all life wondering who his father is. You know what most Christians do all their life? They wander around their Christian life wondering who God really is. They never get there. The fields of the fatherless is a picture of what happens to any nation, any person, anybody who loses sight of God and the longevity of God down through history, and then they enter into the fields of the fatherless. You know what Gentile history is? Gentile history is nothing more than one nation coming up, taking over another nation, and then they are on top for a while, and then they get taken over by somebody else. It is just one nation rising up, taking over another nation. There is no point to it. There is no reason to it. There is no rhyme to it. If you would go back and try to show me the point between the Egyptian civilization coming up through history to where we are at now, there would be no point to it other than the big guy wins. Because there is no point to it. That is the fields of the fatherless. That is walking through the annals of history without even understanding what is really going on. You put God into the equation. You put the Bible into the equation. You put the two landmarks in there. The Old Testament Nation of Israel is the landmark of the ancients, and the church in the New Testament is the landmark for the New Testament. You put those two landmarks in and you make your survey of history off of those two points. Have you ever had your property surveyed? You want to put a fence down and you do not want to get sued by putting it on your neighbor's property, or you want to do something and you do not know where your property line is, you call a surveyor. Now, a surveyor is not the smartest guy in the world. He just comes out and says, "Yeah, that is your property." He has got something that he works off, and he finds a landmark. We do not see them, but in our yard at some point back in the 1800s or whenever, they put little discs down in the ground which tell where the

boundary line is. He gets his little surveying thing out, and he goes off and he finds a boundary line, and then he can tell you exactly where your property is and where your property is. If you do not have that landmark to find, to start that process, well, you will be building fences on everybody's yard. That is what happens with history when we do not have the Bible. The Bible gives us in the longevity of God, trying to figure God out down through history, it gives us the landmarks that show us we always know where we are at when it comes to God and what God is doing. I showed you New Year's Eve when we threw that whole Bible, and I showed you how God basically has carved in eternity a parenthesis which is called time. Now the longevity of God, you see, that is something that we can grasp. We can understand that. What I just told you, most of you out there who are of reasonable intelligence say, "Yeah, I get that. I understand that. I get that." Those are the third dimensional things. That is the physical world. We can understand God to a great degree in that physical standpoint.

3. The third one is the height, the height of God. That will be our faith in God and our trust in God. I had a friend of mine years ago that was a preacher, and he and his wife had a bunch of kids, and I love when people do this. They named all their kids after Bible characters. My wife and I did the same thing. I asked, and he had all boys, and he suddenly had one girl, and he named her Faith, and I think Faith is a great name for a girl. I asked him, I said, he had all these boys, and I said you had a girl and you named her Faith, and he is always got some, he always had some biblical principle behind everything he did. I really appreciated him. He always tried to do, he was always thinking of doing anything right, and I love him for it. I asked him, I said, "Now you had all these boys, and I said you had a girl and you named her Faith." And he said, "Well, my wife and I decided that, you know, we got all these kids, and sometimes things get rough for us, and we do not always have everything we need, and we have to take care of all the kids God gave us. So we decided to name this little girl Faith, that when the devil comes to the door or trouble comes to the door, we just send Faith to answer the door." You know what, folks? You want to talk about how high God is? Who sees over every problem you and I have? Who stands above and sees the outcome and we do not? You see, the height of God is your ability when push comes to shove and you are afraid or fear comes to your door, Faith answers the door. You realize that God has saved you. God has brought you to this place in life. He is not going to let you down now. You have got to have faith and trust in God that He is bigger than every problem you have got to face. No matter what you go through, no matter what befalls you, no matter what happens, and you can have the worst day of your life. I mean, you can wake up in the morning and you go out of your car, it will not start, and you take it to the garage, and it has got to have a new motor. Then you have got to finally get to work, and the boss is mad because of the fact you are late, so he lays you off. Then you go home and you find out that while you were gone, your sink stopped up, your dishwasher broke, and your life is just saying, "What more can happen?" So you finally, finally, finally go, "I say, I have got to get away from all of this. Everything is coming down in my life. Everything is bothering me. Everything is getting to me." And you go say, "I know I am going to go to my favorite ice cream place, and I am just going to get away, and I am going to sit there and I am going to enjoy it." And you walk in, and the first thing that hits you is the special of the day, Rocky Road. God is bigger than those things. The

Bible talks about Deuteronomy chapter 32 that God is like an eagle. He soars high above the world. I read one time that an eagle, he is soaring up there, that a half a mile away he can see some little rodent moving that he goes down and swoops on. He has got incredible eyesight. He has got the height on everybody on planet Earth. He has got the eyesight that sees what nobody else can see. That is why God chose an eagle to represent Himself because He soars higher than all of our problems. He sees the minute detail that we cannot see. David understood the great concept when he wrote Psalms 18:2 and he called God his high tower. Psalms 18:2

The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. Psalms 61:3

For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. And in Song of Solomon 4:4, it just got right down to it and it called a tower of David. Song of Solomon 4:4

Thy neck is like the tower of David builded for an armoury, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men. Why a tower? Because they recognized that God could see over the problems. Simply, God in this life is bigger than any of the problems that we have. See, man can grasp that. We can get that. You are all taking notes. You got it. You were smiling and laughing. You got the little thing about faith answering the door. You got the thing about Rocky Road. You got it. You can grasp those things.

But oh, there is a fourth one. This one is not physical, my dear friend, but it is spiritual. It deals with the eternal mind of God that the book of Proverbs that we are about to study represents. This is what, as they say in the world, separates the men from the boys. We have got the three physical things that make the three dimensions. We do. But the fourth one there, found in that great passage, is the depth of God. The depth of God is the fourth dimension. The depth of God is God's eternal mind. This is why the Bible is called the true riches of Luke 16:11.

Luke 16:11

If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, how will ye commit to your trust the true riches?

This is why the Bible is called the unsearchable riches in Ephesians 3:8.

Ephesians 3:8

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

This is why you find in Deuteronomy 29:29 where the Bible says the secret things belong unto the Lord our God, those deep things.

Deuteronomy 29:29

The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

You see, the Bible is a supernatural book. Because it is a supernatural book that represents God's eternal mind, it is a book that the Bible says in Hebrews 4:12 can discern our thoughts and intents.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Years ago we used to go street preaching when I was young. One of the tricks we used to do was we used to go down in Canton on the square on a Saturday, and it was always kind of busy. We wanted to get a crowd. So we would come up with all kinds of goofy ways. I would not suggest you do this today. But one of the guys was a, he was just a great guy. He got a big Mexican sombrero hat. He put it down in a circle and he put his Bible underneath of it. People were walking by looking at it, and he was looking at it like that. We are all here just cracking up, man. Then he starts his monologue. He says to the people walking by, "Sir, stand back, it is alive! It is alive, sir! Ma'am, do not get close to that, it is alive!" They are thinking he had a snake under there. Pretty soon people are getting a crowd around. He is saying, "It is alive, stay away, it is alive, man! You do not want to get close to that, it is alive! Ma'am, keep your kids back, it is alive!" About that time a police officer came up, and the police officer, he had now about 30, 40 people there. We are over here just cracking up. We know what is going to happen. So the police officer comes up, and he is concerned. He thinks he has got a cobra in there or something. He says, "What is going on here, what is going on?" He says, "Sir, Mr. or police officer, you stay back, it is alive, it is alive!" And the guy says, "What is alive?" And he picked up the hat, he said, "The Word of God." Then he had a crowd; he street preached for about 15 minutes. See, this book is alive. This book is the eternal book of God's mind, it is alive. This book, I tell you all the time, it is the only book in the world. When you start reading it, it starts reading you. The Bible says it discerns the thoughts and the intents of your heart. It looks right down and asks the very motive why you are reading this. I mean, this book is alive because it is the eternal mind of God. The secret things, the secret things that are in it, the deep things. You know what David said? He said in Daniel 2:20-22:

Daniel 2:20-22

Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

God reveals the secret things, the deep things, that is the depth. Now this is the answer why it explains it as so many of God's people never really have a relationship with God in His Word and just play at it. You see, the book of Proverbs represents the depth of God. It is His mind. It does

not give you the knowledge about God, but it rather gives you the exact knowledge of God, what He knows about all things you can know about all things: about human nature, how it works, the patterns of human nature, about history and how it unfolds, the plan of God from Genesis to Revelation and where you fit into it. How about current events with what is going on in the world today and how they translate from what they appear to be to what they really are? He will show you the deep things of why people have the issues that they have. The patterns of everything in life start in Proverbs. He will show you about the future.

Isaiah 42:9

Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

That is the fourth dimension. That is you getting into that book to such a degree that God takes you where He takes nobody else. You see it in a lot of men preaching. You really do. Most preaching is one-dimensional. Let us be honest. I do not mean to, if you like this man, I do not mean to say anything negative about him. I am not being anybody. I like to listen to him. He has got some good points. Joel Osteen is one-dimensional. It is all feel good, feel good, feel good, feel good, feel good, feel good. Now I like a lot of things that he says, but he is one-dimensional. I have seen young men preach that most young men preaching are one-dimensional. They have one little thought that they struggle getting across. I have heard some of them preach down at the mission that I was not sure where they were because I knew they were not sure where they were. But you find men that preach usually in a one and a two, and a good preacher will be in three dimensions. You find a preacher that preaches in the fourth dimension, and you can tell in a moment. You know why? Because listening to a sermon is like drinking out of a fire hose. In one hour sermon, you get 40 sermons, the depth to it. It goes down someplace. It is not just surface stuff. "Oh, we love God. We love everybody. Take up the offer." That is more than that. The depth goes down deep. You can see where the roots are. You can see that what he is giving you is springing up from something way down below the surface. You see preachers like that.

3D movies are coming back now. I went to the first 3D movie that was ever out, 1955, long before most of you were born. It was *The Creature from the Black Lagoon*. I was five years old. I was scared to death. My mom, when we came out of the theater, thought that I had some kind of disease because, and she said that people like that usually means you have leukemia. Now I am really scared. I am five years old. My mom just says, because I had these absolutely red, I mean, red, broken blisters, blood vessels under my eyes. It was not anything that had leukemia. I held my eyes shut so much I squeezed the fire out of them. But you know, that is the first 3D movie. I guess you still wear glasses. But you wear those 3D glasses where it takes you from most all movies are just two-dimensional, see? But when you put those special glasses on, you get the third dimension. Now before when the birds are just flying, it does not look like they are going anywhere. Now I thought they were in my hair. When this creature comes out of the thing, now he is coming for me. A little guy five years old. Not only did my mom not care, she now is going to throw me off because I got leukemia. "Let the guy get me." See? I am looking at this thing, and I am scared to death. These glasses, I took my glasses off, man. And then, "Ha ha, it is better." You know. 3D brought a whole movie to a dimension. Now they are coming back with it.

Now you can go to see movies, and they are all 3D. You get the same goofy glasses, probably the same ones I had. But you get these goofy glasses, and it adds another whole dimension to the movie. See? The special glasses they gave you in this physical life took you from a two-dimensional movie, and a movie comes alive through that third dimension being added. Now in a biblical sense, looking at life through the Bible, principles of those 4D glasses through the Word of God, it will give you the spiritual insight of God and depth in that fourth dimension. That Bible comes alive. I mean, that Bible just comes alive.

I mean, you hear me talk about being smarter than the problem all the time. You know what I really mean by that? Being the depth of that situation, the problem you are in. So many times the problem comes in, and we learn what the problem is, and our emotions get in the way, and everything we have got to deal with. Being smarter than the problem is seeing it as it really is. But that demands that you have a dimension on that problem that goes beyond the 3D physical. In the Bible you find knowledge. In the Bible you find wisdom in Proverbs, and you find understanding. Knowledge is facts. Wisdom is facts applied. But understanding is the fourth dimension of how God figures into it. There is a worldly wisdom and there is a godly wisdom. I have met a lot of people who were lost that had a lot of wisdom about a lot of things. They know how to fix this, fix that, do this, make this, build this, that. But when it came to the most important question, their eternal life and where they were going to spend eternity, and what all this really meant compared to a holy God dying on a cross and a lake of fire, they had no clue. No clue. You see, knowledge, that is one-dimensional. That is most Christians. Most Christians are just one-dimensional. You know about God. You know about the Bible. You know about church. You know about the basic fundamental things. You are one-dimensional. Now you give a Christian some wisdom, grow a little bit, get some wisdom. Now you become second and third dimension, see? That is some Christians. Not many, but that is some. Now you have wisdom to be able to use the knowledge that you have, and you move into that second and third dimension. But understanding is the fourth dimension. Understanding is seeing any situation and seeing it, not the way I look at it, not the way your friends look at it, not the way CNN or Fox News looks at it, but seeing it as God sees it.

I used a great example many, many times, and it is a good one. We have got new people here today. I use the example of World War I and World War II. If you look at World War I and World War II from a first, second, and third dimension, it is simply the end of the great empires of Europe. Up to that point, you had the Austrian Empire, the Russian Empire, the British Empire, you had the Hungarian Empire. All of Europe was broken up in these great monarchies. It came to a crashing end. You had the Ottoman Turk Empire. World War I brought an end to all that. World War I brought that down. How many times I have sat and listened or a lecture or read books where the man takes it through, and he has got the facts, he has got history, he has got the facts, but it is only one and second and third dimensional. He never sees it for what it is because he is in the fields of the fatherless. He sees World War I and World War II just as nations piling on other nations. He sees the end of the monarchies of Europe bring about the democracy of some of those countries, and that is all he sees. When you have understanding and you see it and you know the Bible and you understand what God is doing and you get into that fourth dimension, you see World War I got the land ready for the Jew. World War II got the Jew ready

for the land. In 1948, they became a nation. See that is understanding. That is fourth dimensional stuff. That is looking beyond the fields of the fatherless, what somebody tells you happened in history. What you see God doing in history and where He is going because you understand the greatest thing that God wants to do is establish His people back in that land, and He did. Right under the nose of Winston Churchill, right under the nose of Kaiser Wilhelm, right under the nose of Archduke Ferdinand, right under the nose of everybody out there that commented on it because they did not have the, they sought from the physical side. God's people need to step out of the natural and start living in the supernatural. You do not have to see life, your family, and everything you deal with from God's standpoint. But by the Bible, let us count one out of a thousand and five. Not very good odds.

IV. The Three Applications of Proverbs

Then the last thing, the book of Proverbs will follow the same three applications that all the rest of the Bible follows. You should know this if you have been around here any length of time. The book of Proverbs will have a historical application. The book of Proverbs will have a doctrinal application, and the book of Proverbs will have an inspirational application. Now I want to give you what these are so you will have it. You need to have this before we start here next week.

4. The book of Proverbs historically will be Solomon taking all of his wisdom, compiling it in his book to give to his son. You are going to find that much of the first part of the book of Proverbs is to his son. That son historically will be Rehoboam. Rehoboam takes over the kingdom in 1 Kings 12:1-22. Rehoboam gets all the wisdom that his father had. Rehoboam gets all the wisdom to be a wise man. He sees the comparison between a wise man and a foolish man. He gets all of that. But he chooses the path of a fool. He has all the wisdom of God that his father had. He saw the majesty. He had to see the nation after nation coming in. But yet when he was faced with what made his father great, when it was his choosing and his choice, he chose to be a fool. He chose to forsake the wisdom of his father and become a fool. Now you know what he does. He splits the kingdom. He lines up with Jeroboam, one of his daddy's generals. Jeroboam takes the 10 northern tribes, and Rehoboam takes the two southern tribes, and it is the beginning of the demise of the fallen God's people. Three hundred years later, 300 short years later, after his son forsook the wisdom of his father, that great nation that once all the nations came to, now the nations came to and took him into captivity. Life is choices.
5. In its doctrinal application, in this application we see the son being the nation of Israel. God's son, Exodus chapter 4, in a national sense. We see now Him going through God, through Solomon, writes the wisdom, this wisdom book to His people, Israel, showing them that they will have to make choices to be a wise son or a foolish son. You will find that this book is filled with stories of the evil man and the harlot or the strange woman. Doctrinally they all represent the Antichrist and his religious system. God wrote this book because He knew that His people, the nation of Israel, were going to be faced with the same choices that Rehoboam had to make, and He wanted them to be wise. But again, the nation of Israel follows the path of Rehoboam and Jeroboam. Everything rises and falls on leadership, and they as a nation, the nation of Israel, go into total apostasy. All because they reject and refuse to follow the

principles of God's Word. A foolish nation run by foolish people who reject God and His Word.

6. Then the book of Proverbs comes to us in an inspirational application, sometimes called a practical application, something for you and me in our everyday life. It will be you and me as God's son, just as it was to Israel as a nation, just as it was to Solomon historically to his son. Now it is to me and you as God's son. Every one of you who have been born again, every one of you who are God's child, every one of you that you claim to be God be your Father, Christ be your Savior. Where Rehoboam had to make choices good and bad historically, where Israel as a nation had to make choices good and bad doctrinally, you and I will have to make choices in life good or bad, inspirationally. Those choices when they are the right ones will make your life fulfilled and complete and bring the blessings in your family and everything God wants you to have. Those choices when they are the wrong ones will make your life a series of tragedies, trouble, nightmares, and will destroy you, your family, and everything that you try to touch. It is the difference between one who builds his house on a rock and one who builds his house on the sand. The book of Proverbs was written to us as God's child to give us everything we need to see and understand and use the wisdom of God, knowledge that God has given to us to make the same choices, to make the right choices in every area of our lives. It is with this intent that we will prayerfully study and lay out this great book.

V. Life is About Choices

Life is about choices. This is great for you young kids here today. This is great, and I think this is some of the greatest stuff that young people can hear, but moms and dads too. Life is about choices. The issues of life we have to face. The book of Proverbs gives us the ability to always make the right choice. I do not spend a lot of time with it, but I try to learn from everything in life. I do not let my emotions get involved in many things. I have learned over the years that that is a choice that I do not want to make.

But I watch this unfolding trial between George Zimmerman and Trayvon Martin. What a tragedy that really is. I do not get into it. Everybody likes to have their opinion. Everybody wants to get their emotions involved in it. I think that to a bad degree that there are people in this country who want to inflame that into greater for their own personal gain. I think that is a bad thing. At the end of the day, you know what? There are only two people who know what really happened that day. And one of those is dead. I do not make any judgment values on it. Somebody asked me the other week what I thought about Trayvon Martin and George Zimmerman. My statement to them was what I will give to you. I think it is a tragedy. "What do you think? What do you really think about it? Do you really want to know?" "Yeah, I really want to know." I think if they had both been in church that night, it never would have happened. I think if they had been out passing out tracts and preaching the gospel, it never would have happened. It is my personal opinion on it. I do not make any value judgment on it. I am not going to sit here and tell you one was right and one was wrong. It does not matter. I do not learn from things that way. Let me tell you how I learned from it. You young kids need to learn from it. Let me tell you something. The great lesson out of that situation for me is one of choices. George Zimmerman, when he called in about some suspicious guy, was told by the police dispatcher, "Stay in your car. Do not pursue

that person." He made a conscious choice to disobey the authority that told him to stay in that car. In that moment he made that choice. He stepped out. We know how it ended. Trayvon Martin had four minutes, they say, to leave the scene and get away. In that four minutes he chose not to. I am not assigning any blame or right or wrong to either one of them. What I am trying to get a point across to you is one bad choice in your life can ruin your life forever. One bad choice in a moment of time when you do not listen to the authority that just told you what to do can ruin your life forever. That is the point I am trying to make. I am not assigning who is right and who is wrong and who did what. I do not care. Nobody will ever know for sure. The only thing I do know for sure is this: choices in life can destroy you when it is the wrong choice.

I see Samson did the same thing. Samson had a mission of God. Samson was a Nazarite. A Nazarite was somebody that took a vow that he was going to accomplish something for God, in this case to be the leader, the deliverer for Israel. But there were certain things that went along with being a Nazarite, just like when you become a Christian, for you to fulfill God's plan there are certain things you have got to have in your life. Samson could not cut his hair. Samson could not touch anything from a vine tree. He could not consume any grapes, grape juice, wine, none of that stuff. He could not touch a dead body. Here is a man who all of his life makes bad choices. I mean, my goodness, the first words out of his mouth when he shows up in the Bible, they say, "I saw a woman, go get her." It starts wrong. I will tell you the real thing, and I watch this and I try to apply these to my own life, and I have made my mistakes in life, God knows we all have. But the bottom line is I look at that and I try to learn from it, just like the Zimmerman-Martin deal. I look at Samson. God told him, "You cannot have anything to do with grapes." You know what got him? He touched a dead body. A lion came to him, and he fought that lion and he killed it, and then later on he got honey out of that dead lion, and when he touched that dead lion, he broke the vow of a Nazarite, and he went downhill from there. You ever see where he met that lion? Old Samson is going off to see his girlfriend. It must have been a long road because he knew a shortcut, and his shortcut was through the vineyard of Timnath, and he cuts through that vineyard where he should never have been. He decides to make a conscious choice. "That is a long way to go. I am going to take a shortcut." You know shortcuts usually get you in problems. Just remember your last vacation. Remember when your husband said, "I know a shortcut," and you were on your way to Disney World and you wound up in Vancouver. Remember how that went? Old Samson says, "I know a shortcut," and he went through a place that he never should have went through. He made a conscious choice to get off the track that would get him there safe, and he went through that vineyard, and guess where he met that lion? Where he should not have been. When we make the wrong choices in life, I guarantee you, you will meet the lion.

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Choices. Choices. Life is about choices. Proverbs is the book that shows us how to make the right choices. It is just that simple. One bad choice can change your life forever. The book of Proverbs is the book about right choices. Where the book of Job answers the great problems of life and suffering, evil, death, and the supernatural forces at work to bear on man's life, the book

of Proverbs shows us how to be smarter than the problem. The book of Proverbs shows us, states the cause and the results and the value of good versus evil. It lays down the absolute standard for a wise man to make good choices based on the principles that are absolute and never change. It shows the fool who rejects the truth of God and by bad choices destroys his or her life. That is what the book of Proverbs does. I am going to do my best to turn over every stone, to show you every principle. I am going to try to work at this. It may take us 20 years to get through this book, but I want it to be the last time we have to go through it. But I want you to understand these things and what the book of Proverbs does for you. It will define for you very quickly if you are a wise man or a foolish man. It will define for you very quickly if you are someone who wants to follow the principles of God or wants to do your own thing. It will define for your life very quickly where you make good choices and where you made bad choices. I do not care about the bad choices you made in life. I made bad choices in life. There is not anybody here that has not made bad choices in life. I am only interested from this point on, you start making the right choices in life.

Father, we thank You and praise You for the Lord Jesus. Thank You for today.