

## **The Superiority of Wisdom (Proverbs 3: 13-35) Part 4 & 5**

*1-2 Forget not 3-4 Let not 5-6 Trust & lean not 7-8 Be not 9-10: Honor/ hoard not*

Four imperatives followed by an exhortation to the father's discipline (vv.11,12)

### **I. A Hymn to Wisdom (3:13-18)**

- God desires our happiness – our happiness is bound up with our creator
  - A. The value of wisdom to man (Adam) (vv.13-18)
    - i. Better than Treasure, No Human Desires Compares to Her (14,15)
    - ii. Queen Wisdom Gives the Length of Days & Riches & Honor (16,17)
    - iii. She is a Tree of Life to All Who Take Hold of Her (v.18)
  - B. The value of wisdom to God (vv 19-20)
    - i. The Lord by wisdom founded the earth & established the heavens
    - ii. The Lord by knowledge broke upon the deep & waters from the skies

### **II. The Application of Wisdom (3:20-35)**

- A. The value of wisdom to the Son (21-27)
  - i. First Admonition: “Guard wisdom with your life” (vv.21-24)
  - ii. Second Admonition: “Don't fear disaster” (vv. 25,26)
- B. Wisdom's implications & application: love your neighbor (vv 28-35)
  - i. Repay your needy neighbor (vv. 27–28)
  - ii. Do not harm your innocent neighbor (vv. 29–30)
  - iii. Do not envy your wicked neighbor (vv. 31–35)