

Proverbs 3:1-35

IV. The Father's Third Lesson

A. Child Rearing and the Promises of God

1. Honor - Ex 20:12; De 5:16; Mt 15:4; 19:19; Mr 7:10; 10:19; Lu 18:20; Eph 6:2

a. *timao* - to prize, fix a valuation upon; to revere:--honor, value.

b. The Father's Calling

i. do not forget my law,

ii. But let your heart keep my commands; - *natsar* - to guard, (to protect, maintain, obey), observe, preserve(-r).

2. The first commandment with promise:

a. For length of days and long life - Ex 20:12; De 5:16;

b. And peace they will add to you. - Ps 119:165

B. Mercy and Truth - Pr 16:6

1. Characteristics of God

a. *checed* - kindness; piety: reproof, beauty:--favor, good deed(-liness, -ness), kindly, (loving-)kindness, merciful (kindness), mercy, pity, reproach.

i. Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ - Jo 1:17

ii. The Law was truth,

- but w/o grace

- b/c of the lovingkindness of God, Christ came

b. *'emeth* - stability; certainty, truth, trustworthiness:--assured(-ly), establishment, faithful, right, sure, true (-ly, -th), verity. - Eph 4:15

i. lovingkindness commends truth

ii. A judgmental spirit will deter the reception of truth

2. Association with those Characteristics - Let not, Forsake

a. Bind - *qashar* - to tie, physically (gird, confine, compact) or mentally (in love):--bind (up), join together, knit.

b. Write upon the heart

i. *kathab* - to grave, to write (describe, inscribe, prescribe, subscribe):--describe, record, prescribe, subscribe, write(-ing, -ten).

ii. Becoming part of the center of your being

- negative - Jer 17:1

- positive - 2 Co 3:3

3. The Result

a. favor and high esteem

i. *chen* - graciousness, (kindness, favor) (beauty):--favor, grace(-ious), pleasant, precious.

ii. *sekel* - intelligence; success, discretion, knowledge, policy, prudence, sense, understanding, wisdom, wise.

b. In the sight of God and man. - Lu 2:52; Ac 2:47; Ro 14:18

## C. True Happiness and God's Direction

1. Trust in the Lord - *batach* - to hire for refuge, to trust, be confident or sure:--be bold (confident, secure, sure), careless, put confidence, (make to) hope, (put, make to) trust.
  - a. Includes - Mt 6:22
    - i. And lean not on your own understanding; - Jer 10:23
    - ii. In all your ways acknowledge Him, - 1Ch 28:9; Ps 37:3,5; Jer 9:23
    - iii. Do not be wise in your own eyes; - Ro 12:16
    - iv. Fear the LORD and depart from evil. - 2 Ti 2:19
  - b. The Results
    - i. And He shall direct your paths.
    - ii. It will be health to your flesh,
    - iii. And strength to your bones.
2. Honor the LORD - Mt 6:33
  - a. Acknowledgment of Ownership - Le 25:23
    - i. with your possessions
    - ii. with the firstfruits of all your increase - Ex 22:29; 23:19; 34:26; De 26:2; Mal 3:10; Lu 14:13
  - b. The Results - De 28:8
    - i. So your barns will be filled with plenty,
    - ii. And your vats will overflow with new wine.
3. Learning the Lessons that God is Teaching
  - a. Our Response to God's Chastening
    - i. do not despise the chastening of the LORD,
    - ii. Nor detest His correction;
  - b. The Why
    - i. For whom the LORD loves He corrects, - Heb 12:5-6; Re 3:19
    - ii. Just as a father the son in whom he delights. - De 8:5; Heb 12:9-10
  - c. The Results
    - i. Happiness - Job 5:17;
    - ii. Blessedness - Ps 94:12
    - iii. Righteousness - Heb 12:10-11