



DISCOVERY **TEACHER'S** **GUIDE**

Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Psalms

The Way of Wisdom

Proverbs 1:1—9:18

The Proverbs of Solomon

Proverbs 10:1—22:16

The Words of the Wise

Proverbs 22:17—24:34

A Collection of Proverbs

Proverbs 25:1—31:31

The Book of Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 1:1—12:14

The Song of Solomon

Song of Solomon 1:1—8:14

Book I of The Psalms

Psalms 1:1—41:13

The Shepherd's Psalm

Psalms 23:1-6

Book II of The Psalms

Psalms 42:1—72:20

Book III of The Psalms

Psalms 73:1—89:52

Book IV of The Psalms

Psalms 90:1—106:48

The Great Psalm

Psalms 119:1-176

Book V of The Psalms

Psalms 107:1—150:6

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would contaminate our thoughts or distract us from our primary purpose of serving and glorifying God.

7. Psalm 103 is a song of praise to God which has been universally acclaimed for its beauty of expression. While it is apparent that David had experienced God’s goodness personally, the benefits he cites are available to all who fear God and keep His commandments. What specific benefits are mentioned in verses 3-6?

Verses 3-6 indicate that God forgives our iniquities, heals our diseases, redeems us from destruction, crowns us with lovingkindness and tender mercies, satisfies us with good things, and executes justice on behalf of the oppressed.

Ask your class how many of these benefits we deserve. The answer is obvious: none! Not one of us has any right to claim these benefits based on our own merit; they are provisions we receive only because of God’s abundant goodness toward us. Since we are so undeserving, the only proper response is unceasing praise and grateful remembrance—the very activities that David calls us to in verses 1 and 2.

8. Many of the Psalms record words of individuals who cried out to God for help in times of great distress or need. However, in Psalm 105:4, we are told to seek the “face” of the Lord. How does seeking God’s face differ from seeking His help in time of need?

When we seek God’s help, we are asking Him to provide a specific benefit or answer to prayer that we desire. There are times when it is right to petition God for the needs of ourselves and others—Jesus himself did so in His model prayer (see Matthew 6:11-13). However, a deeper seeking of the Lord occurs when we seek His face (the word “face” can also be translated “presence”). We are not looking for a particular provision or benefit, but are seeking a closer and more intimate relationship with the Giver himself. This is a place of beautiful communion and fellowship.

As we seek the Lord, whether for a specific need or a closer walk, we should never become discouraged because we feel we have not yet attained. Nor should we think that we have all of God we need after He has answered our prayers. Verse 4 tells us to seek His face “evermore,” or continually. We can never draw too close to God, and continually seeking His face will keep our connection with Him in its proper place as life’s highest priority.

CONCLUSION

As we come before God with praise for His many benefits, and spend time getting to know Him personally, our desire to live in a manner that pleases Him will grow.

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