



August 31, 2014 | This is Our God | Proverbs 4:11, 9:10, 19:17, 21

Reading one chapter of Proverbs a day is a great way to grow in wisdom. We've encouraged everyone at Valley to do so this summer. As we wrap up this study, please share:

[Q] As you read through Proverbs this summer, what encouraged or challenged you?

In his book, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, A. W. Tozer said,

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

[Q] Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Why?

God reveals Himself to us as we encounter His wisdom in Proverbs. Behind every proverb is the personal, creator God who loves us and longs for us to know Him, trust Him, and live in such a way as to bring honor to Him.

Our God is Holy

“Holy is the way God is. To be holy He does not conform to a standard. He is that standard. He is absolutely holy with an infinite, incomprehensible fullness of purity that is incapable of being other than it is. Because He is holy, His attributes are holy; that is, whatever we think of as belonging to God must be thought of as holy. God is holy and He has made holiness the moral condition necessary to the health of His universe.”

A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*

Read Proverbs 9:10:

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. NIV

[Q] God's holiness is the standard for the wisdom we find in Proverbs. For example, Proverbs warnings' concerning sexual immorality originates from God's holiness. What other examples can you think of from Proverbs?

Read 1 Peter 1:15-17.

[Q] How is this seemingly impossible command possible? (See 1 Peter 1:18-19, 23.)

Our God is Sovereign

The sovereignty of God is one of the greatest motivations for Christian life and service, because *we know that God is on the throne and controls all things.* (Warren Wiersbe, *Be Skillful*, “Be” Commentary Series)

[Q] Read the following verses and note what He is in charge of.

Proverbs 16:4

Proverbs 19:21

Proverbs 21:1

[Q] How could knowledge of the fact that God is in charge and His holy purposes will be accomplished make a difference in your life this week?

Our God is Compassionate

He loves to guide us.

(We discussed guidance and Proverbs 3:5-6 last week.)

Read Proverbs 4:11. [Q] For thought: Have you ever connected God’s desire to guide us in right ways with His compassion? What application do you see here for parents?

He cares about the poor.

[Q] What insight do you get about God’s heart for the poor from the following verses?

Proverbs 19:17

Proverbs 14:31

Proverbs 22:22-23

[Q] How would you rate your compassion level?

[Q] Which of God’s qualities we have discussed is most meaningful for you today? Please explain.

Pray

For further reading: *The Knowledge of the Holy* by A. W. Tozer. A devotional study of the attributes of God.