

"Wisdom for the Future"



A Sermon from Proverbs

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Future Helps
Blessings and Curses
Hope-Promises
Protection & Deliverance
The Righteous-The Evil
Their Rewards

Part #1

Set the Context for the Book



King Solomon
asked God for
Wisdom to Rule
1 Kings 3:10

Part #2

See the Content
of the Book

The book of Proverbs
is the 20th book in the O.T.
written largely by Solomon,
from chapters 1-24.

Ch. 25-29 compiled by
the men of King Hezekiah

Ch. 30 written by Agur,
Ch. 31 is written by King Lemuel on
the topic of staying away from wine,
and the value of a godly wife.

Theme of Proverbs

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But...what is the “Fear of the Lord?”

The Fear of the Lord is-

1. Pr. 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge
2. Pr. 9:10 is understanding.
3. Pr. 8:13 is to hate evil; pride, arrogance, the evil way, and the perverse mouth
4. Pr. 14:26 is strong confidence, and a place of refuge.

The Fear of the Lord is-

5. Pr. 14:27 is a fountain of life

6. Pr. 15:33 is the instruction of
Wisdom

7. The Fear of the Lord is wisdom...
and that wisdom is Jesus...

1 Cor. 1:22,23

1 Cor. 1:22,23 “Jews demand signs,
and Greeks seek wisdom, but we
preach Christ crucified, a stumbling
block to the Jews, and foolishness to
Gentiles, but to those whom God
has called, both Jews and Greeks,
Christ the Power of God and the
Wisdom of God.”.



What the “Fear of the Lord does”-

a. Proverbs 10:27- prolongs days

b. Proverbs 15:16 brings great treasure

c. Proverbs 16:6 “brings departure from evil”



What the “Fear of the Lord does”-

d. Proverbs 19:23 “leads to life, and satisfaction”

e. Proverbs 22:4 “Brings riches, honor and life.”



Part #3

“Savor the Collation of the Book”

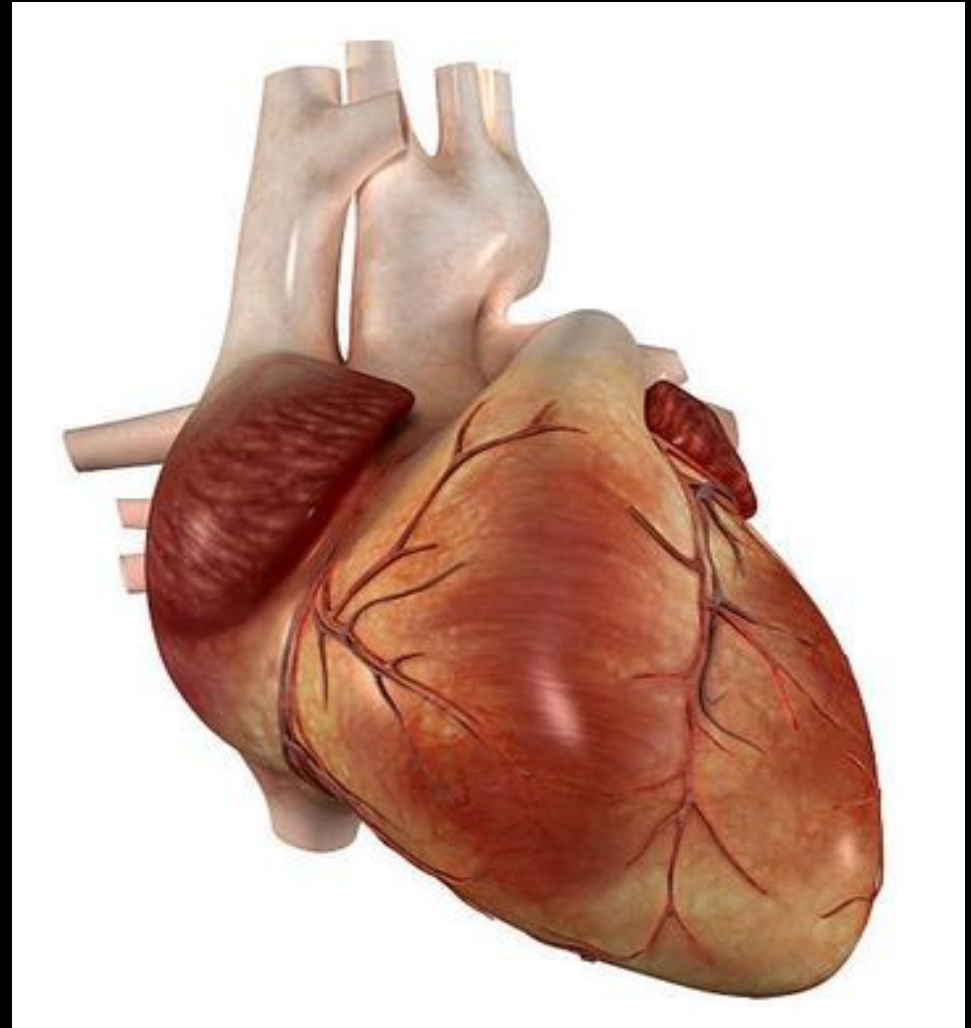


#1. The Heart of Man (a)

Heart used 85x in Proverbs....

Proverbs 4:23 “Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

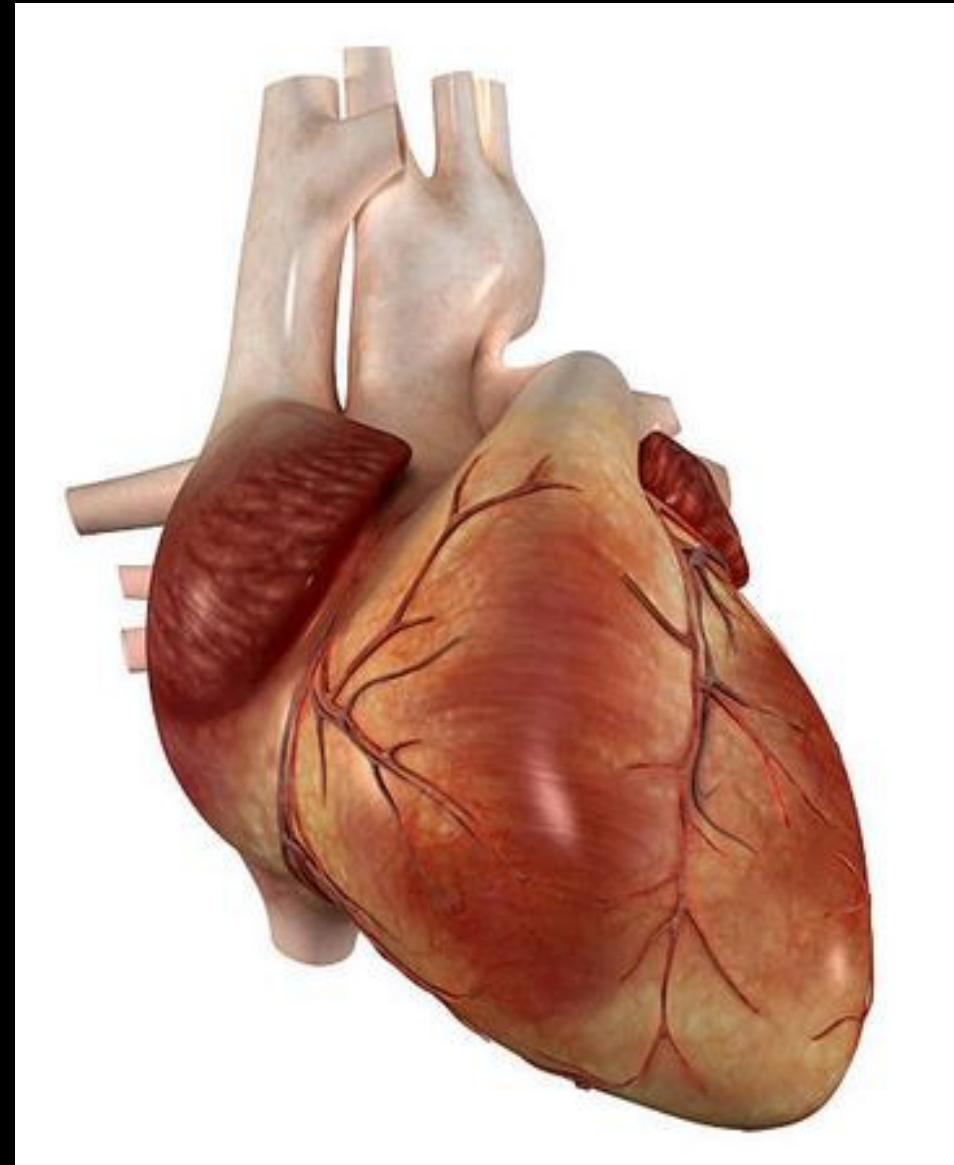
Proverbs 14:30 “A sound heart is life to the body, but envy is rottenness to the bones.



#1. The Heart of Man (b)

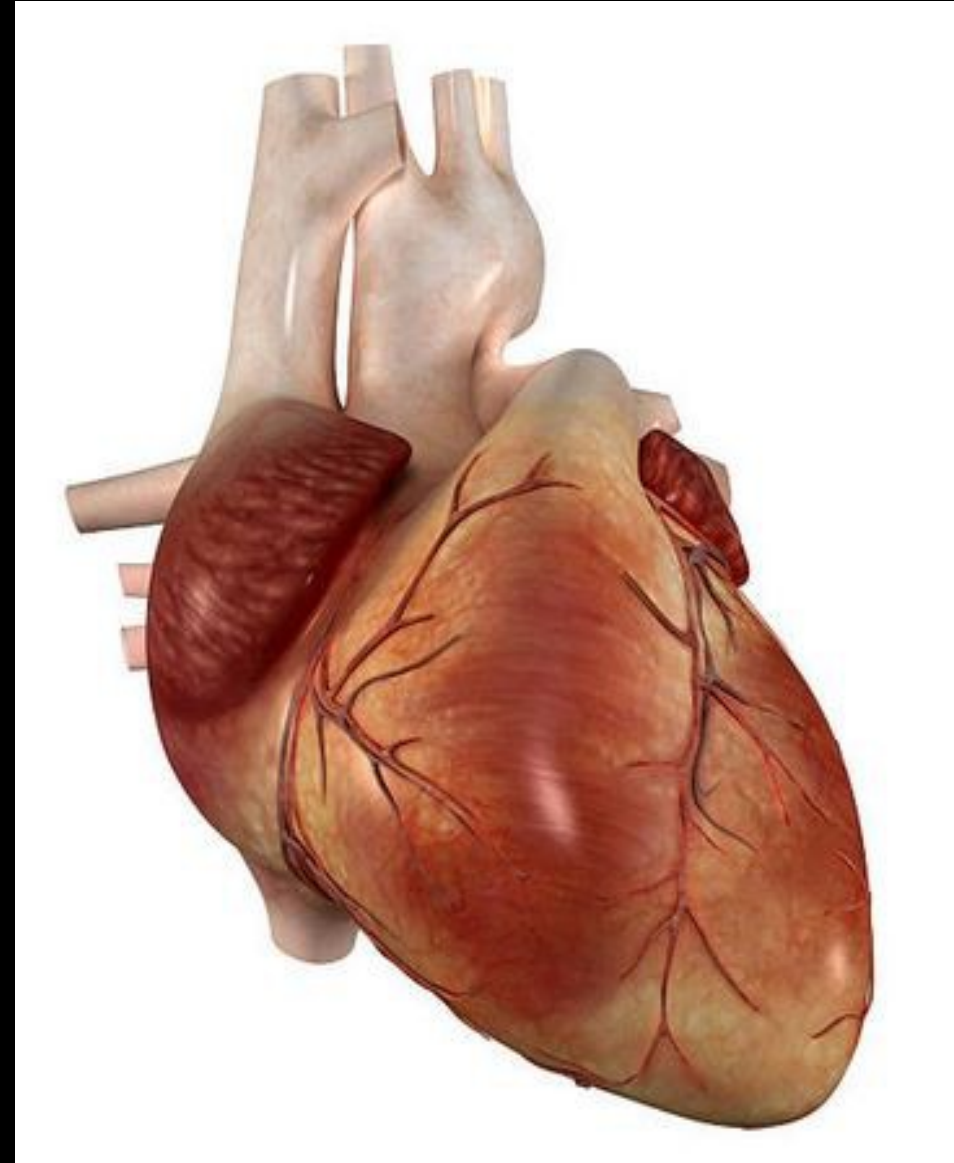
Proverbs 16:1, 5 “The preparations of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.

Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; though they join forces, none will go unpunished.



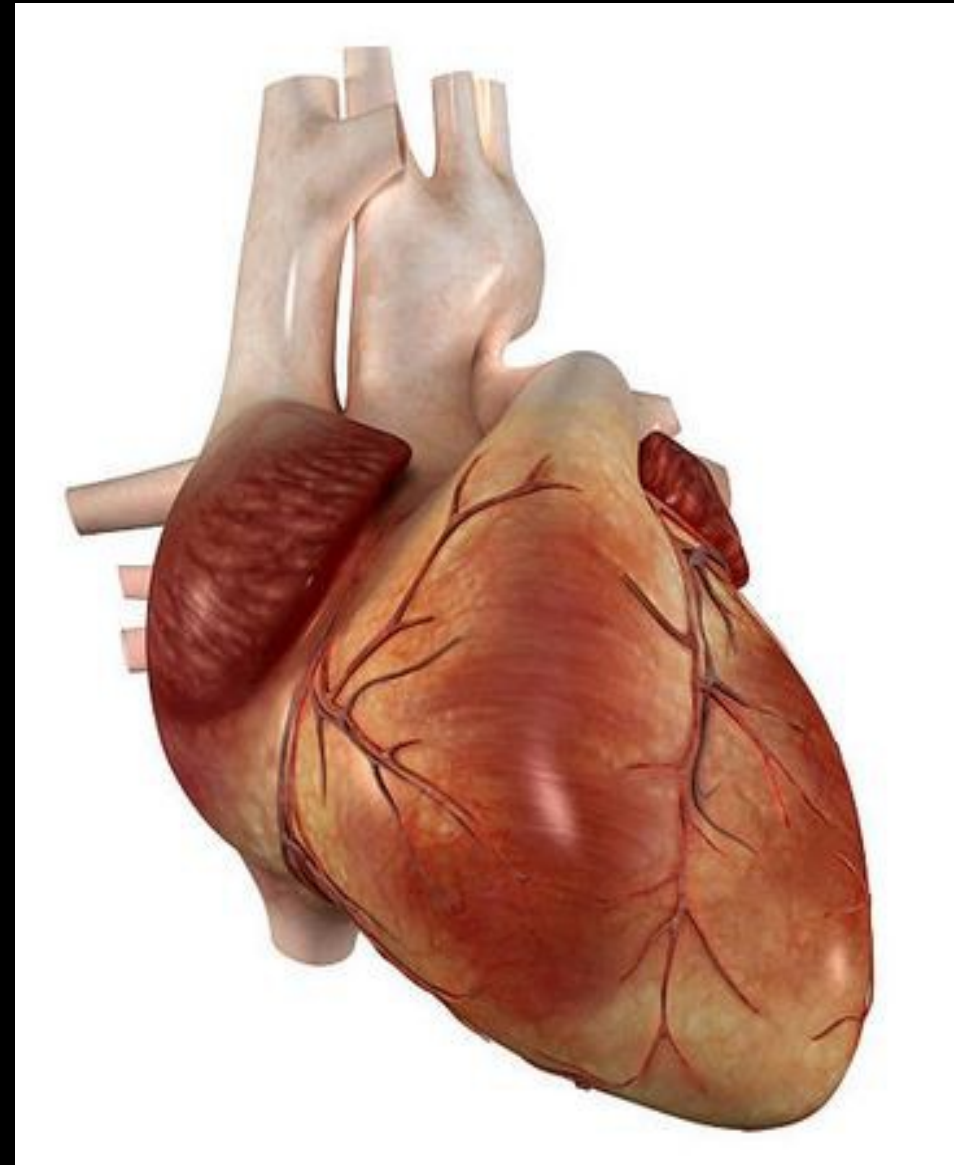
#1. The Heart of Man (c)

Proverbs 20:5, 9,27,30 “Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out. Who can say, “I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin”? The spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD searching all the inner depths of his heart. Blows that hurt cleanse away evil as do stripes the inner depths of the heart..



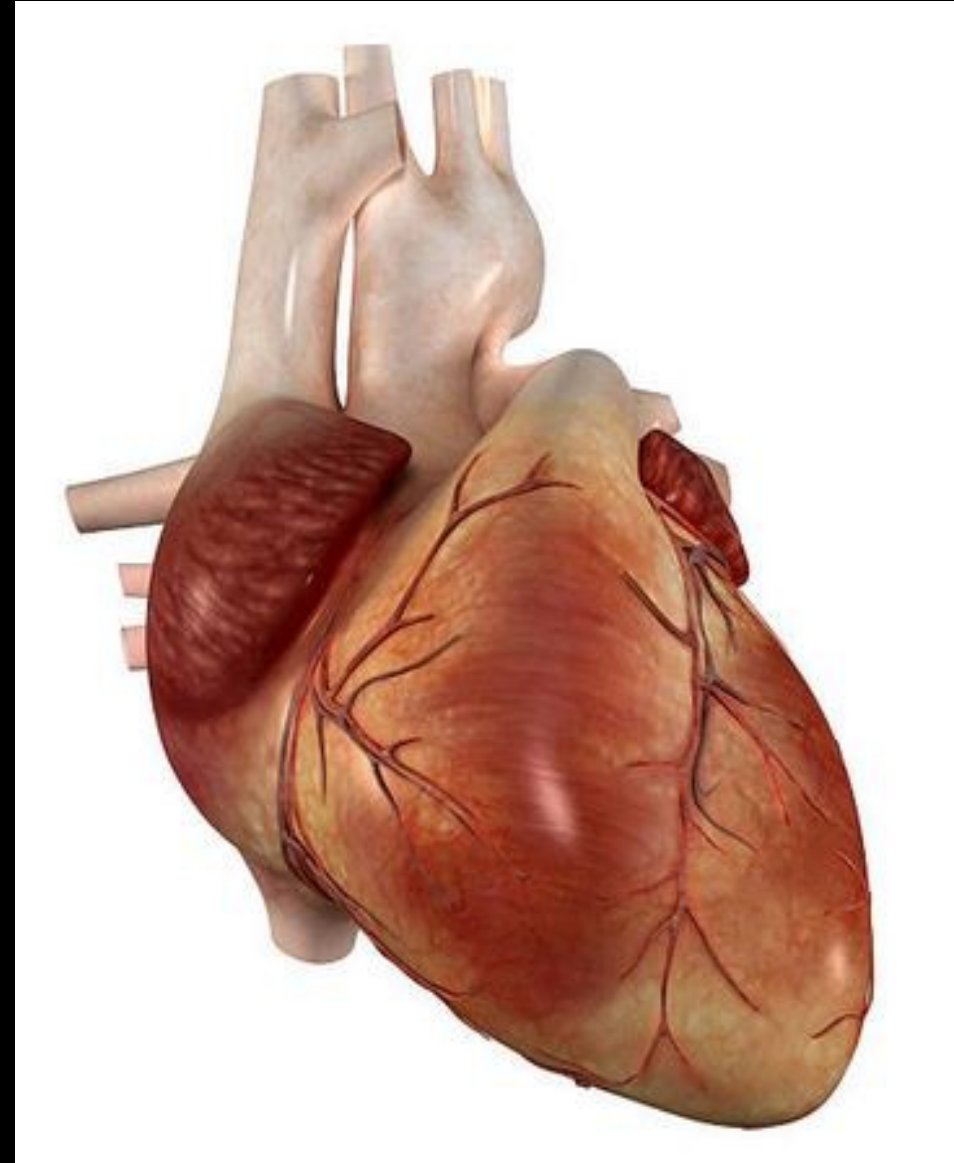
#1. The Heart of Man (d)

Proverbs 21:1,2,4, The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes. Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the hearts. A haughty look, a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked are sin.



The Heart of Man (e)

The Reason- We cannot say “I have kept my heart pure” (Pr. 20:9) ...we have heart issues...not just medical ones, but rather our hearts are evil and impure...(Lk 6:45 “an evil man out the evil treasure of his heart brings forth what is evil”...it is not foods which make us unclean but the heart (Mk. 7:20-23)



#2. The Tree of Life (a)

A. Proverbs 3:18 She (Wisdom) **is a tree of life** to those who take hold of her, and happy are all who retain her.

B. Proverbs 11:30 **The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,** and he who wins souls is wise.



#2. The Tree of Life (b)

C. Pr. 13:12-14 “Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life. The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death.

D. Pr. 15:4 “A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.



#2. The Tree of Life (c)

The term “Tree of Life”
was banished to mankind,
eating from the tree of life
granted immortality (Gen.
3:22) and Rev. 2:7 says that
it is Jesus which grants
access to the Tree of Life.



#2. The Tree of Life (d)

Jn 10:10...”I am come that you might have life, and have it abundantly!” Rev. 22 says “On each side of the river is the tree of life bearing 12 crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month.” What was lost in the garden of Eden is given again!



#3. The Way of the Righteous (a)

Pr. 4:14 “Do not enter the path of the Wicked...Pr. 12:28 “but the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto a perfect day!”



#3. The Way of the Righteous (b)

Jn. 14:6 “I am the Way, the truth and the Life...no one comes to the Father but through me.”



Isaiah 53:5

5. But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:6

6. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

#5. Trust in the Lord- 6 x in Proverbs!



Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;

Proverbs 16:20 He who heeds the word wisely will find good, And whoever trusts in the LORD, happy is he.

#4. Trust in the Lord- 6 x in Proverbs! (a)



Proverbs 22:19 So that your trust may be in the LORD; I have instructed you today, even you.

Proverbs 28:25 He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the LORD will be prospered. 26 He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But whoever walks wisely will be delivered..

#4. Trust in the Lord- 6 x in Proverbs! (b)



Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.

Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.

#5. God is always in Control



#5. God is always in Control (a)

a. Proverbs 16:9 A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.

b. Proverbs 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.



#5. God is always in Control (b)

c. Proverbs 21:1 The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.

d. "Daniel answered and said: " Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. 21 And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; (Dan. 2:20,21)

