



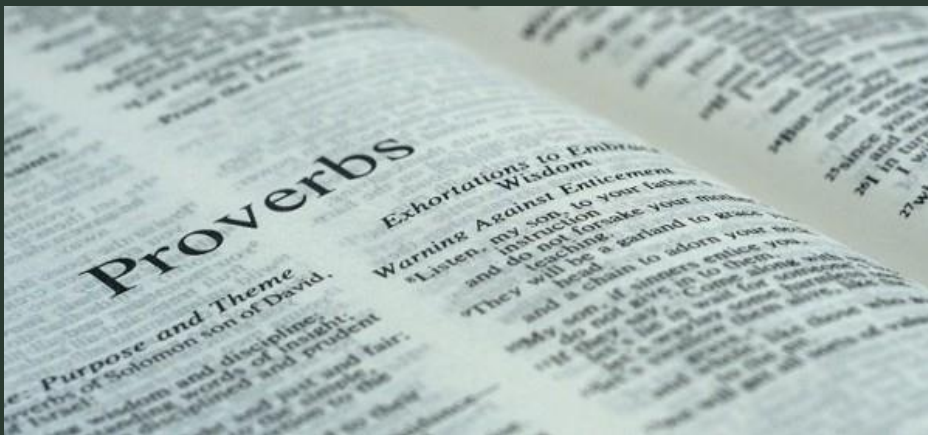
▸ Ascending the Hill

The Starting Line



Wisdom

- Wisdom is living with skill, discipline, and discernment as holy, righteous, loving and faithful citizens of the Kingdom of God through knowing, understanding, and obeying the word of God.





Picturing God's Kingdom

God's Universal Eternal Kingdom

- ^{NAS} **Daniel 2:44** "And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever. ⁴⁵ "Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true, and its interpretation is trustworthy."

God's Holy Mountain

- NAS **Isaiah 11:6** And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the kid, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them. ⁷ Also the cow and the bear will graze; Their young will lie down together; And the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸ And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

Mount Zion

- NAS **Psalm 2:6** "But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain."
- NAS **Hebrews 12:22** But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

A Foretaste

- NAS **Mark 9:2** ... Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up to a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; ³ and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them. ⁴ And Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus.



Living in God's Kingdom

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- ^{ESV} **Psalm 24:3** Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. ⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. ⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Choose the Right Way

- NAS **Proverbs 14:12** There is a way which seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.
- NAS **Matthew 7:13** "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is
wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many
are those who enter by it. ¹⁴ "For the gate is small, and the way
is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.

The Road Map

- **NAS Proverbs 1:1** The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: ² To know wisdom and instruction, To discern the sayings of understanding, ³ To receive instruction in wise behavior, Righteousness, justice and equity; ⁴ To give prudence to the naive, To the youth knowledge and discretion, ⁵ A wise man will hear and increase in learning, And a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel, ⁶ To understand a proverb and a figure, The words of the wise and their riddles.
- **KJV Psalm 119:105** Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

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- NAS **Proverbs 1:7** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.
- NAS **Proverbs 9:10** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
- NAS **Job 28:28** "And to man He said, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; And to depart from evil is understanding.'"
- NAS **Psalms 111:10** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever.

Conclusions



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- ^{ESV} **Psalm 19:7** The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.