

# The Pathway to Eternal Wisdom

## [Part 3]

I ended the last article relating wisdom as something we are to sow that is the pathway to eternal life.

I would like to clarify and expand this thought before continuing in our study of Proverbs, for I find it a great incentive to seeking wisdom that comes from above, from God.

**Ecclesiastes 3:11** [Amplified Bible] *“He [God] has made **everything beautiful** in its time...”*

This statement follows a list of many different experiences in life, most of which we will all have at some time.

These are all called “*beautiful*” by God although on the surface some seem to be far from beautiful!

Why then does he call them all “*beautiful*”?

**Ecclesiastes 3:11** [continued] *“... He [God] also has **planted eternity in men’s heart and mind** [a divinely implanted sense of purpose working through the ages which nothing under the sun, but only God, can satisfy,] ...”*

If we are honest none of us can imagine our not existing, we all have a desire to live for ever.

**Ecclesiastes 3:11** [continued] *“... yet so that man cannot find out what God has done from **the beginning to the end.**”*

Without God revealing to us the purpose of life we will never know why we have life.

The “*beginning*” and “*end*” referred to in this scripture are the beginning and end of time, which is a created thing.

Eternity is **not** created, it is outside of time.

And it is in eternity that we find God who lives outside of time.

**Revelation 1:8** [NIV] *“**I am the Alpha and the Omega,**” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”*

Referring to Jesus Christ the One who is making this statement [**Revelation 1:1**].

**John 6:68-69** [NIV] *“Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have **the words of eternal life.** We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”*

Peter recognised that it was Christ’s words that led to eternal life, and we have already shown that Jesus Christ is wisdom personified.

**1 John 5:11** [NIV] *“And this is the testimony: **God has given us eternal life,** and this life is in his Son.”*

We can have this eternal life now if we accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour and are submissive to His teaching.

**John 6:54** [NIV] *“**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life,** and I will raise him up at the last day.”*

Referring to accepting the body and sacrificed blood of Jesus Christ into our life giving us eternal life.

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26** [NIV] *“For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, **“This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”** In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”** For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”*

We are reminded on a regular basis of our total dependence on what God has done for us through Jesus Christ.

Our eternal life is totally dependent on our having this sacrifice of Christ in the forefront of our lives.

**Romans 6:23** [NIV] *“For the wages of sin is death, but **the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**”*

Only when Jesus Christ is our Lord [Master of our life] do we receive this gift of eternal life.

I hope you find this a powerful incentive to imbibing the wise words of Jesus Christ that are offered to us in Proverbs.

**Proverbs 1:23** [King James] *“Turn [7725] you at my reproof [8433] behold I will pour out my spirit [of wisdom] unto you, I will make known My words unto you.”*

God is more than willing to pour out His heart, and make known His thoughts to us.

To receive His advice we must be willing to listen, refusing to allow our pride stand in our way.

Pride is thinking more highly of our own wisdom and desires above that of God’s.

**Proverbs 1:24-25** [NIV] *“But since you **rejected me** when I called and **no-one gave heed** when I stretched out my hand. Since you **ignored my advice** [6098] and would not accept my rebuke [8433].”*

**Proverbs 1:26-28** [Message Translation] *“**Since you laugh at my counsel and make a joke of my advice.** How can I take you seriously? I’ll turn the tables and joke about your troubles! What if the roof falls in, and your whole life goes to pieces? What if catastrophe strikes and there’s nothing to show for your life but rubble and ashes? You’ll need me then. You’ll call for me, but don’t expect an answer. No matter how hard you look, you won’t find me.”*

If we think we know better than God or feel we have no need of God’s direction, we have fallen into foolish and disastrous pride.

**Proverbs 1:29-33** [NIV] *“Since they **hated knowledge** [1847] and **did not choose to fear the Lord.** Since they would **not accept my advice** [6098] and **spurned my rebuke** [8433] they will eat the fruit of their schemes. For the waywardness [4878] of the simple [6612] will kill them and the complacency of fools [6612] will destroy them. But whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.”*

Many proverbs point out that the “*fruit of their ways*” will be the consequences people will experience in this life.

Faced with either choosing God’s wisdom or persisting in rebellious independence, many decide to go it alone.

Problems such people create for themselves will destroy them.

**Don’t ignore God’s advice even if it is painful for the present. It will keep you from greater pain in the future.**

Solomon, having shown how dangerous it is to listen to the temptations of Satan, now declares how dangerous it is **not** to listen to the voice of God.

Christ Himself is Wisdom and He is calling three types of person.

**Simple ones** – sinners who are fond of their own simple notions of what is good or evil.

**Scorners** – proud, jovial people who make a jest of everything. Scoffers of religion, who run down every serious and sacred thing.

**Fools** – those who hate to be taught, and have a rooted dislike to serious godliness.

Of our own power we cannot turn away from such foolishness.

We have to sink our pride and cry out to God for help.

The love that God has for us all will cause Him to respond with merciful love and reproofs, tough love.

Are we still despisers of Godly wisdom?

Let us all listen diligently to the wise words of our Saviour Jesus Christ and strive to obey them.

Then, and only then, will we enjoy peace of mind and conscience and have confidence in God, being free from sin in life, and assured of eternal life after our physical death.