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(#9) God's Wisdom is Beneficial, Universal, Calming 3:13-26

Verses 13-18: Wisdom is described as a woman with benefits, who appears to have only good things to bring to a person's life. The contrast with the "immoral woman" ([Proverbs 2:16-22](#)) could not be greater, and should correct those who might think Solomon was against all women! An immoral woman can destroy a man, but Wisdom appearing as a woman can preserve a man. Wisdom makes a man "happy" (**verse 13**) because she is:

- **Profitable (verse 14)** beyond possessing silver and gold. A wise life will make money to enjoy ([Ecclesiastes 5:19](#)), but a foolish one doesn't know how to enjoy wealth ([Ecclesiastes 6:2](#)).
- **Precious (verse 15)** beyond rubies, and nothing else is as desirable.
- **Prolongs life (verse 16)** with her "right hand," and the main rewards in life ("riches and honor") in her "left hand." This shows Wisdom has nothing in her hands but good.
- **Pleasant (verse 17)** ways and paths of peace, instead of crooked ways and devious paths of the immoral woman. Could Wisdom be more appealing? Who does not look forward to a pleasant life, lived in peace?
- **Paradise (verse 18)** is where the "tree of life" was when access was lost for all of us by Adam and Eve ([Genesis 2:9; 3:22-24; Revelation 2:7](#)). Wisdom will help us find the way back to that tree to live with God.

Verses 19-20: God's Creation was designed with such wisdom, that all scientific discoveries are simply the uncovering of the Wisdom of God! The expression, "scientific discoveries" does not include "what is falsely called knowledge" ([1 Timothy 6:20](#)), such as Evolution, Global Warming, Global Cooling, *ad nauseum*. God imbedded "Wisdom" in Creating the earth, itself; God showed "understanding" in making "the heavens" so precisely; God used "knowledge" in Noah's day when "all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened" ([Genesis 7:11](#)). The terms "wisdom," "understanding," and "knowledge" are not mutually exclusive; they complement each other.

Verses 21-26: The Wisdom of God inside a heart means there is NO FEAR in life! If we keep focused on sound Wisdom and discretion (good judgment), our life will be with grace (**verses 21-22**). Instead of blindly falling into sin(s), we can be more sure footed in our way (**verse 23**). Knowing that God's Wisdom brings order to Creation, so His Wisdom brings order to our life (**verses 24-26**).

All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.



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Following God’s Wisdom is better than Benadryl, Lunesta or Ambien! Since the most-prescribed class of drugs in the United States is anti-depressants, God’s Wisdom is sorely needed! Jesus echoed this wise teaching about high anxiety in His Sermon on the Mount ([Matthew 6:19-34](#)).

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