

# Please Silence All Cell Phones



# Worship in Song

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#### **Victory Song**

Through our God We shall do valiantly It is He Who shall tread down our enemy We'll sing and shout the victory **Christ is King** 

#### For God has won the victory And set His people free His Word has slain the enemy The earth shall stand And see that

Through our God We shall do valiantly It is He Who shall tread down our enemy We'll sing and shout the victory **Christ is King** 



#### Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid And I think I've lost my way Still You're there right beside me Nothing will I fear As long as You are near Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path

I will not forget Your love for me and yet My heart forever is wandering Jesus be my guide And hold me to Your side I will love You to the end

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#### **Protector Of My Soul**

Oh Protector of my soul You will stand against the foe In the dark You'll be a light for me Oh Protector of my soul

You who created the ends of the earth Guided me unto Your throne Offered Your healing hand to me Mercif'lly made me Your own

#### Oh gracious God above I could never earn Your love I'm amazed to see all You've given me Oh gracious God above

You who created the ends of the earth Guided me unto Your throne Offered Your healing hand to me Mercif'lly made me Your own

Oh Holy Spirit come Show the world where life comes from May they always see You alive in me Oh Holy Spirit come



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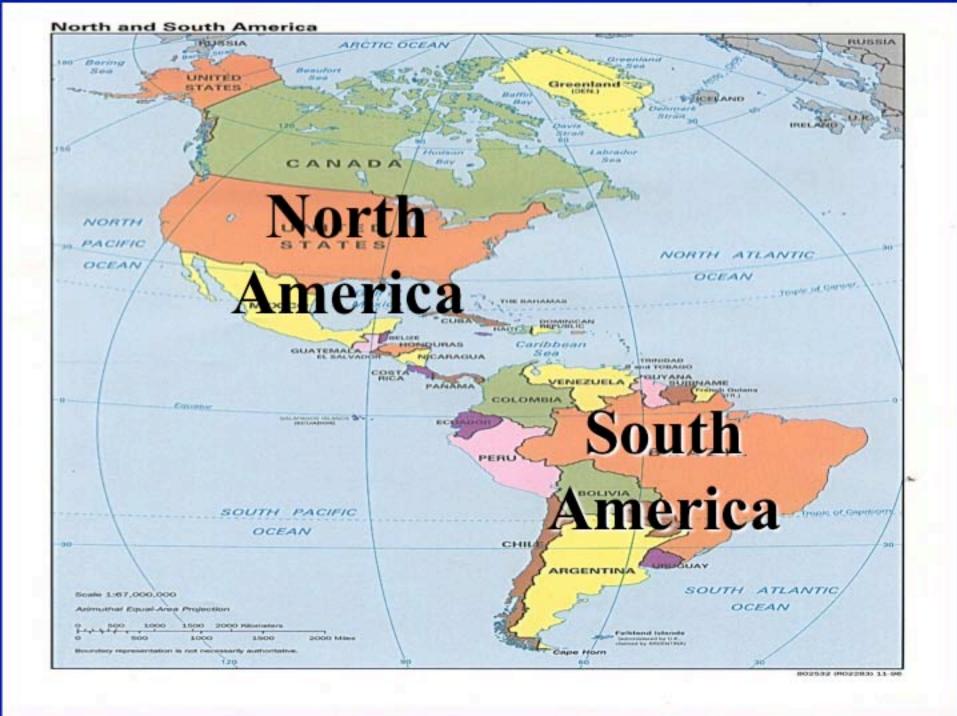
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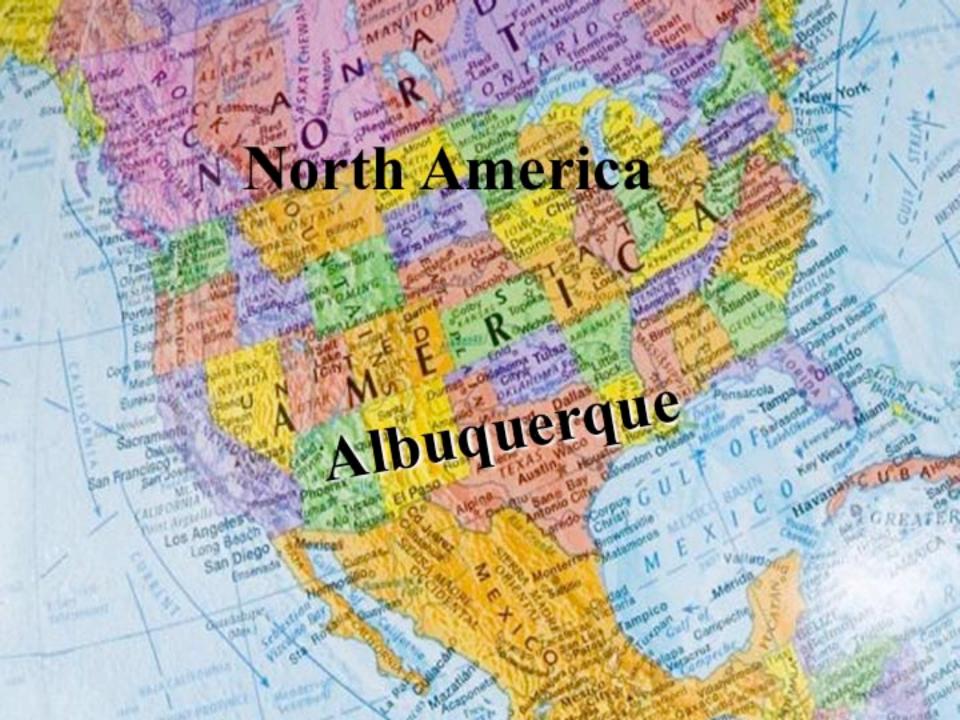


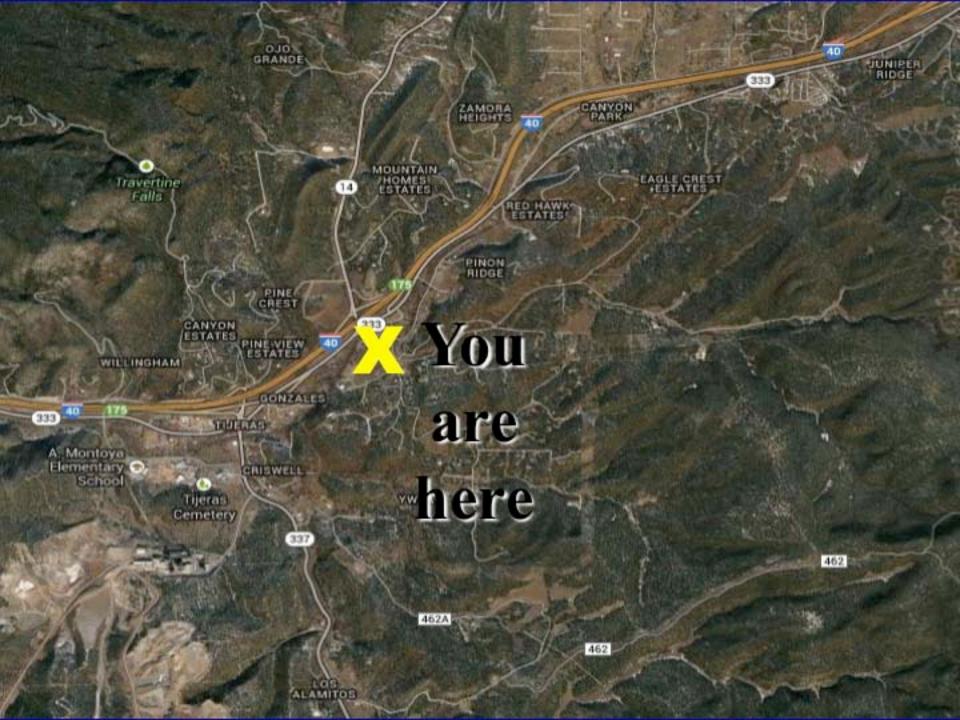
### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."









LIGHT SKY DRY LAND Flowers, Trees, Grass Sun, Moon, Stars Birds and Fish All Land Animals ADAM AND EVE



### WORSHIP THE LORD WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Malachi 3:10

#### Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav' nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

A-men

# Worship in Song

**Holy Holy Holy** Holy holy holy **Lord God Almighty** Early in the morning Our song shall rise to Thee Holy holy holy Merciful and mighty God in three Persons **Blessed Trinity** 

Holy holy holy All the saints adore Thee Casting down their golden crowns Around the glassy sea Cherubim and seraphim Falling down before Thee Who were and are And evermore shall be

Holy holy holy Though the darkness hide Thee Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see Only Thou art holy There is none beside Thee Perfect in power In love and purity

Holy holy holy **Lord God Almighty** All Thy works shall praise Thy name In earth and sky and sea Holy holy holy Merciful and mighty God in three Persons **Blessed Trinity** 



**How Great Thou Art** O Lord my God When I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder Thy pow'r thru'out The universe displayed

Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art How great Thou art Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art How great Thou art

When Christ shall come With shout of acclamation And take me home What joy shall fill my heart Then I shall bow In humble adoration And there proclaim My God how great Thou art

Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art How great Thou art Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art How great Thou art



## As The Deer

As the deer panteth for the water So my soul longeth after Thee You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee

You alone are my strength my shield To You alone may my spirit yield You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee

You're my friend And You are my brother Even though You are a King I love You more than any other So much more than anything

You alone are my strength my shield To You alone may my spirit yield You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee

I want You more than gold or silver Only You can satisfy You alone are the real joy giver And the apple of my eye

You alone are my strength my shield To You alone may my spirit yield You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee

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I Stand In Awe You are beautiful beyond description Too marvelous for words Too wonderful for comprehension Like nothing ever seen or heard

Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom Who can fathom the depth of Your love You are beautiful beyond description Majesty enthroned above

And I stand I stand in awe of You I stand I stand in awe of You Holy God to whom all praise is due I stand in awe of You

## You are beautiful beyond description Yet God crushed You for my sin In agony and deep affliction Cut off that I might enter in

Who can grasp such tender compassion Who can fathom this mercy so free You are beautiful beyond description Lamb of God who died for me

And I stand I stand in awe of You I stand I stand in awe of You Holy God to whom all praise is due I stand in awe of You

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## WORSHIP THE LORD IN HIS WORD

Living Wisely
In A Foolish World

**Becoming Wise** 

Proverbs 1:1-7;

Please open your Bibles and read along with me:



Proverbs 1:1-7; "The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: 2 To know wisdom and instruction; To discern the words of understanding; 3 To receive instruction in wise dealing, In righteousness and justice and equity; 4 To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion: 5 That the wise man may

hear, and increase in learning; And that the man of understanding may attain unto sound counsels: 6 To understand a proverb, and a figure, The words of the wise, and their dark sayings. 7 The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge; But the foolish despise wisdom and instruction."

## **INTRODUCTION:**

We are continuing a study of the most practical book in the Bible—Proverbs.

This book is a collection of God-given wisdom about money, marriage, work, anger, health, parenting, making friends, planning, success, etc.

This book originates during a dream of Solomon's in which God says: Ask what I shall give thee (1 Kings 3:5).

In response, what does Solomon request in...

1 Kings 3:9 "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?"

This is not a selfish request because Solomon does not ask for money, power, fame, a long life, etc.

Therefore, God grants his request (1 Kings 3:12), and one of the results is the book of Proverbs.

1 Kings 3:12 "Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee."

Solomon became the wisest man ever to live until the coming of Jesus, who makes this declaration in ...

Matthew 12:42 "The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here."

The book of Proverbs consists of 31 chapters, one for each day of the month.

The word "wisdom" is found fifty-four times in the book of Proverbs.

Proverbs is one of five books that make up the "wisdom, or poetical, literature" section of the OT.

The five books are Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.

## Becoming wise requires we understand three things:

The meaning of wisdom,

The benefits of wisdom,

The acquisition of wisdom.

I. The Meaning of Wisdom -

Wisdom is not the same as knowledge.

I know people who have a lot of knowledge, are very well educated, even have PhD's, but are not wise at all.

The Hebrew word translated wisdom means skilled, intelligent, or understanding how to use knowledge or information.

There is a big difference between being educated and being wise.

We can get a great education and not know how to apply what we have learned.

Proverbs 8:11 expresses the value of wisdom.

Proverbs 8:11 "For wisdom is better than rubies; and <u>all</u> the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it."

Biblical wisdom is knowing how to live "wisely in a foolish world."

Having discovered the meaning of wisdom, let's now look at.

II. The Benefits of Wisdom

There are at least five benefits of wisdom:

1. Wisdom protects against deception.

Every generation has more than its share of con artists who try to take advantage of people.

Commercial after commercial on TV, endless emails, and mass mailings invite us to take advantage of the latest moneymaking schemes - real estate investments, internet businesses, precious metals, coins, etc.

### However, what does Proverbs 2:12 tell us about wisdom?

Proverbs 2:12 "delivering you from the way of evil, from men of perverted speech," (ESV)

### 2. Wisdom produces a healthy life.

Some of the most profitable businesses in our country are health-related, such as diet programs and exercise equipment.

Almost all of early morning television is "paid programming" for the latest diet program or exercise machine.

What does Proverbs 3:16 tell us about wisdom?

Proverbs 3:16 "Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor." (ESV)

How can wisdom do this?

For one thing, living wisely removes a lot of stress from our lives because we won't make as many bad decisions about finances, relationships, jobs, etc.

We won't do unwise things, like sawing a limb off a tree while sitting on the wrong side of the limb.

If we are wise, we will have healthy habits regarding diet, exercise, and lifestyle.

3. Wisdom promotes financial success.

One of the most foolish things in our world is how many people unwisely handle their personal finances. As wealthy people often say, "Making money is easy; keeping it is the hard part."

Proverbs 17:16 expresses this fact.

Proverbs 17:16 "Why should a fool have money in his hand to buy wisdom when he has no sense?" (ESV)

No amount of money can keep a foolish person from acting the fool!!!

In other words, a fool will just waste his money.

An insurance agent told me that when someone with a large life insurance policy dies, he tries to get the survivors to take the settlement in yearly installments over a ten or twenty year period.

He said the reason for his advice is most people don't know how to handle money, so no matter how large the settlement, they are broke in three to five years.

The book of Proverbs is filled with advice on handling money wisely.

4. Wisdom paves the way to peace.

Foolish people are always stressed-out because they continually make bad decisions.

Proverbs 3:17 "Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace." (ESV)

Wise people are also peacemakers, who try to bring peace to every situation.

Foolish people are constantly creating division and conflict, while wise people are always peaceable.

James 3:17 "But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere." (ESV)

5. Wisdom provides happiness.

This really sums up what wisdom is all about.

No matter what you have or what you accomplish, without wisdom, no thing or person can make you happy.

To enjoy all the good things we have in life, we must remember the truth found in...

Proverbs 3:13 "Blessed (happy) is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding," (ESV)

Wisdom produces blessedness, or happiness, because it reminds us from whom all our blessings come.

The word translated happy (ESHER) refers to the happiness that comes from knowing God has bestowed His favor or blessing on us.

The wisdom that produces happiness remembers the fact found in...

James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." (ESV)

Fame or fortune can't really make us happy unless we understand they are the result of God's favor in our lives.

Becoming wise requires understanding the meaning of wisdom, the benefits of wisdom, and...

#### III. The Acquisition of Wisdom

We must do three things to gain wisdom.

1. Acquire reverence for God.

Proverbs 9:10 "The <u>fear</u> of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight (understanding)." (ESV)

The Hebrew word translated fear, means reverence.

The word "reverence" means an attitude of deep respect.

When we respect people, we value their advice and take them seriously.

The beginning of wisdom is taking God and His Word, the Bible, and His commands seriously.

2. Ask God.

The only real source of true wisdom is God.

#### The Bible tells us:

Proverbs 2:6 "For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;"

The problem isn't that the Lord doesn't want to give us wisdom; the problem is we don't ask.

# How is the acquisition of wisdom explained in...

James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given The verb translated ask is present tense, which means continuous action.

This is not a one-time request through which we gain wisdom for a lifetime.

Rather, it means we ask God for wisdom before every decision.

If we consistently ask God for wisdom, we will avoid many mistakes, much pain, and a lot of grief.

3. Apply God's Word.

Wisdom isn't just reading the truths in the book of Proverbs; it is remembering and putting them into practice.

Proverbs 17:24 "The discerning sets his face toward wisdom, but the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth."

The FOOL looks to the Earth for the answers he so desperately needs, instead of looking to GOD and His WORD.

Intelligent people keep their eyes fixed on wisdom. . . but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth, so they never find wisdom.

To keep our eyes fixed on wisdom, we must remain focused on the Word of God, which contains the wisdom of God.

This requires a personal relationship with God the Son, personal Bible study and faithfully attending worship services and group Bible studies.

1 Corinthians 1:30 "And because of him you are in <u>Christ Jesus</u>, who became to us <u>wisdom</u> from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,"

Ephesians 1:17 "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,"

### **Conclusion:**

Becoming wise requires we understand -

The meaning of wisdom,

The benefits of wisdom,

The acquisition of wisdom.

## Worship in Song

#### **Speak To My Heart**

Speak to my heart Lord Jesus Speak that my soul may hear Speak to my heart Lord Jesus Calm every doubt and fear

Speak to my heart Oh speak to my heart Speak to my heart I pray Yielded and still seeking Thy will Oh speak to my heart today

# Speak to my heart Lord Jesus Purge me from every sin Speak to my heart Lord Jesus Help me the lost to win

Speak to my heart
Oh speak to my heart
Speak to my heart I pray
Yielded and still seeking Thy will
Oh speak to my heart today

## Speak to my heart Lord Jesus It is no longer mine Speak to my heart Lord Jesus I would be wholly Thine

Speak to my heart
Oh speak to my heart
Speak to my heart I pray
Yielded and still seeking Thy will
Oh speak to my heart today

## Benediction & Fellowship