

HEAVENLY WISDOM

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Heavenly wisdom is often the topic under consideration in the book of Proverbs. Often, wisdom is personified as an elegant lady. It is so pictured in a section of Proverbs which begins with the words of Proverbs 3:13: *“Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.”*

The following verses explain why such is the case. Solomon declares that wisdom is such a great treasure because of: Her Profit (Prov. 3:14) *“For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.”* Earlier the wise man had stated, *“If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.”*

When seeking heaven’s wisdom the return on one’s investment is tremendous. Her Preciousness (Prov. 3:15) *“She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.”* Later, Solomon penned the words: *“For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it”* (Prov. 8:11).

Wisdom is indeed a precious commodity. Her Provisions (Prov. 3:16) *“Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor.”* This is a general statement and not an unconditional guarantee. However, one who seeks heaven’s wisdom is much more likely to live a longer and more blessed life. Her Pleasantness (Prov. 3:17a) *“Her ways are ways of pleasantness....”*

One’s attitude and actions towards others are enhanced by wisdom. Wisdom is pleasant in disposition. Her Peace (Prov. 3:17b) *“...and all her paths are peace.”* One guided by godly wisdom will travel a path of peace with his fellow man and with his own conscience. Her Permanence (Prov. 3:18) *“She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.”*

Wisdom looks to the eternal and not merely to the temporal affairs of life (cf. II Cor. 4:18). No wonder Solomon began by saying, *“Happy is the man that findeth wisdom.”*