

TRUST GOD

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Trust in the Lord, This is awesome, *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction”* (Proverbs1:7). These words are the key to the Book of Proverbs and the key to life. Solomon used just sixteen words (in our NJKV translation) to describe all the problems of humanity and their solution. That we have not learned these things is our fault; the words are here, given by God.

He said *“the fear of the Lord.”* The word ‘fear’ means what we think it normally does, but with an added emphasis on the idea of respect or reverence. This is where our problems begin. Mankind does not respect God. I think we are at a juncture of time wherein it seems that man is especially disrespectful of God. Supposedly smart people have embraced ideas that eradicate God from Creation, the school and the home. Indeed, we were never created; the story goes...we just happened to happen.

This is part of a price man is paying for enthroning “science falsely so called.” A system of knowledge (the meaning of “science” in I Timothy 6:20 is “knowledge”) that does not include the spiritual and those things that transcend material existence is not valid. The dominant culture in our world is making a vain attempt to exclude God from serious considerations of reality.

A society that does this will not last. It will fall because the weight of it rests on a nonexistent foundation. Knowledge begins with respect for God, all that He is, and all that He has taught.

Without God we become fools. Fools despise wisdom and instruction. A well-known characteristic of a fool is that you cannot tell him anything. He is an expert. He does not need God for anything. We endanger ourselves and our heritage when we place trust in men who do not need God.

The solution: Trust God. Solomon said it: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths (Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV).