### Proverbs

## Chapter 2

1O son,  
  
Hear the things that I’m saying…  
 Take them and hide them within you.  
 2Your ears should obey these wise sayings…  
 Understand them and put them deep in your heart,  
 Then pass them along to your sons.  
  
3If you should call out for wisdom,  
 And if you’ll seek understanding…  
 4If you’ll search for perception like treasure,  
 5You’ll learn the fear of the Lord  
 And find the knowledge of God.  
 6For, wisdom comes from Jehovah…  
 In His presence, you’ll find understanding and knowledge.  
  
7For those who are walking straight paths,  
 He has treasured away their salvation,  
 And He’ll shield them wherever they travel,  
 8Since He guards the ways of the righteous,  
 And protects those who show Him respect.  
 9Then, you’ll understand justice and judgments,  
 And set yourself on a course to do good.  
  
10Now, should you decide to make wisdom your goal…  
 If your soul decides to search for perception…  
 11If you’ll choose to follow good council,  
 And if you’ll be careful to do holy things…  
 12From evil ways, this will save you,  
 And from [the wiles] of men who tell lies.  
  
13They’re the ones who’ve abandoned straight paths,  
 And in ways of darkness, they’ve chosen to walk.  
 14For, badness is what makes them happy,  
 And about what’s perverse, they rejoice.  
 15All of their pathways are crooked,  
 And curved are all of their tracks.  
 16Away from straight paths, they’ll lead you,  
 And from righteous plans, they’ll drive you away.  
  
So, don’t let bad council mislead you…  
 17Rather, [follow] the things that you’ve learned since your youth,  
 And don’t overlook God’s Sacred Agreement.  
  
18There are women who put death near their homes,  
 For the things that they do lead to the grave.  
 19Those who approach them will never return,  
 For they’ll not turn back to straight paths…  
 From the road of life, they’ve strayed.  
  
20But, smooth are the roads that the righteous have found;  
 For the meek will inherit the land,  
 And the honest are those who’ll remain there.  
 21Then, only the upright will camp in the land,  
 And those who’ll remain are the holy.  
 22Disrespectful ways will be gone,  
 And those who break laws will be banished.