



Main point: Seek wisdom to see through the fog of sin.

- (1) The Strength of Wisdom
- (2) The Search for Wisdom
- (3) The Reality of Sin

#1:

Proverbs 8:11

Wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

Proverbs 16:16

How much better to get wisdom than gold!
To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

#2:

“He is like a server who puts a full meal on our table, slides it in front of us, looks us in the eyes, and deliberately says calmly, ‘Watch out, this plate is hot.’ Don’t let these calm words of poetic speech lull us into disregard for them. Make no mistake. These words are full of nourishment, yes, but also full of heat.”

Zach Eswine
Recovering Eden: The Gospel According to Ecclesiastes

#3:

“(We are told that) An unexamined life built on constant distraction and the pursuit of momentary pleasures will make us wise and happy. The Preacher says otherwise. His concern is that while we live, we learn to look at reality under the sun and “lay it to heart” (Eccl 7:2). The sage Preacher calls for human beings to contemplate what it means that life is the way it is. More often we do “not ponder the path of life.” Our “ways wander” and we do “not know it” (Prov. 5:6). “Ponder,” then, “the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure” (Prov. 4:26).”

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#4:

“Knowing the limits of wisdom is part of wisdom. The more we know, the more we should realize how little we know, and that whatever wisdom we gain comes as a gift from God.”

Philip Ryken
Ecclesiastes: Why Everything Matters



#5:

Proverbs 2:18

Her house sinks down to death,
and her paths to the departed;
none who go to her come back,
nor do they regain the paths of life.

Proverbs 5:4

In the end she is bitter as wormwood,
sharp as a two-edged sword.
Her feet go down to death;
her steps follow the path to Sheol;

Proverbs 9:13

The woman Folly is loud;
she is seductive and knows nothing.

#6:

Romans 8:7

For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

1 Corinthians 2:14

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.