


A person stands in silhouette, facing a massive, ancient tree with thick, gnarled roots and a dense canopy. The scene is set against a bright, hazy sky with scattered clouds and falling leaves. The word "WISDOM" is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters across the upper portion of the image, centered over the tree's canopy.

WISDOM

for the journey

A person is standing in silhouette, facing a massive, ancient tree. The tree's trunk and roots are thick and gnarled, spreading across the ground. Behind the tree, a bright, glowing light, possibly the sun or moon, creates a strong backlighting effect, casting a golden glow on the scene. The sky is filled with soft, hazy clouds and many small birds are seen flying in the air. The overall atmosphere is one of awe and contemplation.

*“A wise man will hear
and increase in learning,
and a man of
understanding will
acquire wise counsel.” –
Proverbs 1:5*

**THE SECURITY OF
GOD’S ORDER**

A person stands with their back to the camera, looking up at a massive, ancient tree. Sunlight filters through the dense canopy of green leaves, creating a warm, golden glow. The scene is set against a bright sky with scattered clouds. The overall mood is one of awe and contemplation.

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We need help to make decisions about work; all relationships – in speech and conduct; who to trust or avoid; along with being measured by the plumbline of true character. Wisdom from Proverbs offers insight into the concrete experiences of human life that help us take charge of our lives.

Proverbs is about **how to** live out your faith in God. There is no true wisdom apart from Jesus. Fools are those who rely on their own knowledge to navigate life.

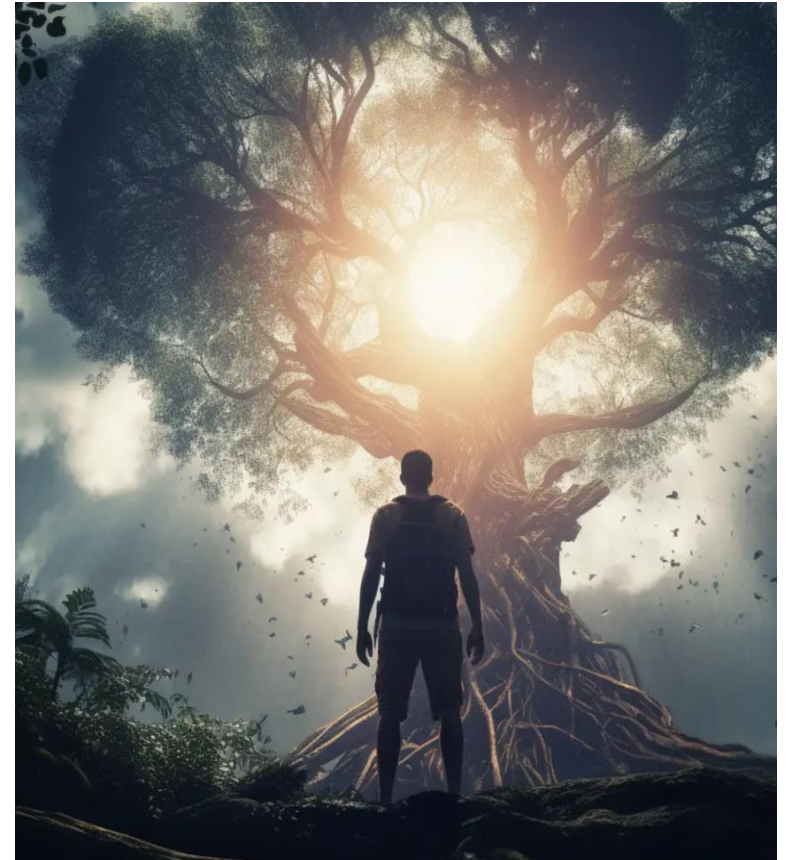
In this study, we will look and listen to hear God's voice and see his Son shining through the book of Proverbs. We will be equipped in every way for our journey!

THE SECURITY OF GOD'S ORDER

1. **ORDER ESTABLISHED – Proverbs 3:19-20** → There is an established order to things—physically, socially, morally, and spiritually—that is built into the fabric of creation. For example, we can't treat our body any way we want without consequences. If we try to center our lives on anything but God, it leads to fragile identity and psychological disorder. It is the essence of wisdom to honor and respect God's established order and to align our life with it.
2. **NATURAL CONSEQUENCES – Proverbs 3:1-2, 16:5, 21:7** → Because of creation, there is a principle of "natural consequence" embedded in the world. Right living will be rewarded (3:1,2) and evil will not go unpunished (16:5). There is a natural boomerang effect to cruel behavior (21:7). Sins—chaos—"find you out" (Gal. 6:7, 8). Behaviors that violate God's word also violate the created design, and thus harms us as we do them. Wise living honors our design and leads to thriving.

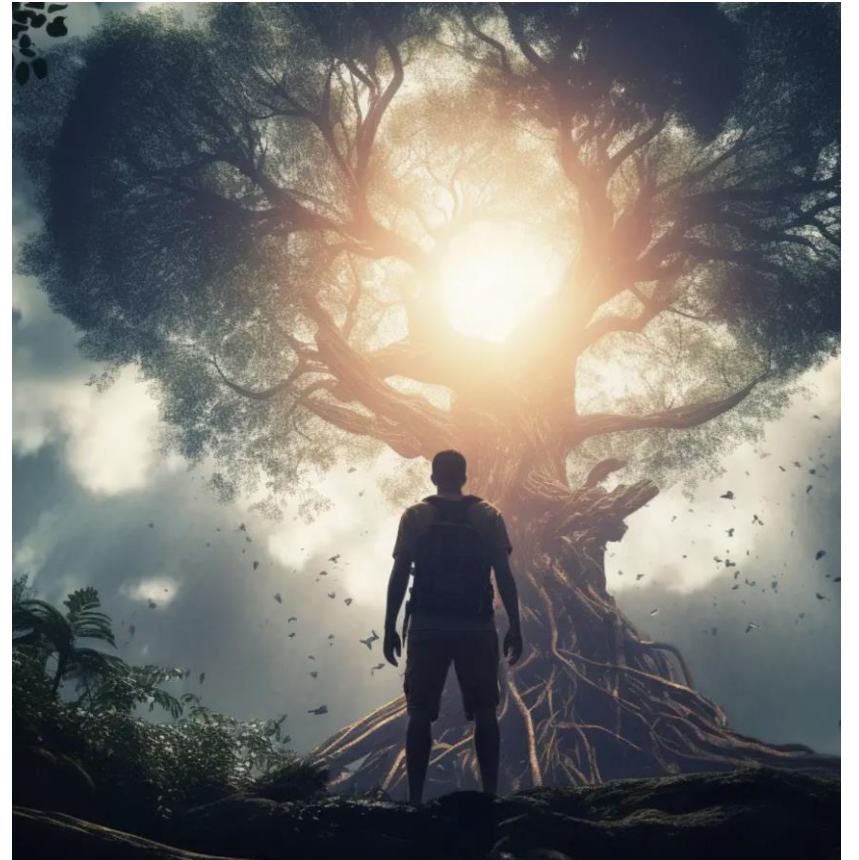
THE SECURITY OF GOD'S ORDER – BLESSED BY WISDOM.

1. **BLESSED – Proverbs 16:20** → The Hebrew word means far more than mere happiness. It means multidimensional flourishing. In Genesis 3, we discover that sin put us in a condition where we are in contradiction with God, our true selves, other human beings, and even nature itself.
2. **TO BE BLESSED** → We enter into partial but substantial healing in each of the areas that sin affects us. God's salvation repairs our hearts and our behavior. Salvation is not merely forgiveness and admission to heaven. It means life *is* healed, slowly but surely, in all its dimensions. Where have you seen God bring blessedness to your life?



THE SECURITY OF GOD'S ORDER – TREE OF LIFE.

1. **ORDER RESTORED – Proverbs 3:13-18** → Wisdom is depicted as a *tree of life*. In Genesis 3:14-19 God foretold the disruption of the created order—under sin, work and life will be filled with pain and futility. Romans 8:19-20 says that the broken, “frustrated” creation will be finally put right only when Christ returns to glorify and perfects his own. We are promised that when we walk in accordance with God’s Word and wisdom we begin to get a foretaste of the Tree of Life—the fullness of life that will be restored to us on the last day.





ACTION: JOURNAL THIS!

1. What part of your life is chaotic? Where do you need order to be re-established?
2. When have you experienced the natural consequence of your foolish decision?
3. How are you blessed by God and His wisdom?