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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
 Lesson for July 27
Golden Text.—Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding.—Pro. 4:7

The Lesson as a Whole
 In the Book of Proverbs we see the wisdom of God giving direction for all the details of human life. This is marvelous grace: to think that He who created the universe, and who upholds "all things by the word of His power" (Heb. 1:3), would stoop to concern Himself about the happiness and welfare of the lowliest of His creatures, as they pass through the wilderness of this world! This Book touches every phase of life and experience. It instructs the ruler and the subject, the master and the servant, the learned and the ignorant, the husband and the wife, the parent and the child, the businessman and the laborer, the aged and the young, and points out the path of wisdom that all should and must take if they would enjoy the blessing of God upon their plans and make the best of life, both for this world and the next.

Christ is "the wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1:24); so when we hear wisdom speaking, it is really He who is thus presented to us. This Book is full of Christ, Anointed eyes see Him throughout and anointed ears hear His voice on every page. In Him are "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3). Justin Martyr wrote, long ago, "Christ is the Wisdom of God, so in every age he who honestly sought after wisdom was seeking Christ." As we study the Book of Proverbs we should remember that the voice of wisdom is His voice, and in obeying wisdom's instruction we are yielding ourselves to Him. This comes out very clearly in chapter 8: 12-31, which connects with John 1:1-5 and Hebrews 1:1-3. Wisdom and the Word are one and the same: the eternal Son, through whom God speaks to men.

Verse by Verse
 Prov. 1:1—"The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel." This gives us the name of the author, or perhaps more correctly, the editor of this great book of wise maxims. Solomon was the only "son of David" who ever reigned as king of Israel, that is, of all the twelve tribes.

Verse 2.—"To know wisdom and instruction.....the words of understanding." Wisdom is the ability to use knowledge aright. "Instruction" is here used to translate a Hebrew word frequently rendered "chastening." It is to educate by discipline. "Understanding," as here used, might better be rendered "intelligence" or "discernment."
Verse 3.—"Wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity." The "wisdom" of this verse is really the understanding that comes through sorrow or bereavement. It is a word seldom used in Scripture. "Justice" has to do with behavior. It is equivalent to righteousness of life. It is the ability to "try things that differ" as in Philippians 1:10 (marg.). "Equity" refers to principles rather than conduct. It is really moral integrity.

Verse 4.—"Subtily.....knowledge and discretion." "Subtily" is sometimes rendered "prudence." It, however, suggests the ability to detect craftiness in others. "Knowledge" is information of a sound character. "Discretion" is thoughtfulness or consideration.
Verse 5.—"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning." It is only the fool who resents any attempt to instruct him, and who

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Ontario Facing Serious Lack of Farm Labour

Reports from Agricultural Representatives in nearly every section of old Ontario indicate that the shortage of farm labour has reached very serious proportions, with grave danger that a large part of the abundant hay crop will go to waste unless there is labour available to harvest it. This situation is particularly serious this year, because of the certainty of reduced grain crops for feeding purposes, owing to the unfavourable spring weather. On this account, it is of major importance that every possible ton of hay be harvested, cured and stored for fall and winter feeding, to supplement the smaller amount of grain which will be available.

The labour shortage in Ontario has been accentuated this year by the fact that the movement of farm labourers from Western Canada has fallen far short of expectations, and is much less than it has been in the last two years. The numbers coming from the west have been far short of the requirements of Ontario farmers, and unless additional help can be secured in the immediate future, hundreds of farmers will be unable to harvest their hay and other crops.

In view of this serious situation, an urgent appeal is made to all men in the towns and cities with some farm experience, to help the farmers with their harvest work. There are thousands of retired farmers whose services at this time would be very valuable in the harvest fields.

considers he is beyond the need of counsel. A truly wise man is ever ready to consider what other thoughtful men may have to put before him. This is true especially in connection with the things of God.

Chap. 3:13.—"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom." "Happy" and "blessed" are synonyms, and both are true of the man who finds wisdom and receives instruction. The source of all wisdom is God Himself as revealed in Christ, who is called the Wisdom of God.

Verse 14.—"It is better than..... silver, and..... than fine gold." No material treasure can be compared to wisdom. It is of greater value than all the wealth that earth can afford.

Verse 15.—"All the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her." If men only realized this they would not spend their lives heaping up wealth, but would seek the true riches which wisdom alone can impart.

Verse 16.—"Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour." Wisdom is here personified and is represented as offering life, wealth, and honor of the enduring kind to all who are ready to be instructed by her.

Verse 17.—"All her paths are peace." He who seeks after wisdom and obeys her behests is lifted above the turmoil of this world and the strife of tongues and find rest of heart and peace of mind as he walks in her ways.

Verse 18.—"She is a tree of life to every one that retaineth her." It is plain that it is not mere human wisdom that is here in view, but it is the wisdom that cometh down from above to direct men aright as they go through this world.

Chap. 9:9.—"Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser." The wise man is never self-sufficient, nor does he conclude that he no longer needs instruction. He is ready to learn from any who can impart that which is for edification, and so he increases in wisdom from day to day.

Verse 10.—"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." This is the wisdom that this Book sets before us. Apart from reverence for God all men are fools. It is when we come to the knowledge of the holy One that we begin to understand and so to subject our minds and wills to the Word of God.

Jas. 1:5.—"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God.....and it shall be given him." God, the infinitely wise One, is the source of all wisdom, which He delights to impart to those who seek His face. He does not upbraid us for our ignorance or lack of understanding, but gives freely to those who seek Him.

The Heart of the Lesson
 The Book of Proverbs has been called "The Young Man's Book." In it the Wisdom that brought the universe into existence deigns to mark out a safe path through this world for those who own allegiance to God, their Creator and Redeemer. It is a Book that transcends all dispensational limitations and therefore is applicable in every age. None will go astray who follow carefully the instruction it gives. It does not consist of doctrinal teaching, but is made up of wise maxims and pithy aphorisms, designed to warn against wrong behavior and point out the path of rectitude. Solomon gives his reasons for writing it in Ecclesiastes 12:9,

RECORDS FAIL TO SHOW 40 DAYS' RAIN AFTER JULY 15
 If you care to believe St. Swithin, who wasn't a saint at all but merely a weather man with a good press agent, it is time to man the pumps, men.
 According to tradition, if it rained on July 15—St. Swithin's Day—it would rain for 40 days thereafter. But don't worry. The old boy's batting average is strictly for the minor leagues.
 No one is quite sure how the tradition all started, but they do know St. Swithin was really a bishop of Winchester and he was never canonized. And weathermen record that, since weather data has been filed, July 15 has been just another day. Sometimes it rains the day after or maybe even two days after. As for 40 days rain? That was in Noah's time.
 Local weather records show that it seldom rains on July 15. It did this year, however. Measurement of the downpour was 62 inches. The last measurement listed locally for July 15 was in 1940 when .46 inches fell. There was rain on the eight of the remaining 16 days in tradition all started, but they do July and on 13 days in August. The August precipitation was unusually heavy at 6.066 inches.

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