



Praise the Lord. I will praise God with all my heart.

God's deeds are glorious and everlasting.

God is gracious and compassionate.

The works of God are faithful and just.

God has redeemed God's people.

God, You are love. You are goodness.

You are justice. You are wisdom.

You are the way we should live together on this earth.

You are at the beginning of creation and at its end.

You hold everything and everyone in Your holy presence.

To You belongs eternal praise.

We love you, and we thank you.

God, we confess that although we know You are wise,  
we do not always seek Your wisdom.

Although we know You are love, goodness, and justice,  
we do not always seek Your ways of living together  
and sharing this planet.

Although we know You created this wonderful world,  
we do not always look after the land as You asked humanity to do.

We seek our own ways.

We follow short cuts.

We demand our ways over Yours.  
God, we are sorry.  
Help us to seek your wisdom, to structure our communities  
around your life giving ways of living together.  
For the sake of this world You dearly love. Amen

Who is like our God?  
God pardons sin and forgives our transgressions.  
God does not stay angry forever,  
but delights to show us mercy.  
God, again, has compassion on us.

God, may we hear from you today, as Your words are life-giving and true. May we be  
open to hearing your Words – in the prayers, in the songs, in the Bible readings, and  
even in the silence. Speak to our hearts, we pray. Amen

1 Kings 2:10 12; 3:3-14 | Proverbs 9: 1-18 | St John 6 JET/CMC9525 842 rev WB 14 T 0 0 1 6

Bard – The Merry Wives of Windsor

- “Those who guard their lips preserve their lives.” Bible – Proverbs 13:3
- “Brevity is the soul of wit.” Bard – Hamlet
- “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” Proverbs 9:10

The full quote for Proverbs 9 v 10 is “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” NIV

The word knowledge in Hebrew is not just about learning. This is a knowing that is beyond facts about God, but hints at the need for a relationship with God.

Fear of the LORD is not about being afraid or anxious about God, but rather is about letting God be God, honouring God as God in your life.

Humbling ourselves before God in this way and having a relationship with God is the strong foundation for true wisdom.

It's the difference between something that sounds wise or okay but could lead to ruin, versus something that sounds wise but actually is wise and leads to life to the full that Jesus spoke of.

at the right time. Often attributed to Solomon, this collection of wise sayings could have been written by him or for him, or even collected over time and put together as a book of Proverbs after Israel's return from exile in Babylon around 5th to 4th century BC. In his commentary, Lindsay Wilson writes: "Proverbs paints a picture of the good life – or better, the good community – in its daily pattern and activities. Wisdom is about living life to the full, and Proverbs calls us to a decision to stand with either the wise person or the fool." In chapters 1-9, the writer encourages us to choose between Wisdom and Folly,



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Come, now is the time to worship		196	24	1040
Uyai Mose   Come all you people		757	22	
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