

THE THREE BOOKS OF SOLOMON THE WISE

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The three books of King Solomon correspond to the three steps in one's spiritual life:

- * PROVERBS (book of Wisdom)
- * ECCLESIASTES (book of Vanity)
- * SONG OF SONGS (book of Love)

Let us consider these three very important steps in our spiritual way...

- * By wisdom, we do not mean earthly, philosophical wisdom, but spiritual wisdom from God.
- * After gaining spiritual wisdom, and being enlightened by God's divine light, you will come to the realisation that this world and all that is in it is vanity, because it will all vanish.
- * Once you come to this realisation about the world, you will look towards the Kingdom of Heaven and the King of Heaven, our beloved Lord Jesus Christ. He is our light, He is our life, He is our eternity. You will devote yourself and your time to Him, and thereby you will be united to Him through love.

* "Get wisdom! Get understanding!" (Proverbs 4:5). The key word in the book of Proverbs is WISDOM. Wisdom from God is very important in our life so that we are not led astray by the things in this world. In the world, everyone is walking in darkness - they have no wisdom from God, nor do they ask for this wisdom. They are slaves to what is happening in the world because they have the 'flock' instinct of following the crowd whether it is right or wrong. They use their psyche and their body rather than the intellect. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction" (1:7). The intellect and the spirit are what distinguish us from animals. The intellect controls the body and the psyche, and the spirit controls the intellect.

We must have wisdom and this wisdom is to be illuminated by the Holy Spirit. Through our spirit and the Holy Spirit, this intellect will be rectified and corrected. You will be walking along the paths of righteousness because you will be using three important things:

- your spirit
- the Holy Spirit

- your mind

Many people are ignoring these three in their lives and are walking according to their psyche and the body. But we need to activate our intellect and our wisdom with the Proverbs. When our intellect is illuminated by God, this wisdom leads to the knowledge that this world is vanity and all will vanish. Our life here is limited; we need therefore to think in terms of the Unlimited.

* "'Vanity of vanities' says the Preacher, 'All is vanity'" (Ecclesiastes 12:8). The key word and theme in the book of Ecclesiastes is VANITY, and the realisation that all the things in this world, are vanity. But this realisation is only attained after being filled with spiritual wisdom.

* "My beloved is mine and I am his" (Song of Songs 2:16). This is the key verse in this beautiful book of Song of Songs, and the overriding theme is the LOVE and union between our beloved Lord and His bride, the church.