

## June 6 Questions

- 1) The wise sayings and proverbs of Solomon. What is a proverb? A proverb is a short statement that expresses a time-tested \_\_\_\_\_. Yet the book of Proverbs is not simply a collection of pithy sayings; it also consists of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Proverbs uses a variety of literary tools to communicate \_\_\_\_\_. What is wisdom? The word “wisdom” is general term that is packed full of meaning and nuance, but you can boil it down to this: wisdom is seeing life from God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and then making the \_\_\_\_\_ that please Him. How do you get wisdom? The book of Proverbs begins with the claim: “The \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction” (1:7). \_\_\_\_\_ is the source of wisdom, and wisdom is found in a \_\_\_\_\_ with Him! Solomon’s proverbs reflect his long years of \_\_\_\_\_ and his keen \_\_\_\_\_ into human behavior, and they continue to inspire and instruct to this day. But more than that, his proverbs and wise sayings were \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit. The author of Hebrews asked, “Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as \_\_\_\_\_?” (Heb 12:5), and then he quoted Proverbs 3:11–12. This means we should read Proverbs as though it was a personal \_\_\_\_\_ from God. When Solomon says, “Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching,” the voice we’re hearing is God’s. What a marvelous \_\_\_\_\_! God is sharing with us the same wisdom that made Solomon the greatest king of his day! Today’s reading urges us to \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s voice and \_\_\_\_\_ His instruction. God told us to seek for wisdom like \_\_\_\_\_ and to treasure His commands in our hearts. His wisdom will give us discernment for living. It will guard us from the \_\_\_\_\_, it will protect us from the \_\_\_\_\_, and it will enable us to \_\_\_\_\_ righteously. The \_\_\_\_\_ for wisdom is the grand calling of our lives! Are proverbs always true? Well, it depends. Some are \_\_\_\_\_ true, some are true only in certain \_\_\_\_\_, some are true with respect to \_\_\_\_\_ but not always with respect to this \_\_\_\_\_ life, and some are true in \_\_\_\_\_ but not in every \_\_\_\_\_.