

Proverbs 2:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;

Analysis

Wisdom entering the heart produces delight—it satisfies at the deepest level. The Hebrew 'yinah' (pleasant) denotes not fleeting pleasure but enduring satisfaction. This anticipates Augustine's insight that our hearts are restless until they rest in God. Wisdom delights because it brings us into harmony with reality as God designed it.

Historical Context

The heart in Hebrew thought encompassed will, intellect, and emotions—the whole inner person. Wisdom's transformation is comprehensive, affecting every dimension of human existence.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. Do you find genuine delight in God's word, or is obedience mere duty?
2. What would help you experience wisdom as pleasant rather than burdensome?

Interlinear Text

לְנִפְשָׁתִךְ וְעַתָּה בְּלִבְךְ מִכֶּם וְתַבְאֵן
H3588 entereth When wisdom into thine heart and knowledge unto thy soul
H935 H2451 H3820 H1847 H5315

וְתַבְאֵן:
is pleasant
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Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 15:16 (Parallel theme): Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Colossians 3:16 (Parallel theme): Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Psalms 119:162 (Parallel theme): I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.

Job 23:12 (Parallel theme): Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

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