

Proverbs 8:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.

Analysis

Finding wisdom means finding life itself and obtaining divine favor. This parallels Jesus' words about finding life through losing it (Matthew 10:39). Wisdom personified offers what only God can give—true life and gracious acceptance. This anticipates the gospel's offer of life in Christ.

Historical Context

Life and God's favor were covenant blessings promised to obedient Israel. Wisdom mediates these blessings, showing the inseparable connection between knowing God and living well.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How has finding wisdom led to experiencing more abundant life?

2. In what ways do you seek God's favor through obedience to His revealed will?

Interlinear Text

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H3588	For whoso findeth	For whoso findeth	life	and shall obtain	favour
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of the LORD					
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Additional Cross-References

John 3:36 (Parallel theme): He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Proverbs 12:2 (References Lord): A good man obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

John 17:3 (Parallel theme): And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Colossians 3:3 (Parallel theme): For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Philippians 3:8 (References Lord): Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

John 14:6 (Parallel theme): Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Proverbs 1:33 (Parallel theme): But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.