

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF PROVERBS 2:1-6

My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; if you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures – then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

The Word of the Lord.

PSALM 119

¹ Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!

² Happy are they who observe his decrees and seek him with all their hearts!

³ Who never do any wrong, but always walk in his ways.

⁴ You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.

⁵ Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

⁶ Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.

⁷ I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸ I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.