Proverbs 1:1-7

The Fear of Yahweh is Wisdom

1 – Statement of authorship

Prov 1:1; 25:1; 30:1; 31:3

2-4 – Purpose of this collection, introduced by four infinitives

"to know"

"to understand"

"to receive"

" to give"

5-6 – What should happen with this collection

7 – Where does the path of life begin?

7 – Where does the path of death begin?

<u>Food for Thought</u>

- The fear of Yahweh is the _____ of knowledge.
- Solomon believes that the benefits of wisdom are _____.
- Determine now to _____ wisdom and knowledge, and to _____ discipline and rebuke.

Proverbs 1:7a – The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge.



▲ Bronze figurine of a man praying, from Egypt, circa 1200–700 BC.

Proverbs 1:7b – Fools despise wisdom and instruction.



▲ Terracotta figurine of an actor picking a fight, circa 400–350 BC.