

THE WAY OF THE WISE: A STUDY OF PROVERBS

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
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Still be my vision, O ruler of all

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1. Read Proverbs 1:7 and Proverbs 9:10. The way of the wise starts with the fear of the Lord. How are you doing when it comes to fearing the Lord? What does it look like practically for you to fear the Lord in this season?
2. What are some barriers you face to fearing the Lord and walking in the path of wisdom?
3. What are one or two specific areas of your life where you need to lay down your pride and trust the Lord?
4. How do the spiritual disciplines help break down our pride and increase our trust in God?
5. Spend time in prayer confessing sin, acknowledging our dependence upon God, thanking him for his grace, and asking him to help us fear him and grow in wisdom. Do what works best for your group, but this would be a good time to pray “popcorn” style, allowing everyone in the group to pray as they feel led.