

# Wisdom Cries Aloud | Blessed In Christ

Proverbs 3:1-12

## Promises in Proverbs (Proverbs 3:1-12)

- Assurances (long life, health, favor, prosperity, upright children)
- Our experiences (employment dismissal & rare disease)
- Scripture
  - Joseph
  - OT prophets (Ezekiel & Jeremiah)
  - Psalmists: “All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence.” (Psalm 73:13)
  - Job
  - Proverbs
    - Likely outcomes
    - Poor in Israel: [Proverbs 22:22](#) — Do not rob the poor because he is poor, Or crush the afflicted at the gate
    - Agur’s prayer: Prov. 30:7-9 — “Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die: [8] Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, [9] lest I be full and deny you and say, “Who is the LORD?” or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.
  - Jesus: Specifically taught to trust God for eat, drink, clothing
  - Jerusalem church (Paul’s mission & sharing possessions)
  - Hebrews 10:32-34 — “But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, [33] sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. [34] For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.”

- 2 Timothy 3:12 — “everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted” [Objection: Suffering <—> persecution]
- James 1:2 - Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, [3] for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. [3] for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. [4] And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. [5] If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.
- Romans 8:16-18 — The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, [17] and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer **with him** in order that we may also be glorified with him. [18] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
- Paul’s own life — Philippians 4:11-13: “Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. [12] I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. [13] I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”
  - There is no condemnation of having much.
  - But the Jesus-people were not holding out for a temporal payoff.

## Conclusion

- I don’t know that the Bible is saying that these things will or won’t happen anymore. I honestly don’t know. But these people weren’t banking on getting good things in this life if they lived in obedience to God. They were banking on something far more valuable.
- Thank God for good things.
- Remember you are still his children when adversity and affliction comes your way.
- And never lose hope that in the coming ages he will show his kindness to you in ways that are indescribable in the hear and now.
- Live to the praise of his glory.