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...darkness...

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- 20** Woe to those who call evil good and good evil,
who put darkness for light and light for darkness,
who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!
- 21** Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes,
and shrewd in their own sight!



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Proverbs 2:1-15

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- 1** My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you,
- 2** making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding;
- 3** yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding,
- 4** if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures,
- 5** then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

6 For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding;

7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
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8 guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of His saints.

9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity,
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10 for wisdom will come into your heart,
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12 delivering you from the way of evil, from men of perverted speech,

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- 16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
- 17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.
- 18** Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world,
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**A difficult examination of our hearts
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1 John 1:5-10

5 This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

7 But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

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