

## Scriptures for August 2nd

### **Proverbs 3:13-23**

<sup>13</sup>Happy are those who find wisdom,  
and those who get understanding,

<sup>14</sup>for her income is better than silver,  
and her revenue better than gold.

<sup>15</sup>She is more precious than jewels,  
and nothing you desire can compare with her.

<sup>16</sup>Long life is in her right hand;  
in her left hand are riches and honor.

<sup>17</sup>Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
and all her paths are peace.

<sup>18</sup>She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;  
those who hold her fast are called happy. <sup>19</sup>The Lord by wisdom  
founded the earth;

by understanding he established the heavens;

<sup>20</sup>by his knowledge the deeps broke open,  
and the clouds drop down the dew.

<sup>21</sup>My child, do not let these escape from your sight:  
keep sound wisdom and prudence,

<sup>22</sup>and they will be life for your soul  
and adornment for your neck.

<sup>23</sup>Then you will walk on your way securely  
and your foot will not stumble.

## **Matthew 13:44-50**

<sup>44</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.