



Discovering The Greatest Treasure



Proverbs 2:5
Message

Persistent
exploration
yields unlimited
and priceless
treasure

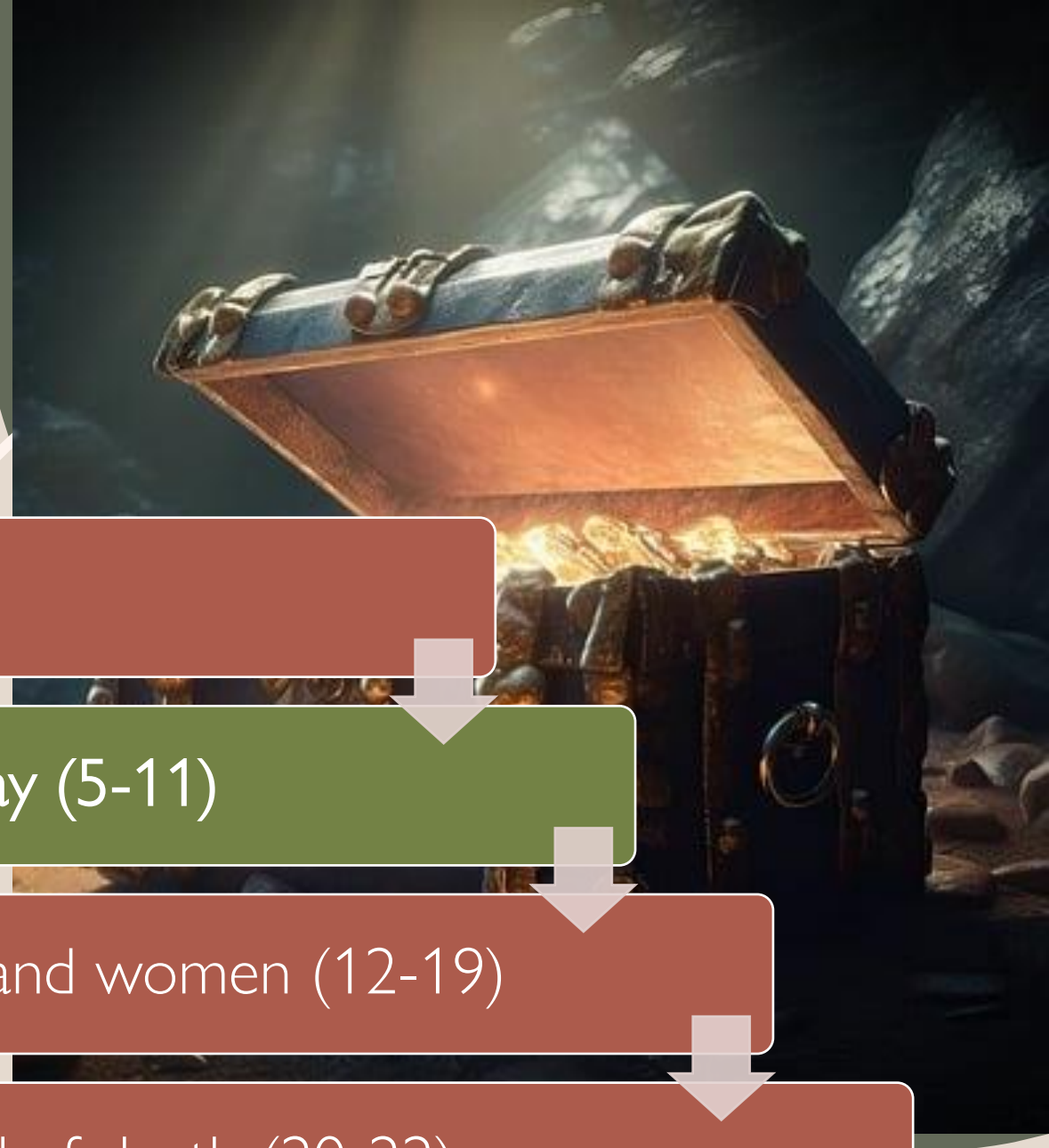
Proverbs 2 - Outline

Treasure offered: detect and dig! (1-4)

Treasure found: God and His better way (5-11)

Treasure guarded: from evil men and women (12-19)

Treasure enjoyed: life instead of death (20-22)



Beauty of Proverbs 2 Structure

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If you pursue wisdom (1-4)

Then come two results (5-11)

1: “Then you will understand” to whom wisdom is leading you (5-8)

2: “Then you will understand” wisdom’s path (9-11)

Three truths to motivate you to search for wisdom (Prov 2:5)

- I. Your aggressive search will be rewarded
- II. Your reward is to discover and possess
the greatest treasure
- III. You will enjoy the deep riches of a
relationship with God

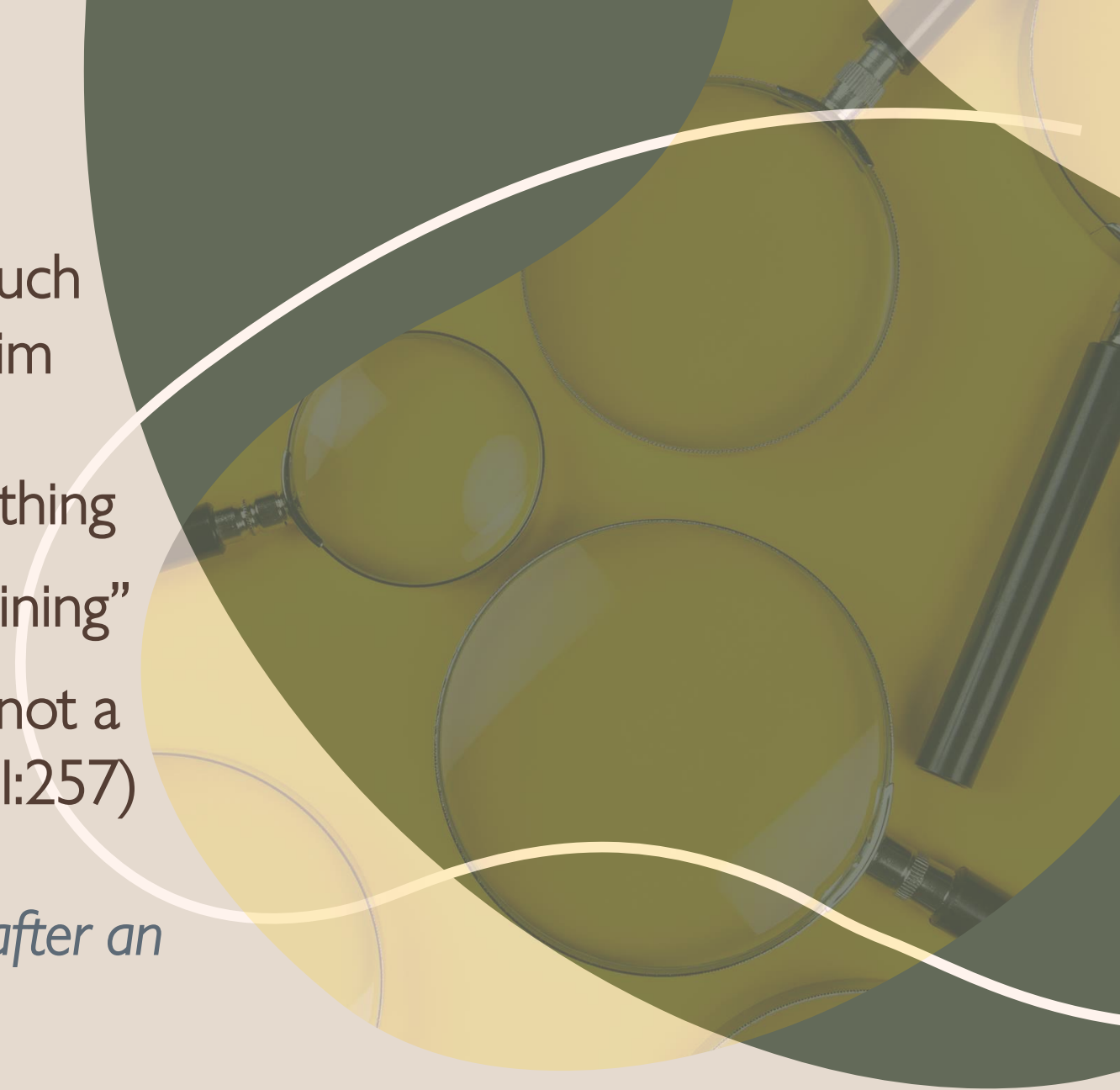


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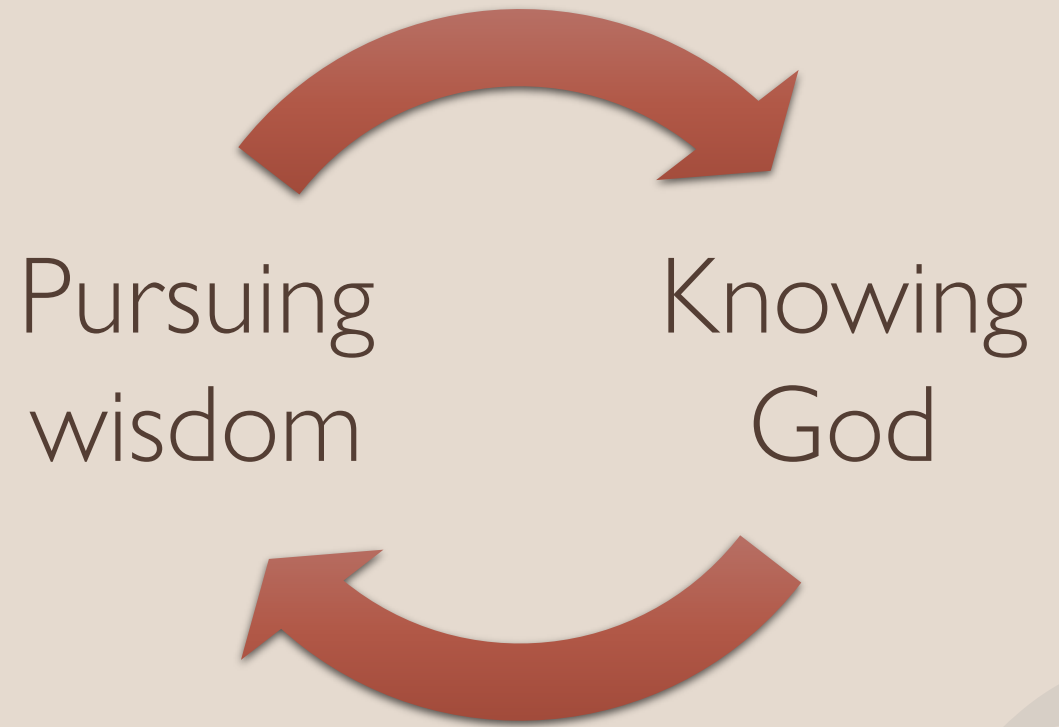
Understand – to gain insight, such as how we view God and relate to Him

Find - “to discover or attain” something
In Prov 3:13, “find” is parallel to “obtaining”
To find “implies an aggressive search, not a chance happening” (Waltke, *Proverbs*, 1:257)

We discover and attain this knowledge after an aggressive search

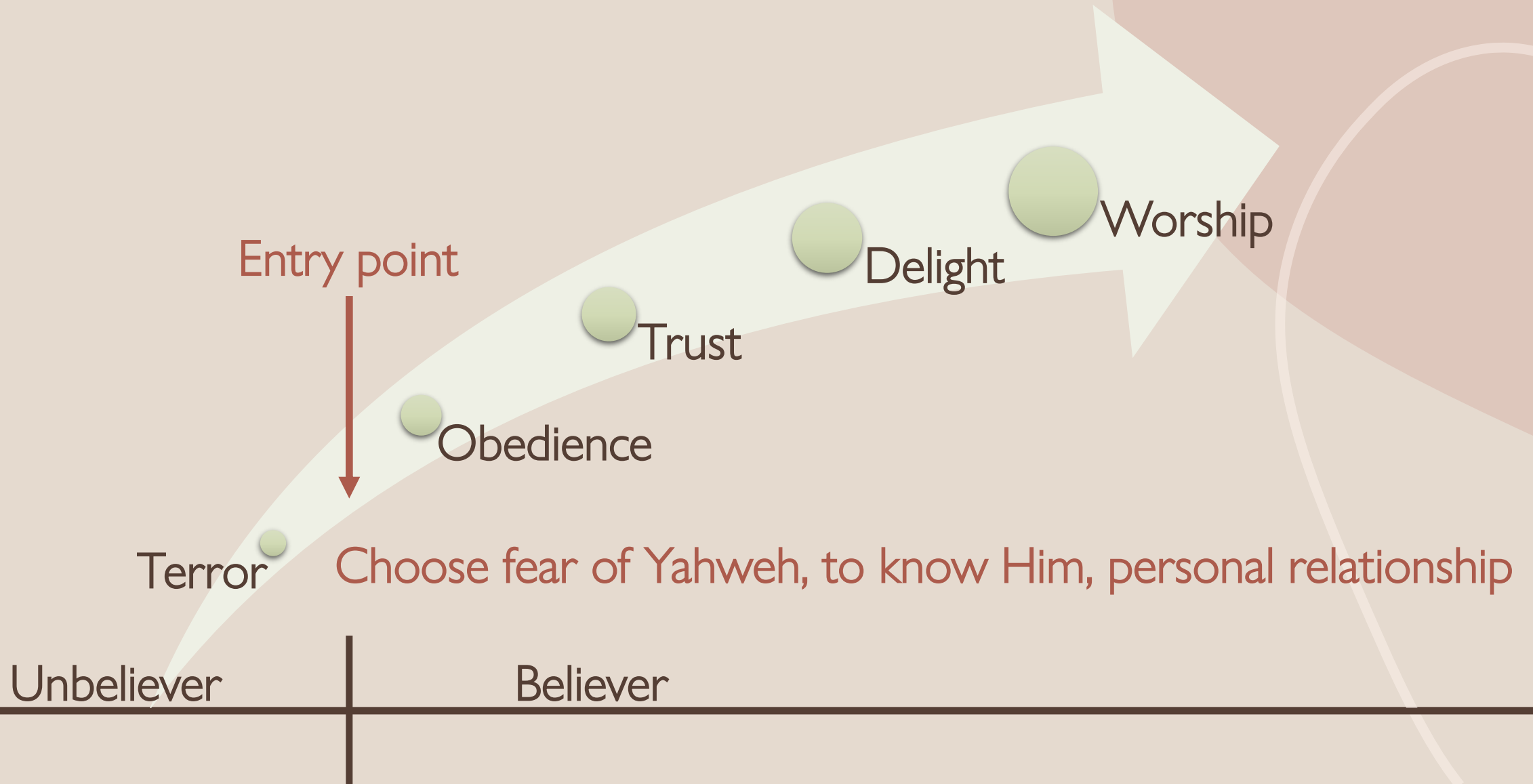


Pursuing wisdom
and knowing
God build on
each other



“When you seek wisdom, you find God”
(Allen Ross, *Expositor's*, 5:912)

Fear of Yahweh – the believer’s attitude toward God



Fear of Yahweh – Filial Fear

“In this childlike fear, there is not an atom of that fear which signifies being afraid. We, who believe in Jesus, are not afraid of our Father; God forbid that we ever should be. The nearer we can get to him, the happier we are. Our highest wish is to be forever with him, and to be lost in him”

(Charles Spurgeon, “A Fear to Be Desired,” quoted in Reeves, *Rejoice and Tremble*, p. 100)

Seeking wisdom, knowing God

Wisdom internalized blossoms into a personal relationship of faith with God

It is a “precious reward that staggers the imagination” (Bruce Waltke, *Proverbs*, 1:223)

God and His wisdom

“God’s wisdom makes the glory of
God’s grace our supreme treasure”

(John Piper, *Think: The Life of the Mind and the
Love of God*, p. 149)

Finding wisdom, finding God

Jesus is the
wisdom of God
(1 Cor 1:24, 30)



Jesus is God



Therefore,
when you find
wisdom, you
find God

*“The surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord”
(Phil 3:8; Rom 11:33-36; Eph 3:16-19)*

