



BETTER THAN GOLD

1. **Knowledge** (*da'at, knowledge about God*)

“There is gold, and an abundance of jewels; But the lips of knowledge are a more precious thing” (Prov. 20:15).

2. **Understanding** (*binah, integration of biblical knowledge with the resulting ability to see how it all works together*)

“How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver” (Prov. 16:16).

3. **Wisdom** (*hakmah, ability to make the best of all possible decisions*)

“How blessed is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding. For its profit is better than the profit of silver, And its gain than fine gold. She is more precious than jewels; And nothing you desire compares with her. Long life is in her right hand; In her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, And all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who hold her fast” (Prov. 3:13–18).

“For wisdom is better than jewels; And all desirable things can not compare with her” (Prov. 8:11).

“Riches and honor are with me, Enduring wealth and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, even pure gold, And my yield than choicest silver” (Prov. 8:18–19).

4. **Mosaic Law** (*torah, laws of the Old Covenant revealed by God for ancient Israel*)

“The law of Thy mouth is better to me Than thousands of gold and silver *pieces*” (Psa. 119:72).

5. **God's judgments** (*mishpatim, decisions or sentences given by God as the Judge*)

“The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them Thy servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward” (Psa. 19:9b–11).

6. **Instruction** (*musar, corrective discipline that results in instruction*)

“Take my instruction, and not silver, And knowledge rather than choicest gold” (Prov. 8:10).

7. **Good name and favor among men**

“A *good* name is to be more desired than great riches, Favor is better than silver and gold” (Prov. 22:1).