

Proverbs

Introduction

What They Are	Divisions	Themes
<p>What they are not - not promises or guaranteed outcomes - express general truth BUT there can be exceptions due to unpredictable behavior of fallen man</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “mashal” = comparisons, similar, parallel - Figure of speech using comparisons to present observations or instructions - Timeless truths in the form of simple illustrations that expose a fundamental reality of life - Practical, easy to memorize, applicable to real life situation - Divine guidelines and wise observations - By studying them and applying them we contemplate the mind of God - His character, attributes, works, and blessings - Short instructions for living an effective life on earth - All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge expressed in the Proverbs, they are hidden in the life of Christ (Col 2:3) 	<p>Purpose - 1:1-7</p> <p>Proverbs to Youth - 1:8-9:18</p> <p>Proverbs of Solomon - 10:1-24:32</p> <p>Proverbs of Solomon (Hezekiah’s men transcribed) - 25:1-29:27</p> <p>Words of Agur - 30:1-33</p> <p>Lemuel (Solomon)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - wisdom for leaders (31:1-9) - Virtuous wife (31:10-31) 	<p>Fear of the Lord (1:7; 9:10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - viewing God with the respect that He deserves - Living our lives in light of what we know about Him - Holding Him in the highest estimation - Depending on Him with humble trust <p>2 kinds of fear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that God will hurt me - selfish - I will hurt Him - founded in love producing holiness of character and righteousness of conduct (Ez 6:9-10) <p>Wisdom versus folly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - wisdom - knowledge, understanding (applying the knowledge), instruction, discretion, obedience all built on the fear of the Lord - Folly = all the opposite of wisdom

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Chapter 1	Chapter 2-3	Chapter 4-5
<p>1-7 - purpose - to live rightly in the world</p> <p>8-19 - precaution for spending time with sinners (throwing your lot in with them)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- don't consent to sinners enticing you- Keep your feet from their path- Sinners set up traps for themselves- Those who gain wealth by violence - it will take the life of their possessors <p>Wisdom Warns (20-33)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- calamity and dread that will come to those who spurn wisdom- They did not choose the fear of the Lord- They will eat of the fruit of their own ways (Gal 5:16-24)- He who listens to me will live securely and be at ease from the dread of evil		