

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 	<p>Security of Wisdom - chapter 2</p> <p>1-5 - Discover the knowledge of God - passionate desire of our lives</p> <p>6-15 - discernment helps to steer us away for the evil ones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God speaks through the revelation of His Word (He 1:1-2; II Pe 1:20-21) - Upright - true believers (7-8) - Truth protects us (God's Word Ps 119:11; 97-104) <p>16-22 - stay away from the strange woman (adulteress; harlot)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - irreversible nature of continuing sin (habitual sin) - Physical death (cut off, uprooted) - Spiritual death - cut off from God's kingdom <p>Chapter 3 - Rewards of Wisdom</p> <p>1-4 - rooted in sound teaching</p> <p>5-6 - rest in God (trust)</p> <p>7-10 - healing for those who obey</p> <p>11-18 - chastening brings profound benefits to the believer</p> <p>19-26 - wisdom will keep us walking securely and not stumble</p> <p>27-35 - Righteous living God will bless</p>	<p>Father's Instructions - chapter 4</p> <p>1-9 - acquire wisdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - acquire wisdom - striving - Understanding is wisdom applied to life - Adornment of your life <p>10-19 - stay away from the evil ones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - don't enter the path of the wicked - Stay on the righteous bright path <p>20-27 - pay attention to my words</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - follow the path that God has put you on - Don't deviate <p>Chapter 5 - Immorality</p>