

Proverbs

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Summary:

It has been said that "what the Psalms are to the devotional life, the proverbs are to the practical life." This book contains no prophecy and little doctrine, but instead is an instructional book, applying divine wisdom to daily life. It warns against such things as bad company, impurity, excessive drinking, quarreling, lying, trickery in business, and taking of bribes. It condemns idleness, slothfulness, pride, and greediness. It commends liberality to those in need. It teaches the fear of the Lord, obedience of children to parents, duty of parents to properly train their children. It also contains special instruction for the young man just going out into the world.

Christ Seen:

Christ is seen as "the wisdom of God";

1Cor 1:23-24 but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1Cor 1:30 But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,

in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Col 2:2-3 ... resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Note especially the section where wisdom is personified and speaks (1:20-33; 8:1-36).

Topics:

Wisdom, wise man, knowledge:

1:2, 5-7, 20-33; 2:1-7, 9-11, 20-21; 3:3, 4, 7; 10:1, 5, 8, 13-14, 19, 23, 31; 11:2, 9, 12, 29-30; 12:1, 8, 15-16, 20; 13:1, 10, 14-16, 20; 14:1, 3, 6-8, 15-16, 18, 24, 29, 33, 35; 15:1, 5, 7, 14, 20-21, 24, 31-33; 16:14, 16, 21-23; 17:2, 10, 24, 27; 18:4, 15; 19:8, 11, 20, 25, 27; 20:3, 5, 15, 26; 21:11, 20, 22; 22:3, 12, 17-21; 23:12, 15, 19, 23-24; 24:3-7, 13-14; 25:12; 27:11-12, 23; 28:2, 7, 11, 26; 29:2, 8, 11, 15; 30:20-28;

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1:10-14; 2:12-19, 22; 3:27-33; 4:19; 5:22; 6:12-15; 12:2-3, 5-7, 10, 12-13, 17-22, 26; 13:2, 5-6, 9, 15, 17, 21-23, 25; 14:2, 5, 11, 14, 17, 19, 21-22, 25, 30-32, 34; 15:6, 8-10; 18, 25-29; 16:4-5, 12, 18, 27-30; 17:1, 4-5, 8, 15, 18, 24, 27-29; 22:5, 8, 10, 22-25; 23:21, 29-35; 24:1-2, 8-9, 15-20, 23-24, 28; 29:1, 4-7, 10, 12, 16, 22-24, 27; 30:11-14;

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2:6-8; 3:5-6, 11-12, 19-20, 32-34; 5:21; 6:16-19; 8:35; 10:3, 29; 11:1, 20; 12:2, 22; 15:3, 8-9, 11, 25-26, 29; 16:1-2, 4-5, 7, 9, 11, 33; 17:3; 24:12; 25:2, 21-22; 29:13, 26; 30:5-6;

Fear of the Lord:

1:7; 2:1-5; 3:7-8; 8:13; 9:10; 10:27; 14:2, 26-27; 15:16, 33; 16:6; 19:23; 24:4; 23:17-18;

Correction and discipline:

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Prudence and diligence

1:4; 10:4-5; 12:11, 16, 23, 27; 14:4, 8, 15, 18; 15:5; 21:5; 25:4; 27:12, 18; 28:19;

Laziness:

1:4; 10:4-5; 12:11, 16, 23, 27; 15:4, 11; 14:4, 8, 15, 18; 15:5; 21:5; 27:12, 18; 28:19;

Confession:

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Prosperity:

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Fear:

3:25-26, 24; 29:25;

Adultery and harlotry:

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11:13-14; 12:9, 25; 13:12-13, 19; 14:4, 10, 12-13, 20, 30; 15:13, 15, 17, 30; 16:1-2, 6, 9-10, 15; 17:6-7, 17, 22; 18:14, 16-19, 24; 19:6, 12; 20:2, 14, 22, 24, 27; 21:14; 22:28-29; 23:1-3, 6-8, 10-11; 24:11, 13; 25:1-3, 6-10, 15-17, 20-22, 25, 27-28; 26:2; 27:1-2, 7-8, 10, 14, 19, 21; 28:17; 29:14, 18-19, 21; 30:1-4, 10, 15-19, 21-23, 29-31; 31:1-9;

Proverbs about who God is:

Prov 2:6-8 For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding. 7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity, 8 Guarding the paths of justice, And He preserves the way of His godly ones.

Prov 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

Prov 3:11-12 My son, do not reject the discipline of the LORD Or loathe His reproof, 12 For whom the LORD loves He reproves, Even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights.

Prov 3:19-20 The LORD by wisdom founded the earth, By understanding He established the heavens. 20 By His knowledge the deeps were broken up And the skies drip with dew.

Prov 3:32-34 For the devious are an abomination to the LORD; But He is intimate with the upright. 33 The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked, But He blesses the dwelling of the righteous. 34 Though He scoffs at the scoffers, Yet He gives grace to the afflicted.

Prov 5:21 For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the LORD, And He watches all his paths.

Prov 6:16-19 There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: 17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, 18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, 19 A false witness who utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.

Prov 8:35 For he who finds me finds life And obtains favor from the LORD.

Prov 10:3 The LORD will not allow the righteous to hunger, But He will reject the craving of the wicked.

Prov 10:29 The way of the LORD is a stronghold to the upright, But ruin to the workers of iniquity.

Prov 11:20 The perverse in heart are an abomination to the LORD, But the blameless in their walk are His delight.

Prov 12:2 A good man will obtain favor from the LORD, But He will condemn a man who devises evil.

Prov 12:22 Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal faithfully are His delight.

Prov 15:3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Watching the evil and the good.

Prov 15:8-9 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright is His delight. 9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But He loves one who pursues righteousness.

Prov 15:11 Sheol and Abaddon lie open before the LORD, How much more the hearts of men!

Prov 15:25-26 The LORD will tear down the house of the proud, But He will establish the boundary of the widow. 26 Evil plans are an abomination to the LORD, But pleasant words are pure.

Prov 15:29 The LORD is far from the wicked, But He hears the prayer of the righteous.

Prov 16:1-2 The plans of the heart belong to man, But the answer of the tongue is from the LORD. 2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, But the LORD weighs the motives.

Prov 16:4-5 4 The LORD has made everything for its own purpose, Even the wicked for the day of evil. 5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; Assuredly, he will not be unpunished.

Prov 16:7 When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Prov 16:9 The mind of man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.

Prov 16:11 A just balance and scales belong to the LORD; All the weights of the bag are His concern.

Prov 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision is from the LORD.

Prov 17:3 The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the LORD tests hearts.

Prov 24:12 If you say, "See, we did not know this," Does He not consider it who weighs the hearts? And does He not know it who keeps your soul? And will He not render to man according to his work?

Prov 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

Prov 25:21 If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; 22 For you will heap burning coals on his head, And the LORD will reward you.

Prov 29:13 The poor man and the oppressor have this in common: The LORD gives light to the eyes of both.

Prov 29:26 26 Many seek the ruler's favor, But justice for man comes from the LORD.

Prov 30:5-6 Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. 6 Do not add to His words Or He will reprove you, and you will be proved a liar.