

# Proverbs 1

## I. Introduction (Proverbs 1:1-7)

### A. Title (Proverbs 1:1)

1a The proverbs of Solomon

**I Kings 4:32** And he spake **three thousand proverbs**; and **his songs were a thousand and five**. (**4005 proverbs & songs**)

1b the son of David, king of Israel;

**Proverbs 4:3** For I was my father's son, tender and only *beloved* in the sight of my mother.

### B. Purpose (Proverbs 1:2-6)

2 To know wisdom and **instruction**(**chastisement**); to **perceive**(**separate mentally; understand**) the words of understanding;

3 To receive the **instruction**(**chastisement**) of wisdom, **justice**(**right**), and **judgment**(**verdict**), and **equity**(**evenness**);

4 To give **subtilty**(**prudence; W1828 - wisdom applied to practice**) to the simple, to the **young man**(**boy**) **knowledge**(**cunning; W1828 - skillful, experienced well instructed**) and **discretion**(**a plan**).

### \*The Wise man **defined**

5 A wise man **will hear**, and **will increase**(**to add**) **learning**; and a man of understanding **shall attain unto wise counsels**:

6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

### C. **Motto** of the Book (Proverbs 1:7)

7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

## II. A **Father's** words of wisdom (Proverbs 1:8-9:18)

### A. How a **sinner** is enticement versus wisdom's plea (Proverbs 1:8-33)

#### 1. A warning about the sinner/fool (Proverbs 1:8-19)

##### a. Listen to **parents**

8 My son, **hear** the **instruction** of thy **father**, and **forsake not** the law of thy **mother**:

9 For they shall be an **ornament**(**a wreath**) of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

**b. Don't listen to sinners**

10 My son, if sinners(**guilty sinner**) entice thee, **consent(willing)** thou not.

11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for **the innocent without cause**:

**c. Avoid Mob Rule**

12 **Let us** swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:

13 **We shall find all precious substance**, we shall fill our houses with spoil:

14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have **one purse**:

15 My son, **walk not thou in the way with them; refrain(avoid)** thy foot from their path:

**d. Why?**

**1) They want evil**

16 For their feet run to **evil(hurtful)**, and make haste to **shed blood**.

17 Surely in vain the net is spread **in the sight of any bird**.

**2) They aren't afraid to attack each other**

18 And they lay wait for their **own blood**; they lurk privily for **their own lives**.

**3) They only desire personal gain**

19 So are the ways of every one that is **greedy of gain**; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

**2. Wisdom's plea for the simple one's heart (Proverbs 1:20-33)**

20 Wisdom **crieth(shout; cry out)** without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

21 **She(Wisdom)** crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she(**Wisdom**) uttereth her words, saying,

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22 How long, ye **simple ones**, will ye love simplicity? and the **scorners** delight in their scorning, and **fools** hate knowledge?

23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

### **B. Conditions and benefits of wisdom (Proverbs 2:1-22)**

#### **C. Right relationship with God, man and wisdom (Proverbs 3:1-35)**

##### **1. Obedience is the best way (Proverbs 3:8)**

a. You get - long life (Proverbs 3:1-2)

b. You get - Favor and good understanding (Proverbs 3:3-4)

c. You get - Direction (Proverbs 3:5-6)

##### **2. How to treat neighbors (Proverbs 3:27-35)**

#### **D. Wisdom from King David – Wisdom is the principal thing (Proverbs 4:1-9)**

#### **E. The wicked path and the just path (Proverbs 4:10-19)**

#### **F. Wisdom will give complete spiritual health (Proverbs 4:20-27)**

#### **G. Idolatry compared to infidelity in marriage (Proverbs 5:1-23)**

#### **H. Warnings about pledges, laziness and wickedness (Proverbs 6:1-19)**

#### **I. Reason to keep the truth (Proverbs 6:20-23)**

#### **J. Turning from the Truth is like committing adultery (Proverbs 6:24-35)**

#### **K. Call of two women - the harlot and wisdom (Proverbs 7:1-8:36)**

1. Encouragement to keep **wisdom** (Proverbs 7:1-5)
2. Scary story about rejecting the **Truth** (Proverbs 7:6-27)
3. Lady **Wisdom** speaks (Proverbs 8)
- L. The fight for the **Simple** one (Proverbs 9:1-18)
  1. Wisdom's invitation (Proverbs 9:1-12)
  2. The foolish Woman's offer (Proverbs 9:13-18)

### **III. The Proverbs of Solomon (Proverbs 10:1-24:34)**

- A. Wise vs. Fool - A Contrast between the wise and the fool (Proverbs 10:1 – 15:33)
- B. Right vs. Wrong - Moral, ethical and spiritual discussions (Proverbs 16:1-24:34)

### **V. More Proverbs of Solomon (**Hezekiah's** collection) (Proverbs 25:1-29:27)**

### **VI. The words of **Agar** (Proverbs 30)**

### **VII. The words of Lemuel's - **Mother's** lessons (Proverbs 31:1-9)**

### **VIII. The description of a godly **wife** (Proverbs 31:10-31)**