



Proverbs – 31 chapters

Title:

Proverbs- short statements of truth and wisdom.

Author:

Much of the book is attributed to Solomon.

Other sections have other authors. There is also evidence that all of the collections were later edited and brought together into their final form.

Occasion and Purpose:

Various expressions from various life situations. The overall purpose is to give instruction to the next generation about the necessity of the wisdom filled life and how to live that life.

Themes:

1. Wisdom
2. Fear of the Lord
3. Two Ways
4. Deuteronomistic Theology

Summary:

Proverbs is a collection of wisdom, how to live a successful life. Many sayings in proverbs are just common sense for life, but most all have the idea that to live successfully is to follow God and walk in His ways.

Organization:

Preamble	Title – 1:1	1:1-7
	Purpose – 1:2-6	
	Motto : the Fear of the Lord – 1:7	
Prologue	Lesson 1 – Warning and Rebuke – 1:8-33	1:8-9:18
	Lesson 2 – Safeguard against the wicked – 2:1-22	
	Lesson 3 – God’s promises, the sons obligations – 3:1-10	
	Lesson 4 – The Value of wisdom – 3:11-35	
	Lesson 5 – Continue in wisdom – 4:1-9	
	Lesson 6 – Warning of the way of wickedness – 4:10-19	
	Lesson 7 – Stay on the way of righteousness – 4:20-27	
	Lesson 8 – Warning of adultery, folly & wickedness – 5:1-6:19	
	Lesson 9 – Warning against Adultery – 6:20-35	
	Lesson 10 – Unfaithful wife and wisdom’s call – 7:1-8:36	
	Epilogue – Rival banquets – 9:1-18	
Body	Solomon’s collection 1- first half – 10:1-15:29	10:1-29:27
	Solomon’s collection 1- second half – 15:30-22:16	
	Sayings of the Wise 1 – 22:17-24:22	
	Sayings of the Wise 2 – 24:23-24	
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Final Collections	Sayings of Agur – 30:1-33	30:1-31:31
	Sayings of King Lemuel – 31:1-9	
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Key Verses:

1:1-7; 2:1-5; 4:5-8,13,23; 8:1-5; 9:10-12