

PROVERBS

- Outline: I. The Proverbs of Solomon for His Son (1-9). This can apply to all young people. It extols wisdom and righteousness as opposed to sin and foolishness.
- II. The Proverbs of Solomon (10-24). This is more of a section of proverbs than the first section. It is general; this is specific.
- III. The Proverbs of Solomon--"copied by the men of Hezekiah, king of Judah," evidently prophets, such as, Isaiah and Micah (25-29).
- IV. "The words of Agur" (30).
- V. "The words of King Lemuel" (31). Note: To show that the family relationship carries right through the proverbs, these are "the prophecy that his mother taught him."

The Introduction, telling why these proverbs were written, is 1:1-6.

Some general observations:

- 1) The basis of all wisdom is "the fear of the Lord" (1:7). The first section ends with this same emphasis. Cf. 9:10

Note how this carries through the book:

1:7
1:29
2:5
3:7
8:13
9:10
10:27
14:26, 27
15:16
15:33
16:6
19:23
22:4
23:17
24:21

SALVATION MUST COME FIRST!

The explanation of salvation is not given here because it is given elsewhere. The emphasis here is on the walk.

Statement - v. 7

Exhortation - v. 8

Promises - v. 9

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The danger: 1:10-14.

- 2) The repetition of "son" and "father" and "mother" through the book emphasize the place of the home in teaching children wisdom.

- a) "My son" - 1:8
1:10
1:15
2:1
3:1
3:11
3:21
4:10
4:20
5:1
5:20
6:1, 3
6:20
7:1

19:27
23:15
23:19
23:26
24:13
24:21
27:11

Also, "ye children" - 4:1
5:7
7:24
8:32

- b) "Father" and "mother" -*1:8 (Emphasize the place of responsibility which this gives to the parents to know the Word of God.)
 *4:1, 3
 *6:20
 * both *10:1
 # mother only 13:1
 15:5
 *15:20 Cf. the "virtuous woman"
 17:21 12:4
 17:25 14:1
 19:13 31:10-31
 *19:26
 *20:20
 *23:22
 *23:24, 25
 28:7
 *27:24
 29:3
 #29:15
 *30:11
 *30:17
 #31:1

- c) Note also the passages which have to do with the discipline of children:
 10:13
 13:24
 22:15
 23:13, 14
 26:3
 29:15

- 3) The emphasis throughout is upon that which is a "delight" to the Lord, or that which is "an abomination" to Him. But it comes to the children as from them--not from the Lord (as such).

Emphasis on the walk.

Cf. 3:32
 6:16 ff.
 8:7
 11:1
 11:20
 12:22
 15:8, 9 - cf. 21:27
 16:5
 (16:12)
 17:15
 20:10, 23
 (24:9)
 (26:25)
 28:9
 29:27

*at the beginning - 1:10-19
 There is certainly the emphasis in Proverbs that there are absolutes:
 Right + wrong
 Good + evil
 Wisdom + foolishness - each thing its own reward, & consequence.*

- 4) An example of the proverbs is best seen beginning with ch. 10.
 5) Wisdom is personified, and pictured as speaking (8:12) in chapters 8, 9.
 6) Warnings against adultery abound: 5, 6, 7, 9 - and possibly others.

*Emphasize - Righteousness 10:2, 11:4, 13:5, 6
 Diligence + work 10:4, 5, 16; 12:24; 13:4
 Love 10:12
 Silence - not speaking 10:19*

*Humility 11:2
 Confidence (not gossiping) 11:13
 Mercy 11:17
 Giving + Gift 11:24, 25
 13:7; 14:21*