

# Preamble and Prologue

## Proverbs 1-9

1. Preamble – purpose and presupposition  
Proverbs 1:1-7
  
2. Ten messages to his son
  - Message 1 – Proverbs 1:8-19 – An issue of life and death
  - Message 2 – Proverbs 2:1-22 – The protection of wisdom
  - Message 3 – Proverbs 3:1-10 – The blessings of wisdom
  - Message 4 – Proverbs 3:11-35 – The blessing of discipline
  - Message 5 – Proverbs 4:1-9 – The priority of wisdom
  - Message 6 – Proverbs 4:10-19 – The path of wisdom
  - Message 7 – Proverbs 4:20-27 – The seat of wisdom
  - Message 8 – Proverbs 5:1-23 – The faithfulness of wisdom
    - Proverbs 6:1-19 (appendix to Message 8)
      - The bondage of sin
  - Message 9 – Proverbs 6:20-35 – The beauty of wisdom
  - Message 10 – Proverbs 7:1-27 – The way of life in wisdom
  
3. Two appeals from Wisdom
  - Appeal 1 – Proverbs 1:20-33 – An urgent appeal
  - Appeal 2 – Proverbs 8:1-36 – A persuasive appeal
  
4. Rival invitations from Wisdom and Folly
  - Proverbs 9:1-18 – “Double booked for dinner”

## **The Proverbs of Solomon**

### **Proverbs 10:1-22:16**

- ▶ Observations of life with spiritual applications
    - not merely good advice.
  - ▶ 375 proverbs
  - ▶ Hebrew poetry – couplets
    - Parallel
    - Antithetical
    - Progressive – expansion or consequence
    - “Better than”
  - ▶ Riddles to be pondered.
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## **Words of the Wise and More Words of the Wise**

### **Proverbs 22:17-24:34**

- ▶ New format – more extended sayings
- ▶ New mood – Imperative v. indicative
- ▶ Command followed by incentive or consequence.
- ▶ Personal appeal

## 30 Sayings of the Wise

### Proverbs 22:17-24:22

Intro. 22:17-21 – Hear the words of the wise

1. 22:22-23 – Do not rob the poor
2. 22:24-25 – Do not befriend an angry man
3. 22:26-27 – Do not give pledge for debts
4. 22:28 – Do not remove ancient landmark
5. 22:29 – a diligent/skillful man will stand before kings
6. 23:1-3 – Do not desire the delicacies of the rich
7. 23:4-5 – Do not toil to acquire wealth
8. 23:6-8 – Do not eat the bread of a stingy man
9. 23:9 – Do not speak in the hearing of a fool
10. 23:10-11 – Do not move ancient landmark
11. 23:12 – Apply your heart to instruction
12. 23:13-14 – Do not withhold discipline from a child
13. 23:15-16 – a wise son delights his father
14. 23:17-18 – Do not envy sinners
15. 23:19-21 – Be not among the drunkards or gluttonous eaters
16. 23:22-25 – Embrace truth
17. 23:26-28 – Give your heart to your father (his wisdom)
18. 23:29-35 – Do not drink wine excessively
19. 24:1-2 – Do not envy evil men
20. 24:3-4 – a house is built by wisdom
21. 24:5-6 – wisdom brings strength
22. 24:7 – wisdom is beyond a fool
23. 24:8-9 – evil doers are abomination to mankind
24. 24:10 – the weak faint in adversity
25. 24:11-12 – Rescue the doomed
26. 24:13-14 – Eat honey
27. 24:15-16 – Do not ambush a righteous man
28. 24:17-18 – Do not rejoice when your enemy falls
29. 24:19-20 – Fret not because of evil doers
30. 24:21-22 – Fear the LORD and the king

## **More Sayings of the Wise Proverbs 24:23-34**

1. Justice – 24:23-26
  2. Work before comfort – 24:27
  3. Proper treatment of neighbor – 24:28-29
  4. Diligence in work – 24:30-34
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## **Introduction to the Sayings of the Wise Proverbs 22:17-21**

Why were the words of the wise written?

- ▶ The call to listen
  - Fundamental concept in Scripture
  - John 17:17 – sanctify them through Thy Word
  - Romans 10:17 – faith comes by hearing
  - Proverbs 22:19 – faith comes by hearing
- ▶ Faith begets faith
  - Proverbs 1:7; 9:10
  - Romans 1:17
- ▶ The Word must be in the heart
  - Your trust will be in the LORD
  - You will know what is right and true – John 8:32
  - You will give a true answer
- ▶ Be a doer of the Word, not merely a hearer – James 1:22

## Sayings of the Wise – Priority or Focus

Saying #6 – Do not desire the delicacies of the rich  
(23:1-3)

Saying #7 – Do not toil to acquire wealth  
(23:4-5)

Saying #15 – Be not among the drunkards or gluttonous  
(23:19-21)

Saying #17 – Give me your heart  
(23:26-28)

Saying #18 – Do not drink excessively  
(23:29-35)

Saying #19 – Do not envy evil men  
(24:1-2)

Saying #26 – Eat honey  
(24:13-14)

Jesus Christ – Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness  
(Matthew 6:33)

## Sayings of the Wise – Submission

Saying #1 – Do not rob the poor  
(22:22-23)

Sayings #4 & #10 – Do not move the landmark  
(22:28; 23:10-11)

Saying #25 – Rescue the doomed  
(24:11-12)

Saying #27 – Do not lie in wait against the righteous  
(24:15-16)

Saying #28 – Do not rejoice when your enemy falls  
(24:17-18)

Saying #29 – Fret not yourself because of evil doers  
(24:19-20)

## **Sayings of the Wise – the Heart**

Saying #11– Apply your heart to instruction  
(23:12)

Saying #12 – Discipline a child  
(23:13-14)

Saying #13 – A wise heart rejoices the father  
(23:15-16)

Saying #14 – Do not envy sinners  
(23:17-18)

Saying #15 – Do not be a drunkard or glutton  
(24:19-21)

Saying #17 – Give me your heart  
(23:26-28)

Message #7– Keep your heart with all diligence,  
for out of it are the issues of life.  
(4:23)

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## **Sayings of the Wise – Concluding Saying**

Saying #30 – Fear the LORD and the king  
(24:21-22)

## More Sayings of the Wise Proverbs 24:23-34

- ▶ Justice (24:23-26)
  - impartial
  - condemn the wicked
  - give an honest answer
  
- ▶ Work (24:27)
  - Work first
  - House second
  
- ▶ Love (24:28-29)
  - Do not bear false witness against your neighbor
  - Do not seek revenge
  
- ▶ A concluding parable of the sluggard (24:30-34)
  - observing – vineyard overgrown with thorns
  - pondering and learning
  - concluding – poverty