

PROVERBS

— A GUIDE FOR LIVING WELL IN GOD'S WORLD —

BIBLICAL WISDOM LITERATURE

- EXPLORING HOW TO LIVE WELL IN GOD'S WORLD
- WISDOM IS NOT...
 - LALA (HOW SHALL... SEE HOW 'SHALL NOT...')
 - PROPHECY (WHAT SAYS THE LORD)
- WISDOM IS... THE ACCUMULATED INSIGHT OF GOD'S PEOPLE THROUGH GENERATIONS

ROYAL LIBRARY
 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE
 PROVERBS

SOLUTION
 FATHER OF DISABLED WISDOM INDIAN

GUEST MAN IN THE ANCIENT WORLD
 (SEE 1 KINGS 4:27-33)

1-9 AN INTRODUCTION TO PROVERBS 1-7

PROVERBS OF SOLOMON

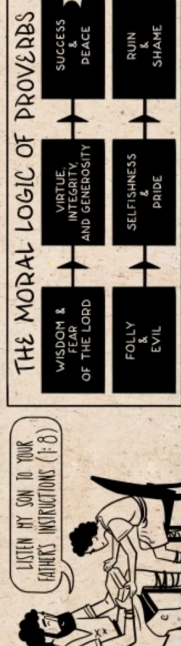
FOR GAINING WISDOM

- THE FEAR OF THE LORD
- REVERENCE & AWE
- A MORAL PRINCIPLE
- WHOLE ONESELF BEFORE GOD

HEROIC KNOWLEDGE (SEE EXODUS 31:1-3)

SKILL, ACQUIRED KNOWLEDGE (SEE EXODUS 31:1-3)

TEN SPEECHES FROM A FATHER TO A SON



FOUR POEMS OF LADY WISDOM 1:20-33 3:13-20 4:8 4:19

UPHOLDING JUSTICE

NOT GUILTY!

COME, LEARN FROM ME!

VIRTUOUSITY

GENEROUSITY

- A PRACTIC WAY OF CLOTHING THAT WE LIVE IN A MORAL UNIVERSE
- FEAR OF THE LORD & WISDOM = GAIN OF THE UNIVERSE

PROVERBS ≠ GOOD ADVICE

PROVERBS = GODS INVITATION TO LEARN WISDOM FROM PREVIOUS GENERATIONS

10-29 HUNDREDS OF ANCIENT PROVERBS

MARRIAGE **DEBT** **WORK**

JUSTICE **POVERTY**

SPEECH **CHARACTER**

FAMILY **FORGIVENESS**

APPLY WISDOM IN A WAY AND THE FEAR OF THE LORD

THE FEAR OF THE LORD PROLONGS YOUR LIFE, BUT THE TEARS OF THE WIDOW ARE CUT SHORT (10:27)

TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO, AND WHEN THEY'RE OLD THEY WON'T TURN FROM IT (22:6)

PROVERBS ≠ PROMISES

PROVERBS = PROBABILITIES

PROVERBS FOCUS ON EXCEPTIONS

THE GENERAL RULE OF PROVERBS

NO FEAR OF GOD & FOOLISHNESS → THINGS WILL GO POORLY

FEAR OF GOD & WISDOM → THINGS WILL GO GREAT

NO GUARANTEES

LIFE IS TOO COMPLEX FOR FORMULAS, BUT WE CAN ALL LEARN FROM THE WISDOM BOOKS TOGETHER

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I AM A DROVE AND HAVE NO WISDOM (30:2-3)

GOD'S WISDOM

HUMBLE BEAKER OF PROVERBS

31 LEMUEL

HERE'S WHAT MY POWER THOUGHT ME:

ONE WOMAN

THEY HUSBAND

THEY HUSBAND

THEY HUSBAND

THEY HUSBAND

ADVANCE FOR LADY WISDOM (31:1-7)

ALPHABET POEM ABOUT THE WISE WOMAN (31:10-31)