

Proverbs



Background

- What does the Lecture suggest about the author(s) of this book? How is this related to the character of this book? How does this help us read this book well?
- What does the Lecture suggest about the date of this book? How does this help us understand the purpose of this book and its contents?

Outline

- What are the four main sections of Proverbs? What does each section generally cover? What does this tell us about the overall content of this book? How does this help us to read, understand, and apply Proverbs?
- How are the first two sections different than that last two sections? How are they related? What does this tell us about how to get the most out of this book?

Content

- What are the key verses of Proverbs? What does each highlight? What does each tell us about the overall content and message of Proverbs? Why were all the key verses taken from the early sections of Proverbs? What ideas does each demonstrate about the Proverbs as a whole?
- What does the Lecture call the “theme verse” of the entire book? What does it tell us about wisdom? How should we respond?
- Describe what wisdom is, according to the Lecture, in your own words. How is this demonstrated in the book of Proverbs? How does this apply?
- What kinds of topics does the wisdom in Proverbs address? Why is this significant?
- What does the Lecture say about choices? How is this related to Biblical wisdom? How should we apply this insight?
- What does the Lecture mean when it claims that Proverbs is “God-centered”? Do you agree? Why or why not? Why is it illegitimate to separate Proverbs from God? What difference does this make?
- According to the Lecture, what is the difference between the wise, the non-wise, and the fool? What lesson should we learn from this? How does it apply?
- Define a “Proverb” in your own words, based on what you learned from the Lecture. What does a successful proverb accomplish? Why is this useful? How should we respond?
- How is a proverb different from a promise? What difference does this make in the way we should read the book of Proverbs?
- Why does it take wisdom to apply Biblical wisdom? What does this practically look like? How can you cultivate this in your own life and ministry?
- Describe each of the three principles how to read Proverbs in your own words. How does each protect us from error? How can you put each into practice in your own reading?

Themes

- Explain each of the theological themes in your own words. What does each tell us about the content, message and significance of Proverbs? What does each tell us about God and how we should relate to Him? How should each idea be applied in current life?

- What does it mean that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom? Why is that important? How does it apply?
- Describe the “Two Ways” in your own words? What are the characteristics of each way? Why are there only two ways, and not more possibilities? What is the destiny of each? Which is better? Why?
- How is Deuteronomistic Theology demonstrated in Proverbs? Why does this matter?

Review

- Review the four sections of Proverbs and work toward committing this to memory.
- Review the key themes of Proverbs and work toward committing them to memory.