



Proverbs – Textbook Reading



Textbook Reading

(Other material may be read for extra credit/benefit)

Ch. 22

- ☐ What is a Proverb?
- ☐ Theological Themes

Study Guide for Textbook chapter 22

What is a “Proverb”?

- How does the textbook define the term “proverb”? What kind(s) of topics do proverbs cover? What is the “unifying purpose” of the collections of proverbs? What is the implication of this for the content of the book of Proverbs? How does this help us understand this book?
- What two things does the textbook say that a proverb is NOT? What examples does it give for this? What difference does this make for the way we should read and apply this book?
- What does the textbook say that the proverbs ARE? What point does it make about the style of the proverbs? What are the implications of this for the way we should read this book? What difference does this make?

Theological Themes

- According to the textbook, how is the book of Proverbs connected to ancient Israelite education? How does this help us understand the content of this book? What difference does this make?
- What point does the textbook make about compartmentalizing? What does this tell us about the book of Proverbs and its purpose? What does this tell us about the worldview communicated in Proverbs? How is this related to the fear of the Lord? What are the implications of this? Should we try to imitate this mindset? Why or why not? If so, how?
- What point does the textbook make about character and intellect? Do we have to choose between the two? Why or why not? How does this apply to relationship? How does this apply “retribution theology”? How should we respond?

Review the Study Questions and Summary at the end of the chapter