

Lesson 6: Proverbs

GROW University - Old Testament 102

Context

Theme

Wisdom is fearing the lord, being teachable, and having skill in godly living.

The many themes of this book will revolve around these three things:

- 1.) Fearing God means living life in relation to the _____ about who He is.
- 2.) Wisdom is often defined in the book of Proverbs as the attribute of _____-ability.
- 3.) Wisdom is knowing how to _____ truth about God and the world to your life.

The Lord is the ground, the means, and the goal of wisdom.

- The _____ — All wisdom is first found in God.
- The _____ — All wisdom comes from God as a gift.
- The _____ — The ultimate value of having wisdom is to know God better.
 - *Wisdom is not an end in itself, but if it recognizes God (for He is the ground), and comes from God (for He is the means) then it will result in recognizing Him and His ways all the more (hence the goal of wisdom).*

- I. Proverbs 1-9 — Solomon's Wisdom for the Young Man
- II. Proverbs 10-29 — Solomon's Collection of Independent Proverbs
 - A.) Chapter 10-24: The proverbs of Solomon
 - B.) Chapters 25-29: The proverbs of Solomon, collected by Hezekiah
- III. Proverbs 30-31 — Non Solomonic Proverbs
 - A.) Chapter 30: The words of Agur
 - B.) Chapter 31: The word of Lemel which his mother taught him

Outline W/ Pivotal Texts

What Are the Proverbs?

_____ principles and observations that can be drawn from the created order by those who fear the Lord (**Proverbs 26:27**).

Some do convey eternal _____ about God and the hard and fast workings of the universe.

Proverbs 16:33

Proverbs 17:15

How Are the Proverbs Interpreted?

Turn to **Proverbs 10:8**

1.) Determine the _____.

2.) Identify _____ **of speech.**

3.) _____ what the proverb says in your own words, based on what you've found so far.

4.) Try to think of an _____ from the Bible.

5.) Finally, seek how to _____ this to your own life.

The real value of these steps:

They make you _____ and really consider what the Proverbs says.

Theme Texts

1:7

2:6

2:1-5

This in no way replaces the **necessity of** _____ in Christ as the only path to being reconciled with God and having a relationship with him.

Where are Jesus and the gospel in the Proverbs?

- Christ was the very **embodiment** of wisdom (**Matthew 12:42**).
- The wisest thing anyone of us can _____ is to repent of their sins and put their faith in Jesus Christ, according to His gospel (**1 Corinthians 1, 2**).

Conclusion

The Proverbs are rich and full of wisdom.

Read them slowly...

Read them contemplatively...

Strive to apply them....

...and so understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

Application

- 1.) _____ wisdom, and _____ knowledge!

Proverbs 3:5-6

Proverbs 3:13-18

Proverbs 19:8

Recommendation: Study and meditate over **Proverbs 8**.

- 2.) _____, teach your _____ the Proverbs.