

WISDEST MAN IN THE ANCIENT WORLD (SEE 1 KINGS 4: 29-33)

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...
 - LAW (THOU SHALT... OR THOU SHALT NOT...)
 - PROPHECY (THUS SAYS THE LORD)
- WISDOM IS... THE ACCUMULATED INSIGHT OF GOD'S PEOPLE THROUGH GENERATIONS

1-9 AN INTRODUCTION TO PROVERBS 1:1-9

PROVERBS OF SOLOMON

FOR GAINING WISDOM

HEBREW: KHOKHMAH

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



THE FEAR OF THE LORD

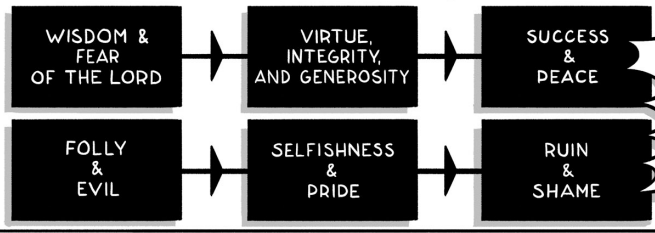
- REVERENCE & AWE
- A MORAL MINDSET
- HUMBLE ONESELF BEFORE GOD

TEN SPEECHES FROM A FATHER TO A SON



LISTEN MY SON TO YOUR FATHER'S INSTRUCTIONS (1: 8)

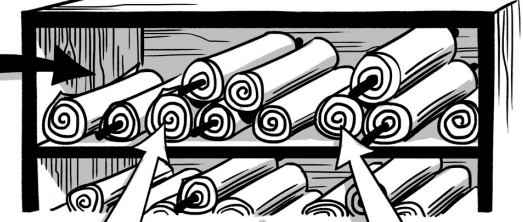
THE MORAL LOGIC OF PROVERBS



APPLY WISDOM IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD

10-29 HUNDREDS OF ANCIENT PROVERBS

MARRIAGE
ALCOHOL
JUSTICE
SPEECH
CHARACTER
FAMILY
DEBT
GENEROSITY
POVERTY
WORK
FRIENDSHIP
FORGIVENESS



THE FEAR OF THE LORD PROLONGS YOUR LIFE, BUT THE YEARS OF THE WICKED 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)

30 AGUR



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



31 LEMUEL



HERE'S WHAT MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME:

GUIDANCE FOR WISE LEADERSHIP (31: 1-9)
ALPHABET POEM ABOUT THE WISE WOMAN (31: 10-31)

YOU'RE AMAZING!

HER HUSBANDS

THANK YOU!

THE POOR

MAY GOD BLESS YOU!

HER CHILDREN

AMAZING QUALITY!

THE MERCHANTS

FOUR POEMS OF LADY WISDOM 1: 20-33 3: 13-20 CH 8 CH 9



UPHOLDING JUSTICE

NOT GUILTY!

COME, LEARN FROM ME!

- A POETIC WAY OF CLAIMING THAT WE LIVE IN A MORAL UNIVERSE
- FEAR OF THE LORD & WISDOM = LIVING ALONG THE GRAIN OF THE UNIVERSE

INTEGRITY

GENEROSITY

PROVERBS ≠ GOOD ADVICE...
PROVERBS = GOD'S INVITATION TO LEARN WISDOM FROM PREVIOUS GENERATIONS

PROVERBS = PROBABILITIES



PROVERBS ≠ PROMISES



PROVERBS FOCUS ON

THE GENERAL RULE | NO EXCEPTIONS

ECCLESIASTES | JOB

LIFE IS TOO COMPLEX FOR FORMULAS, WE NEED ALL THE WISDOM BOOKS TOGETHER