



Proverbs

Get Smart!
Wisdom and Fools

FROM THE BIBLE'S WISDOM LITERATURE

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- But, one must use wisdom to study wisdom...
 - Figures of speech, riddles, nature pictures and allusions...
- Poetic Formats and Styles
- Different words describing wisdom 6 are common in the book
- **chokmah** – knowledge, understanding, applied skill; **sakal** – insight, prudence, intelligence, instruct; **ormah** – shrewdness, discretion, subtlety; **biynah** – understanding; **leb** – heart, sense; **tushiyah** – ability

THE PROVERBS BEGIN: CH 1 IS DEFINING FOR BOOK

- Powerful definitions in vs. 1-6
- 7-9 – the first statement that wisdom is in God alone
- 10-19 – the influence of evil companions
- 20-23 – Wisdom's Call
- 24-33 – consequences of refusal

THOUGHTS ON REFUSING WISDOM

- Do we get a sense that refusing Wisdom is a bad idea?
 - Laugh at our calamity? 26
 - Mock your dread?
 - Dread, calamity, distress – you will call, I won't answer! 28
 - Eat the fruit of your ways 31
 - Wow – is this for real?
 - Who is this talking about?
- Vs 33 – gives us re-focus – live securely, ease from dread

CH 2 -

- “If ... then” call to all – 1-5
 - Treasure, ear, heart, cry, voice, seek, search
- Promises and blessings from Wisdom – 6-11
- Deliverance from the perverse man and woman – 12-19
- Final call for walking the path 20-22