

The Book of Proverbs and the Birth of Christ

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Text: Matthew 12:38-42 and various proverbs

Introduction: Abraham Lincoln quotation

A Weaker Answer (Pro 8:22-27; 1 Cor 1:30)

A Better Answer (Matt 12:38-42; Matt 5:17; 1 Cor 1:21; Eph 1:3)

The Difference Christ Makes

Imitate the Ideal Son (Luke 2:52 cf. Pro 3:3-4; Pro 28:1 cf. Mk 3:1-6)

Learn from the Ideal King (Col 2:3; Pro 18:11 cf. Matt 6:24; Pro 11:4 cf. 1 Tim 6:17-19)

Trust the Covenant-Keeping God (Pro 22:4,6; Pro 20:9)

- 1. How does the coming of Christ change the way you read Proverbs?*
- 2. How has the coming of Christ changed the way you might have otherwise experienced this year?*
- 3. As this year draws to a close, why do you love Jesus?*