

An Introduction to Proverbs

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I. Introduction

- Life is filled with every-day decisions
- Proverbs gives great insight on every-day decisions of life

II. The Nature of Proverbs

- Proverbs is part of a larger category books known as Wisdom Literature
- Proverbs consists of truisms
 - Proverbs 15:1
 - Proverbs 14:23
- The purpose of Proverbs is to instruct us in skillful living

III. The Theme of Proverbs

- Proverbs 1:7 – Theme Verse
- Reverencing God is the key to wisdom
 - When we reverence God, we are open to His input
 - When we don't reverence God, we reject His counsel
- Proverbs 11:2, 14:15, 15:5

IV. The Author of Proverbs

- Solomon is the human author and wrote most of Proverbs
- 1 Kings 3 – Solomon asked for wisdom
- 1 Kings 5-9 – Solomon lived a skillful life
- 1 Kings 10-11 – Solomon turned from wisdom

V. The Benefit of Proverbs

- Proverbs offers wisdom:
 - 1.) Wisdom is available
 - 2.) Wisdom is applicable