# **Outline - The Book of Proverbs**

# Camp Shoshanah 2009

#### Introduction

- I. The Background of the Book of Proverbs
  - A. The Theme of the Book of Proverbs- Wisdom
  - B. Wisdom Literature

Psalms which also contain wisdom teachings - Psalms 1, 19, 32, 34, 37, 49, 73,

78, 112, 119, 127-128, 133.

- C. History of Proverbs
- D. How Did God Teach Israel?
  - 1. Servants
    - a. Priests
    - b. Prophets
    - c. Sages
    - d. Parents- father & mother
  - 2. The Tanakh
    - a. Torah
    - b. Nevi'im
    - c. Ketuvim

#### II. The Book of Proverbs

- A. Hebrew Title = Mishlai
- B. Definition of "proverb"
- C. Authorship
- D. Setting
- E. Dissemination -
  - Hear, hearken or listen at least 12 times in the *Book of Proverbs*. (*Prov.* 1:8; 4:1, 10; 5:7; 7:24; 8:6, 32–33; 19:20; 22:17; 23:19, 22)

- Blessings that come to those who follow the Word of God (*Proverbs 1:5*, 33; 8:34; 12:15; 15:31–32).
- "my son" 22 times. (Prov. 1:8, 10, 15; 2:1; 3:1, 11, 21; 4:10, 20; 5:1, 20; 6:1, 3, 20; 7:1; 19:27; 23:15, 19, 26; 24:13, 21; 27:11)
- F. Date
- G. Various Characteristics
  - 1. Approach to writing Proverbs
  - 2. Individualistic
    - a. Not exclusive to Israel
    - b. Personal event
  - 3. Universal
  - 4. Practical/Useful
  - 5. Proverbs are general principles
  - 6. Values Experience

# III. Various Literary Forms

- A. Figurative Language
- B. Figure of speech
  - 1. Comparative figures of speech
    - a. Simile
    - b. Metaphor
    - c. Allegory
  - 2. Anthropopathism
  - 3. Anthropomorphism
  - 4. Syndoche
  - 5. Merism
  - 6. Metonymy
  - 7. Personification
  - 8. Hyperbole

- 9. Litotes
- 10. Irony

#### C. Parallelism

- 1. Synonymous Parallelism
- 2. Antithetical Parallelism
- 3. Synthetic Parallelism
- 4. Emblematic Parallelism
- D. Acrostic literature

# IV. Wisdom

- A. Definition
- B. Highly apprised in ancient world
- C. God's Wisdom
- D. Words for wisdom used in the Old testament

# V. Knowledge

# VI. Fear of the Lord

- A. Main theme in the **Book of Proverbs**
- B. Definition of Fear of the Lord
- C. Scriptures in the Book of Proverbs that contain Fear of the Lord
  - 1. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.
  - 2. Fear of the Lord and Evil
  - 3. Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom
  - 4. Fear of the Lord Prolongs Life
  - 5. Fear of the Lord Gives Confidence
- D. Four verses that state, Fear the Lord
- E. Fear of Man

Also- 2 Cor 7:1; Eph. 5:21; Phil 2:12-13; Heb 10:31; 12:28-29

### VII. God Gives Mankind Wisdom In Many Ways

- A. Observing People & Their Behavior
- B. Studying the Natural Order of Things
- C. Man Receives Wisdom From God Himself

# VIII. Folly

77. [' ivveleth/iv· veh· leth/] n. f. Used 15 times in *Proverbs*(5:23;12:23;13:16; 14:24, 29; 15:2, 14,21; 16:22; 17:12; 18:13; 24:9; 26:4, 5, 11.

peth ee/] n. f. used once in *Proverbs 9:6* 

רלות /kes· eel· ooth/] n. f. used once in *Proverbs 9:13*.

# IX. The Theology of Proverbs

- A. Name of God
- B. God's Attributes in the *Book of Proverbs* 
  - 1. Holiness 9:10; 21:2
  - 2. Omnipresence 5:21
  - 3. omniscient *21:2*
  - 4. Wise & omnipotent 3:19-20
  - 5. God is Just- 29:26
  - 6. sovereignty- works everything for His purposes 16:4; 19:21
    - a. determines man's decisions and courses of action 16:33, 16:9
    - b. directs the hearts of kings and rulers-21:1
    - c. He has power over every plan of a man 19:21; 21:30
- C. God disciplines in love
- D. Things That Are An Abomination to God
  - 1. Pride
  - 2. A lying tongue
  - 3. Murder of the innocent
  - 4. People who plan evil

- 5. People who carry out evil
- 6. Lying that leads to destruction of an innocent
- 7. Causing strife among brothers
- E. Why God Hates Pride
  - 1. Leads to dishonor and disgrace
  - 2. Leads to personal destruction
  - 3. Leads to quarrels and strife
  - 4. Pride will be punished
  - 5. God will cause one to lose things he owns
- F. What Gives God Delight

### X. Study of the Book of Proverbs

# XI. Outline of the Book of Proverbs

- I. Introduction 1:1-9:18
  - A. Prologue 1:1 1:7
    - 1. The Title and author 1:1
    - 2. Purposes 1:2-1:6
    - 3. Foundational Concept- The Fear of The Lord 1:7
  - B. Ten Exhortations Praise of Wisdom- written to "My son." 1:8-9:18
- II. The Collections of Proverbs
  - A. 1st Great Collection of Solomonic Proverbs- 10:1-22:16
    - 1. 1st Appendix to 1st Great Collection- Words of the Wise- 22:17-24:22
    - 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Appendix to 1<sup>st</sup> Great Collection- More Words of the Wise *24:23-34*
  - B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Collection of Solomonic Proverbs- Collected by the Men of Hezekiah-25:1-29:27
    - 1. 1st Appendix to 2nd Great Collection- Words of Agur, Son of Jakeh

# *30:1-33*(numerical Proverb)

- 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Appendix to 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Collection- Words of King Lemuel- 31:1-9
- 3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Appendix to 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Collection- Description of a Worthy Woman-Acrostic Proverb- *31:10-31*

# XII. Prologue- Proverbs 1:1-7

- A. Purposes for the Book of Proverbs
  - 1. To know wisdom & instruction = /musar/ ついれ
  - 2. To discern the sayings of understanding. Discern = /bean/
  - 3. To receive instruction in wise behavior,
    - a. Righteousness
    - b. justice
    - c. equity
  - 4. To give prudence to the naïve and to the youth, knowledge and discretion
    - a. Prudence
    - b. The naïve
    - c. The youth
    - d. Discretion
  - 5. The wise will increase in learning
  - 6. Discerning the sayings of understanding
    - a. Understand a Proverb
    - b. Understand a figure
    - c. Understand the Words of the Wise
    - d. Understand the riddles of wise men
  - 7. The main purpose is to give us wisdom
    - a. Wisdom provides a good moral compass
    - b. Wisdom provides us with the ability to think things through to determine truth.
- B. Proverbs 1:7 & 8 Two of the four sources of information
  - 1. God is our main source

#### 2. Parents

- a. Father- teaches child to follow instructions and develop discipline There are 24 references in *Proverbs 1:8,10,15; 2:1; 3:1, 11,21; 4:3, 10,20; 5:1, 20; 6:1, 3, 20; 7:1; 19:27; 23:15,19,26; 24:13, 21; 27:11; 31:2.*
- b. Mother- teaches a variety of topics for every-day living in the culture. *C. Proverbs 1:8- 9:18* Ten Exhortations to "My Son."
  - 1. **Exhortation 1**: Hear The Lesson and Follow the Directive to Reject the Ways of Evil People (1:8-19)
    - **a. Wisdom's Lecture 1:** Wisdom's Rebukes (chastises) Gullible people Who Despise Her (1:20-33)
  - 2. Exhortation 2: Fervently Seek Wisdom It is the Way to God (2:1-22)
  - 3. **Exhortation 3**: The Directives of How the Son Should Be Obedient to God and the Rewards of Such Obedience. (*3:1-12*)
  - 4. **Exhortation 4:** The Advantages of Following Wisdom and Her Value (*3:13-35*)
  - 5. **Exhortation 5:** Teaching Handed From Father to Son Throughout the Generations ( *4:1-9*)
  - 6. Exhortation 6: Stay on the Right Path/ Stay Off the Wrong Path (4:10-19)
  - 7. Exhortation 7: Keep Your Eyes on the Mark (4:20-27)
  - 8. **Exhortation 8:** Adultery is Folly and Marriage is Wise (5:1-23)
    - a. Appendix: (6:1-19)
      - (1) Avoid Becoming Surety (6:1-5),
      - (2) Avoid becoming a Sluggard (6:6-11),
      - (3) Avoid becoming Deceitful & Malicious (6:12-19)
  - 9. **Exhortation 9:** Beware of Adultery and the Adulteress (6:20-35)

- 10. **Exhortation 10:** Detailed Description of the Ways of the Adulteress Wife (7:1-27)
  - a. **Wisdom's Lecture 2:** Wisdom Describes Her Benefits to the Gullible (8:1-36). *Chapter 9* Wisdom's Invitation to a Banquet and Folly's Invitation to a Banquet

# XIII. *Proverbs 1:8- 1:19*

### XIV. Proverbs 1:20-33 A Lecture From lady Wisdom

- A. Wisdom is easily seen and heard
  - 1. Shouts in the streets
  - 2. Cries out in noisy streets
  - 3. Found at the gate to the city
- B. Wisdom Questions three groups
  - 1. Naïve or simple ones
  - 2. Scoffers and mockers
  - 3. Fools
- C. Wisdom's Promise (*Proverbs 1:23*)
- D. Wisdom rejected (1:24- 25)
- E. Wisdom's reaction to rejection (1:26 27)
- F. A bleak outlook for those who reject Wisdom. (1:28-30)
- G. Self-destruction for fools, mockers, & naïve ones. (1:31-32)
- H. Hope for all

# XV. Words

A. 141 verses in Proverbs regarding verbal communication.

- B. Words used in Proverbs for verbal communication
  - 1. "Tongue"
  - 2. "Mouth"
  - 3. "Lips"
  - 4. "words"
- C. Words have power
  - 1. God created by words
  - 2. God communicated to Adam & Eve with words
  - 3. Death & Life are in the power of the tongue
- D. Language is what separates man from the rest of the animal kingdom
  - 1. God determines what comes out of our mouth
  - 2. The state of the heart often is reflected in our words
  - 3. Language is precious
- E. The responsibility of the Preacher's words
- F. Words of wisdom are like life giving waters
- G. Good words nourish the body
- H. Other positive results from good words
  - 1. Avoid conflicts
  - 2. Educate
- I. Words can be destructive
  - 1. Lying- one of the seven abominations in *Prov. 6:16-19*

# J. Gossip

- 1. Definition
- 2. Reveals secrets
- 3. Like dainty choice morsels
- 4. Destroys relationships and friendships

# K. Flattery

- 1. Definition
- 2. The flatterer appeals to one's pride
  - a. What does God think of pride?
  - b. *Genesis 3:5* is the first flattery in the Bible
- 3. Hebrew for flatter = /ha-lach/
- 4. Flatterer sets a trap- the adulteress uses flattery

#### L. Rebuke

- 1. Opposite of flattery is "rebuke"- usually a negative
- 2. Proverbs view of a rebuke
- M. How can a person who uses words poorly, correct this behavior?
  - 1. Ask God for help
  - 2. Change our hearts

# XVI. Wealth and the Acquisition of Wealth

#### A. Motives

- 1. Survival
- 2. Personal gain
- 3. Safety and protection

- 4. Attracts other people
- 5. Dominion over others
- B. Money Can't Buy Everything
  - 1. Cannot stop God's wrath
  - 2. Temporary
  - 3. Dishonest money is of little value
  - 4. Integrity
  - 5. Fear of the Lord
  - 6. Wisdom and understanding
- C. Wealth acquired quickly is not desirable
- D. Wealth should be shared with the poor and needy
- E. Assuring payment of another person's loan should not occur
  - 1. No interest for a fellow Israeli
  - 2. Only fair interest could be received from a foreigner
  - 3. Do not co-sign a loan

Other verses - *Prov 11:15; 17:18; 20:16; 22:26; 27:13* 

- F. Paul's Three ways to acquire wealth
  - 1. Thievery
  - 2. Work
  - 3. Given to you

# XVII. The Lazy Person Or The Sluggard

- A. Definition
- B. Hard work came as a result of the Fall of Adam

# C. Qualities of a lazy person

- 1. Made not born
- 2. Neglects to do needed work
- 3. How laziness begins
- 4. Once entrenched- not easily removed
- 5. Loves to sleep
- D. The Activities of a lazy person
  - 1. Compared to a swinging door
  - 2. Appear to be working but never finish the job
  - 3. When forced to do a job they become vindictive
  - 4. The work done is inferior or has to be redone
  - 5. They are out of touch with reality
- E. Paul's opinion of the lazy man
- F. Lazy person is conceited and believes himself wise
- G. Finds any reason NOT to work
  - 1. The ant and the grasshopper
  - 2. Paranoia provides excuses NOT to work
- H. The ultimate outcome for the sluggard

#### XVIII. Poverty & Want

- A. *Leviticus 25* insured that no one would be poor or needy.
- B. Violation of the Sabbatical year led to expulsion from the Land.
- C. Reasons people become poor.
  - 1. Laziness
  - 2. Lovers of sleep
  - 3. Loving pleasure
  - 4. Being a drunkard and/or a glutton
  - 5. One who has never learned discipline

# XIX. People With Whom We Should Seek To Associate

- A. Spouses- Proverbs 5:15-19
- B. a brother-Proverbs 17:17
- C. a friend-Proverbs 17:17, 27:10 -Proverbs 18:24
- D. a father's friend-Proverbs 27:10
- E. your neighbor-Proverbs 27:10
- F. a man of equal or greater wisdom- Proverbs 27:17 Proverbs 13:20-
- G. Good and wise counselors-Proverbs 15:22

# XX. People We Should Avoid

- A. Murderers *Proverb 28:17*
- B. Rebellious people Proverbs 24:21-22
- C. The man of violence *Proverbs* 16:29
- D. The angry, hot-tempered man *Proverbs* 22:24-25

Proverbs 12:16; 14:16-17; 14:29; 16:32; 17:14; 19:11; 21:14; 29:11.

<u>Proverbs</u> 15:1, 18; 29:8; 29:22;30:33.

<u>Proverbs</u> 16:14

Proverbs 19:19; 20:2; 27:4;

- E. The thief *Proverbs 29:24*
- F. Adulterous people *Proverbs 2:16-19; 5:1-14, 20-23; 6: 20-35; 7:1-27; 9:13-18; 23:26-28; 29:3; 30:20; 31:1-3*
- G. Fools *Proverbs* 13:20; 14:7; 17:12; 23:8; 26:4; 26:6
- H. Scorners and mockers *Proverbs 9:8*
- I. Liars *Proverbs 6:16-19*
- J. One who spreads strife among brothers *Proverbs* 6:16-19
- K. One who reveals secrets *Proverbs* 11:13

- L. Avoid the one who gossips *Proverbs 20:19*
- M. Avoid visiting your neighbor too often *Proverbs 25:17*
- N. Avoid having too many friends *Proverbs* 18:24
- O. Avoid drunkards and gluttons *Proverbs 23:20-21; 28:7*

# XXI. Attributes We Should Avoid Having in Our Lives

- A. evil- *Proverbs 8:13; 16:17*
- B. strife- Proverbs 20:3
- C. gossip- Proverbs 26:20
- D. lying- *Proverbs 13:5*
- E. avoid falsehood- Proverbs 13:5; 29:12
- F. avoid the kisses of an enemy- *Proverbs 27:6*
- G. avoid bribes- *Proverbs 15:27*
- H. avoid unjust gain- Proverbs 28:16
- I. avoid drunkenness- Proverbs 20:1; 23:29-35
- J. those in a position of leadership- avoid strong drink- *Proverbs 31:4-7*
- K. getting rich quickly-wealth is not something to be avoided but the unjust acquisition of wealth is to be avoided- *Proverbs 28:20; 28:22*

#### XXII. Associations to Avoid - From the New Testament

- A. Immoral brethren- 1 Cor. 5:9
- B. Do not be BOUND with unbelievers 2 Cor. 6:14-18

#### XXIII. Husband and Wife

- A. An excellent wife- *Proverbs 31:10-31*
- B. An Excellent wife is a gift from God
- C. An Excellent wife makes a husband proud
- D. A wise woman is an excellent manager of the home and family
- E. A quarrelsome wife is a negative

# **XXIV.** <u>Intimacy and Marriage</u> (Covered in depth in *Chapter 5*- XXVII.)

Proverbs 2:16-19; 5:1-14, 20-23; 6:20-35; 7:1-27; 9:13-18; 23:26-28; 30:20; 31: 1-3

#### XXV. Parents and Children

- A. Give the child Godly instruction- Proverbs 22:6
- B. Hebrew for "train" = /cha-nak/
  - dedicating the Temple-- Deuteronomy 20:5; 1 Kings 8:63; 2 Chronicles
     7:5
  - -to dedicating an image *Daniel 3:2*
  - dedication of the altar here we see the familiar word **Hanukkah** *Numbers 7:10; 2 Chronicles 7:9*.
  - dedicating the walls of Jerusalem-*Nehemiah 12:27*
- C. How does one train up a child?
  - 1. Encourage Godly behavior
  - 2. Instruction for prevention to stay on the right path

Proverbs 1:8-9; 4:1-9; 6:20-23; Also 24:13-14; 24:21-22; 27:10; 31:1-9; etc.

3. Motivate the child positively *Proverbs 23:15-16; 23:22-23; 24:13-14* 

- 4. When appropriate give warnings as well as exhortations *Proverbs 19:27*; 23:15-23; 23:26-28; 24:21-22; 30:17; etc.
- 5. Give Discipline and Correction
  - a. Godly Discipline
    - (1) Hebrew for discipline = /yaw-sar/



- (2) Apply discipline early in a child's life
- (3) The stubborn, rebellious son- dire consequences
- (4) Benefits of discipline

### XXVI. Understanding

A. Hebrew words for "understanding"

אָרָן /Been/ To discern, to understand, know (with the mind) H 995 (p. 43 of notes)

אַרָּוְהָּ, תְּבוּנְהָ, /Ta-voo-nah/ /too-bu-nah/ Understanding, intelligence H8394 from H995

אַרָּן, /Bee-nah/ Understanding, wisdom, knowledge H998

אַרָּן, /Layv/- Understanding (10X), wisdom (6X), lit. "heart" H3820

אַכָּן /Say-khel/- Understanding, wisdom, knowledge H7922

/Yada/- understand, to know H3045

- B. Source and acquisition of understanding
  - 1. Understanding comes from God
  - 2. Some effort is required to get understanding
- C. Power and Advantages of Understanding
  - 1. The Power
    - a. Founded the world
    - b. Knowledge of the Holy One
    - c. Leads to greater wisdom

# 2. Advantages

- a. Increases discretion and knowledge
- b. Produces favor
- c. There are spiritual, emotional and material benefits
- d. Provides protection
- e. Worth more than precious metals
- f. Political advantages
- g. A fountain of life

# D. Understanding Does Things

- 1. Calls to people
- 2. Is a path to the wise
- 3. Establishes a house

# E. Attributes of a Person With Understanding

- 1. Will acquire wise counsel
- 2. Has wisdom in his/her heart
- 3. Enjoys wisdom
- 4. Walks the straight path
- 5. Slow to become angry
- 6. Doesn't talk about neighbors
- 7. Discerns deception and gives counsel
- 8. Has a strong sense of goals and standards
- 9. Wealth cannot buy understanding
- F. The Person Who Is Lacking Understanding

- 1. Wisdom invites them to follow her
- 2. Folly also beckons
- 3. May receive physical punishment
- 4. May suffer early death
- 5. Is not a good leader

# XXVII. Intimacy

#### A. Introduction

Adultery is wrong. Exod 20:14; 22:16, 17; Lev 18:20; 20:10, 14; 21:13; Deut 22:15, 17, 20–21; Prov 23:27.1 Cor 5:1; 6:9, 13, 18; Eph 5:3; 1 Thess 4:3–8

Harlotry is wrong: Lev 19:29; 20:5, 6; Deut 23:18; Prov 23:27; 1 Cor 6:13-18.1

### B. Proverbs Chapter 5

- 1. *Proverbs 5:1-6* from sweet to bitter. Exhortation by a father.
- 2. Hebrew adulteress = 77 /zaw-raw/ from /zoor/ 71
- 3. Adultery leads to death 5:5
- 4. Warning to stay away from the adulteress 5:7-12
- 5. Adultery leads to loss of strength 5:9
- 6. Solomon compares intimacy with water 5:15-16
- 7. Enjoy the wife of your youth 5:19-20
- 8. Freely chosen sin results in bondage

# C. Proverbs Chapter 6:20-35

1. Introduction

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Feinberg, John S.; Feinberg, Paul D.; Huxley, Aldous: *Ethics for a Brave New World*. Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway Books, 1996, c1993, S. 159

- 2. Exhortation *6:20-23*
- 3. Reason for the exhortation 6:24
- 4. Instructions on how to avoid the temptress and the reason 6:25-26
- 5. Adultery is like embracing fire *6:27-29*
- **6.** Sin is expensive **6:30-31**
- 7. Adultery is foolish 6:32
- 8. Adultery leads to permanent loss of reputation 6:33
- 9. The violated husband can never be compensated *6:35*

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# D. Proverbs Chapter 7

- 1. Exhortation *7:1-3*
- 2. Wisdom & understanding give protection 7:4-5
- 3. Location & time of the encounter 7:6-9
- 4. The trap is set and sprung 7:10-17
- 5. The adulteress defines the plan 7:18-20
- 6. Flattery leads to death 7:21-23
- 7. Repeated exhortation 7:24-25
- 8. The adulteress has many victims 7:26-27

#### XXVIII. Proverbs Chapter 8

- A. Introduction- Attributes of the wise person
- B. *Chapter 8* Wisdom's Call
- C. Parallels between the adulteress and Wisdom
- D. Wisdom publicly beckons- all men( especially the naïve) 8:1-5

- E. Wisdom tells what she has to offer 8:6-9
- **F.** Wisdom's rewards **8:10-11**
- **G.** Wisdom has many positives 8:12
- H. Fear of the Lord is to hate evil 8:13
- I. Wisdom hates pride and arrogance 8:13

Both words come from the same root /gah-ah/

- J. Wisdom has power 8:14
- K. Good rulers possess Wisdom 8:15-16
- L. Wisdom loves 8:17
- M. Wealth and wisdom 8:18-21
- N. Wisdom's work before Creation 8:22-31
- O. Another exhortation

#### XXIX. Chapter 9 - The Feasts of Wisdom and Folly

- A. Introduction- Wisdom and Folly personified
- B. Parallels of the two feasts
  - 1. PREPARATION FOR THE MEALS. (Wisdom- 9:1-3 and Folly-9:13-15)
  - 2. INVITATIONS TO THE FEAST- (Wisdom 9:4-5 and Folly 9:16-17)
  - 3. THE PROMISES- (Wisdom 9:6 and Folly 9:18)
- C. Verses 9:7-12- an interlude in chapter 9
  - 1. A comparison of the reaction of the wise and the scoffer when they are rebuked. *9:7-9*
  - 2. The main theme of Proverbs repeated 9:10

- 3. Benefits of wisdom 9:11-12
- **XXX.** The Words of Agur- Proverbs *Chapter 30* 
  - A. The Author Agur (Hebrew means "hired hand" or "one who gathers") 30:1-3
  - B. Five rhetorical questions Proverbs 30:4
  - C. We get to know God through His word. 30:5 & 6
  - D. A prayer by Agur *30:7-9*
  - E. Do not slander a slave to his master 30:10
  - F. Numerical saying: Four statements about a generation or kind of person. 30:11-14
    - 1. One who does not honor parents 30:11
    - 2. One who is self-deceived 30:12
    - 3. One who is prideful *30:13*
    - 4. One who seeks the destruction of the poor 30:14
  - G. The leech's two daughters- numerical 30:17
  - H. The punishment for those who do not honor parents 30:17
  - I. Numerical saying: three things too wonderful, four not understandable 30:18-19
  - J. A description of an adulterous woman 30:20
  - K. Numerical saying: three things that shake the earth, four it cannot bear 30:2-23
  - L. Numerical saying: Four things little on the earth 30:24-28
  - M. Numerical saying: three majestic things, four stately 30:29-31
  - N. Foolishness of pride 30:32

#### XXXI. The Sayings of Lemuel- *Proverbs Chapter 31*

- A. Introduction
- B. *Proverbs 31:1-9* warnings from Lemuel's mother to her son the king.

C. The Worthy Woman, Valiant Wife, or the Virtuous Woman.- *31:10-31*-an acrostic

# **APPENDIX**

Table 1.

**Words For Wisdom Used In The OT.** 

Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
2451	קֹבְלְּקָ chokmah, /khok· maw/	Wisdom (ethical & spiritual), skill in war, wisdom in administration,- 41X in Proverbs
7922	אָבֶׁלְ Sechel, /seh kel/	Wisdom, prudence, discretion, good sense, insight, understanding 1 X in <i>Proverbs 23:9</i>
8454	תוֹשִׁיהָ Tushiyah, /too· shee· yaw/	Wisdom, enterprise 4X in Proverbs
3820	באָל באָל Lav kamar	Heart, mind, wisdom 2x in Proverbs

Table 2.

/mu-sar/

<u>Translation</u>	<u>Verses in Proverbs</u>
Discipline of a moral nature	15:10
Chastening or correction	8:10
Discipline in the school of Wisdom (knowing wisdom)	1:2; 1:7; 23:23
Discipline OF Wisdom (being discipline by Wisdom)	15:33; 1:3; 6:23; 23:12
Apply one's mind to discipline	19:20; 1:3; 8:10; 24:33; 8:33;19:27; 10:17; 12:1; 4:13; 5:12; 13:18; 15:32
Lack of Discipline	5:23
Discipline of fools is Folly	16:22
Paternal Discipline	1:8; 4:1; 13:1
Chastening or chastisement of God to man-	3:11
Chastening or chastisement of man to man	15:5;23:13; 13:24; 22:15
Chastisement of a fool	7:22
Grievous Chastisement	15:10

Table 3. Scriptures with tongue, mouth, word/s, lips in Proverbs

<b>Tongue</b>	<u>Mouth</u>	Word/s	<u>Lips</u>
Prov 6:17 Prov 6:24 Prov 10:20 Prov 10:31 Prov 12:18	Prov 2:6 Prov 4:5 Prov 4:24 Prov 5:7 Prov 6:2 Prov 6:12	Prov 1:6 Prov 1:23 Prov 2:1 Prov 2:16 Prov 4:4	Prov 5:2 Prov 5:3 Prov 7:21 Prov 8:6 Prov 8:7

Prov 12:19	Prov 7:24	Prov 4:5	Prov 10:13
Prov 15:2	Prov 8:7	Prov 4:20	Prov 10:18
Prov 15:4	Prov 8:8	Prov 5:7	Prov 10:19
Prov 16:1	Prov 8:13	Prov 6:2	Prov 10:21
Prov 17:4	Prov 10:6	Prov 7:1	Prov 10:32
Prov 18:21	Prov 10:11	Prov 7:5	Prov 12:13
Prov 21:6	Prov 10:14	Prov 7:24	Prov 12:19
Prov 21:23	Prov 10:31	Prov 10:19	Prov 12:22
Prov 25:15	Prov 10:32	Prov 12:6	Prov 13:3
Prov 25:23	Prov 11:9	Prov 12:14	Prov 14:3
Prov 26:28	Prov 11:11	Prov 12:25	Prov 15:7
Prov 28:23	Prov 12:6	Prov 13:13	Prov 16:10
Prov 31:26	Prov 13:2	Prov 14:7	Prov 16:13
	Prov 13:3	Prov 15:1	Prov 16:23
	Prov 14:3	Prov 15:23	Prov 16:30
	Prov 15:2	Prov 15:26	Prov 17:4
	Prov 15:14	Prov 16:20	Prov 17:7
	Prov 15:28	Prov 16:24	Prov 17:28
	Prov 16:10	Prov 16:27	Prov 18:6
	Prov 16:23	Prov 17:27	Prov 18:7
	Prov 18:4	Prov 18:4	Prov 18:20
	Prov 18:6	Prov 18:8	Prov 20:15
	Prov 18:7	Prov 19:7	Prov 22:18
	Prov 18:20	Prov 19:27	Prov 23:16
	Prov 19:24	Prov 22:12	Prov 24:2
	Prov 19:28	Prov 22:17	Prov 24:26
	Prov 20:17	Prov 22:21	Prov 24:28
	Prov 21:23	Prov 23:9	Prov 26:23
	Prov 22:14	Prov 23:12	Prov 26:24
	Prov 24:7	Prov 25:11	Prov 27:2
	Prov 26:7	Prov 26:22	
	Prov 26:9	Prov 29:19	
	Prov 26:15	Prov 29:20	
	Prov 26:28	Prov 30:1	
	Prov 27:2	Prov 30:5	
	Prov 30:20	Prov 30:6	
	Prov 30:32	Prov 31:1	
	Prov 31:8		
	Prov 31:9		
	Prov 31:26		
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# Table # 4 UNDERSTANDING

Prov 1:2	To know wisdom and instruction, To discern the sayings of <b>understanding</b> ,
Prov 1:5	A wise man will hear and increase in learning, And a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel,
Prov 1:6	To <b>understand</b> a proverb and a figure, The words of the wise and their riddles.
Prov 2:2	Make your ear attentive to wisdom, Incline your heart to understanding;
Prov 2:3	For if you cry for discernment, Lift your voice for understanding;
Prov 2:6	For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and <b>understanding</b> .
Prov 2:11	Discretion will guard you, <b>Understanding</b> will watch over you,
Prov 3:5	Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own <b>understanding</b> .
Prov 3:13	How blessed is the man who finds wisdom And the man who gains understanding.
Prov 3:19	The Lord by wisdom founded the earth, By <b>understanding</b> He established the heavens.
Prov 4:1	Hear, O sons, the instruction of a father, And give attention that you may gain understanding,

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Prov 4:5	Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding! Do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth.
Prov 4:7	"The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom; And with all your acquiring, get understanding.
Prov 5:1	My son, give attention to my wisdom, Incline your ear to my understanding;
Prov 7:4	Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," And call <b>understanding</b> your intimate friend;
Prov 8:1	Does not wisdom call, And understanding lift up her voice?
Prov 8:5	"O naive ones, understand prudence; And, O fools, understand wisdom.
Prov 8:9	"They are all straightforward to him who understands, And right to those who find knowledge.
Prov 8:14	"Counsel is mine and sound wisdom; I am understanding, power is mine.
Prov 9:4	"Whoever is naive, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks <b>understanding</b> she says,
Prov 9:6	"Forsake your folly and live, And proceed in the way of understanding."
Prov 9:10	The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is <b>understanding</b> .
Prov 9:16	"Whoever is naive, let him turn in here," And to him who lacks understanding she says,
Prov 10:13	On the lips of the discerning, wisdom is found, But a rod is for the back of him who lacks <b>understanding</b> .
Prov 10:21	The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of understanding.
Prov 10:23	Doing wickedness is like sport to a fool, And so is wisdom to a man of <b>understanding</b> .
Prov 11:12	He who despises his neighbor lacks sense, But a man of understanding keeps silent.
Prov 13:15	Good <b>understanding</b> produces favor, But the way of the treacherous is hard.
Prov 14:6	A scoffer seeks wisdom and finds none, But knowledge is easy to one who has understanding.
Prov 14:8	The wisdom of the sensible is to <b>understand</b> his way, But the foolishness of fools is deceit.
Prov 14:29	He who is slow to anger has great <b>understanding</b> , But he who is quick-tempered exalts folly.
Prov 14:33	Wisdom rests in the heart of one who has <b>understanding</b> , But in the hearts of fools it is made known.
Prov 15:21	Folly is joy to him who lacks sense, But a man of <b>understanding</b> walks straight.
Prov 15:32	He who neglects discipline despises himself, But he who listens to reproof acquires understanding.
Prov 16:16	How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! And to get <b>understanding</b> is to be chosen above silver.
Prov 16:21	The wise in heart will be called <b>understanding</b> , And sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness.
Prov 16:22	Understanding is a fountain of life to one who has it, But the discipline of fools is folly.
Prov 17:10	A rebuke goes deeper into one who has <b>understanding</b> Than a hundred blows into a fool.
Prov 17:24	Wisdom is in the presence of the one who has <b>understanding</b> , But the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth.
Prov 17:27	He who restrains his words has knowledge, And he who has a cool spirit is a man of <b>understanding</b> .
Prov 18:2	A fool does not delight in <b>understanding</b> , But only in revealing his own mind.
Prov 19:8	He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; He who keeps <b>understanding</b> will find good.
Prov 19:25	Strike a scoffer and the naive may become shrewd, But reprove one who has <b>understanding</b> and he will gain knowledge.
Prov 20:5	A plan in the heart of a man is like deep water, But a man of understanding draws it out.
Prov 20:24	Man's steps are ordained by the Lord, How then can man <b>understand</b> his way?
Prov 21:16	A man who wanders from the way of understanding Will rest in the assembly of the dead.
Prov 21:30	There is no wisdom and no understanding And no counsel against the Lord.
Prov 23:23	Buy truth, and do not sell it, Get wisdom and instruction and understanding.
Prov 24:3	By wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established;
Prov 28:2	By the transgression of a land many are its princes, But by a man of <b>understanding</b> and knowledge, so it endures.
Prov 28:5	Evil men do not understand justice, But those who seek the Lord understand all things.
Prov 28:11	The rich man is wise in his own eyes, But the poor who has <b>understanding</b> sees through him.
Prov 28:16	A leader who is a great oppressor lacks understanding, But he who hates unjust gain will prolong his days.
Prov 29:7	The righteous is concerned for the rights of the poor, The wicked does not <b>understand</b> such concern.
Prov 29:19	A slave will not be instructed by words alone; For though he <b>understands</b> , there will be no response.
Prov 30:2	Surely I am more stupid than any man, And I do not have the understanding of a man.
Prov 30:18	There are three things which are too wonderful for me, Four which I do not understand:
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# Table # 5

Thirty sayings of the wise (22:17-24:22)

1. INTRODUCTION TO SAYINGS 1-10 (22:17-21)

22:17-19. 22:20-21.

2. SAYINGS 1-10 (22:22-23:11)

**22:22-23.** *The 1st saying.* **22:24-25.** *The 2nd saying.* 

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22:26-27. The 3rd saying.
22:28. The 4th saying.
22:29. The 5th saying.
23:1-3. The 6th saying.
23:4-5. The 7th saying.
23:6-8. The 8th saying.
23:9. The 9th saying.
23:10-11. The 10th saying.
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**23:12.** This verse serves as a break in the long string of sayings and introduces sayings 11-30 much as 22:17-21 introduced sayings 1-10.

SAYINGS 11-30 (23:13-24:22)

**23:13-14.** *The 11th saying.* **23:15-16.** *The 12th saying.* **23:17-18.** *The 13th saying.* **23:19-21.** *The 14th saying.* **23:22-23.** *The 15th saying.* **23:24-25.** *The 16th saying.* **23:26-28.** *The 17th saying.* **23:29-35.** *The 18th saying.* **24:1-2.** *The 19th saying.* **24:3-4.** *The 20th saying.* **24:5-6.** *The 21st saying.* **24:7.** *The 22nd saying.* **24:8-9.** *The 23rd saying.* **24:10.** *The 24th saying.* **24:11-12.** *The 25th saying.* **24:13-14.** *The 26th saying.* **24:15-16.** *The 27th saying.* **24:17-18.** *The 28th saying.* **24:19-20.** *The 29th saying.* **24:21-22.** *The 30th saying.*