

# The Book of Proverbs

## Outline

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## Outline: Proverbs Chapter 1

### [Why the Book of Proverbs Matters](#)

### [Lets Begin \(1:1—7\)](#)

### [CHAPTER 1](#)

#### I. The introduction (Prov 1:1-7)

1. Subject of the book
2. Tenfold purpose of wisdom
3. The beginning, not the end of all wisdom (Prov 1:29; 2:5; 8:13; 9:10; 10:27; 14:26-27; 15:16,33; 16:6; 19:23; 22:4; 23:17)

### [Violence! \(1:8—19\)](#)

### [A Storm Is Coming \(1:20—33\)](#)

#### II. Instruction and admonition to sons (Prov 1:8-7:27)

1. MY SON: obey your parents — reason (Eph 6:1-3; Col 3:20).
2. MY SON: consent not to the enticement of sinners.
3. MY SON:
  - (1) Walk not with sinners — seven reasons.
  - (2) Call of wisdom: twenty-sevenfold indictment of rebels; one command; two conditional promises; ten refusals and ten judgements (cp. Prov 8-9)

# Outline: Proverbs Chapter 2

## CHAPTER 2

### 4. MY SON:

- (1) Eight commands
- (2) THEN: eight blessings
- (3) THEN: eight blessings
- (4) TO DELIVER THEE from the wicked man: his seven sins
- (5) TO DELIVER THEE from the harlot: her seven sins (cp. Prov 5:3-6; 6:24-29; 7:5-27; 9:13-18; 23:27)
- (6) THAT: six blessings

# Outline: Proverbs Chapter 3

## CHAPTER 3

### 5. MY SON:

- (1) Two commands; three blessings
- (2) Three commands: two blessings
- (3) Three commands: one blessing
- (4) Three commands: two blessings
- (5) Two commands: two blessings

### 6. MY SON:

- (1) Two commands; one blessing (Job 5:17; Heb 12:5-15)
- (2) Seek true happiness (Prov 1:7, refs.): its tenfold value
- (3) Works of wisdom-knowledge

### 7. MY SON:

- (1) Two commands; six blessings of security
- (2) Two commands; two blessings
- (3) Six commands; four blessings

# Outline: Proverbs Chapter 4-5

## CHAPTER 4

8. YE CHILDREN: fourteen commands; fourteen blessings

9. MY SON:

- (1) Two commands; five blessings
- (2) Nine commands; nine blessings

10 MY SON:

- (1) Four commands; four blessings
- (2) Ten commands; ten blessings

## CHAPTER 5

11. MY SON:

- (1) Two commands; two blessings
- (2) Eight characteristics of a harlot (cp. Prov 2:16, refs.)

12. YE CHILDREN:

- (1) Four commands; ten evil effects of life given to harlots
- (2) Ten commands and blessing of a moral life

13. MY SON: be not ravished with a harlot — six reasons (cp. Prov 5:3-14; 2:16-22).

# Outline: Proverbs Chapter 6-7

## CHAPTER 6

14. MY SON: if you are snared.

15. MY SON:

- (1) Do this to deliver yourself: four commands.
- (2) The ant and the sluggard: three commands
- (3) Seven sins of the wicked: his end (cp. Prov 6:16-19; 2:12-15)
- (4) Seven things that God hates (cp. Prov 6:12-15; 2:12-15)

16. MY SON:

- (1) Four commands; six blessings (cp. Prov 1:8, refs.)
- (2) TO DELIVER THEE from the harlot: two commands; six characteristics of a harlot (cp. Prov 2:16, refs.)
- (3) Evil effects of adultery (cp. Prov 6:32)
- (4) Command concerning a thief
- (5) Evil effects of adultery (Prov 6:27)

## CHAPTER 7

17. MY SON:

- (1) Eight commands
- (2) REASON: to deliver thee from the harlot: fortyfold description of her traffic (cp. Prov 2:16, refs.)

18. YE CHILDREN: four commands; evil effects of adultery

# Outline: Proverbs Chapter 8-9

## CHAPTER 8

- III. Discourse on wisdom (Prov 8-9)
  - 1. Her universal call (cp. Prov 8:32; 1:20-32)
  - 2. Two commands: four classes called
  - 3. Her eightfold character
  - 4. Two commands; sixfold self-commendation
  - 5. Her ten characteristics
  - 6. Her companions and lovers
  - 7. When she may be found
  - 8. Her ten blessings
  - 9. Twenty-fivefold personification of wisdom (Prov 3:15-20; 4:7-9; 9:1-5,11-12)
  - 10. Call of wisdom: four commands of wisdom and contrasted results of hearing her (cp. Prov 8:1; 1:20-33)

## CHAPTER 9

- 11. Her sevenfold industry
- 12. Her sixfold invitation
- 13. Her twelffold instruction
- 14. The harlot: a foolish woman (cp. Prov 2:16, refs.)

# Outline: Proverbs Chapter 10-11

## CHAPTER 10

- IV. 288 proverbs (Prov 10:1-19:19)
  - 1. Contrasted persons, things (Prov 10)
    - (1) Two kinds of sons
    - (2) Divine providence
    - (3) Diligent and lazy
    - (4) The just and unjust
    - (5) Two attitudes
    - (6) Two walks
    - (7) Contrasted use of the tongue
    - (8) The rich and the poor
    - (9) Causes of life and death
    - (10) Contrasted use of the tongue
    - (11) God's blessing
    - (12) Two kinds of sport
    - (13) Results of fear and faith
    - (14) Two unailing comparisons
    - (15) Four contrasted destinies
    - (16) Contrasted use of the tongue

## CHAPTER 11

- 2. Proverbs concerning neighbors (Prov 11)
  - (1) False weights
  - (2) Results of pride and humility
  - (3) Two ways of life
  - (4) True profit not in riches
  - (5) True source of guidance
  - (6) True source of deliverance
  - (7) The end of the wicked
  - (8) Two deliverances of the righteous
  - (9) Two blessings of a city
  - (10) Two kinds of neighbors
  - (11) True source of safety
  - (12) How to be safe
  - (13) Six common classes
  - (14) The two destinies
  - (15) Four classes that God hates and loves
  - (16) A modern picture
  - (17) Contrasted desires
  - (18) Six unailing laws
  - (19) The law of sowing and reaping

# Outline: Proverbs Chapter 12-13

## CHAPTER 12

### 3. Proverbs of domestic and public relations (Prov 12)

- (1) Eight common classes
- (2) Ways and words of neighbors
- (3) Six common classes
- (4) Contrasted dispositions
- (5) Contrasted prosperity
- (6) Righteous and wicked neighbors
- (7) Fools and wise men
- (8) Contrasted use of the tongue
- (9) Contrasted hearts
- (10) Twelve common classes

## CHAPTER 13

### 4. Proverbs of temporal and eternal good (Prov 13)

- (1) Two kinds of sons
- (2) The secret of life
- (3) Six common classes
- (4) The law of true prosperity
- (5) What riches can do
- (6) Destiny of the wicked
- (7) Source of contention
- (8) Two unfailing laws
- (9) Two effects of hope
- (10) The fountain of life
- (11) Seven contrasted effects
- (12) Concerning inheritances
- (13) Blessing of the poor
- (14) Chastening children
- (15) The righteous and wicked

# Outline: Proverbs Chapter 14-15

## CHAPTER 14

### 5. Proverbs of various classes (Prov 14)

- (1) Six contrasted classes
- (2) Blessings of an ox
- (3) Four contrasted classes
- (4) Sound advise
- (5) Four contrasted classes
- (6) Two things to let alone
- (7) Contrasted houses
- (8) End of the wrong road
- (9) End of laughter and mirth
- (10) Sixteen contrasted classes
- (11) Two kinds of planning
- (12) Law of poverty
- (13) Four contrasted classes
- (14) Four blessings of fear
- (15) Cause of anarchy
- (16) Patience and hot-headedness
- (17) Secret of health
- (18) Three well-known facts
- (19) Effects of sin and holiness
- (20) Advice to servants

## CHAPTER 15

### 6. Proverbs on sociology and religion (Prov 15)

- (1) How to pacify wrath
- (2) Omnipresence of God
- (3) Another tree of life
- (4) Two kinds of sons
- (5) Four contrasted classes
- (6) Four contrasted things of God and man
- (7) Four well-known facts of God and man
- (8) Good and evil hearts
- (9) Some better things
- (10) Eight contrasted classes
- (11) How to be successful
- (12) When words are sweet
- (13) The way of life
- (14) Two common works of God
- (15) Six contrasted classes
- (16) Nine warnings and assurances

# Outline: Proverbs Chapter 16-17

## CHAPTER 16

### 7. Proverbs of confidence (Prov 16)

- (1) Tenfold confidence in God's dealings
- (2) Another better thing
- (3) Fivefold confidence in God
- (4) Sevenfold confidence in kings
- (5) Another better thing
- (6) How to keep the soul
- (7) Effect of pride and haughtiness
- (8) Another better thing
- (9) Tenfold confidence in right principles
- (10) End of a wrong road
- (11) Six common classes
- (12) Another better thing
- (13) Confidence in God

## CHAPTER 17

### 8. Proverbs of personal contentment and peace (Prov 17)

- (1) Another better thing
- (2) Advice to servants
- (3) Two refining processes
- (4) Four great sins
- (5) Two kinds of crowns
- (6) Two unbecoming things
- (7) The power of gifts
- (8) How to win friends and make enemies
- (9) How to classify certain men
- (10) Good advice for all
- (11) Two abominations to God
- (12) Why some remain fools
- (13) How to know true friends
- (14) Seven things that cause sorrow
- (15) A good medicine
- (16) How to pervert justice
- (17) The wise and fools
- (18) Two things that are not good
- (19) Two good practices

# Outline: Proverbs Chapter 18-19

## CHAPTER 18

### 9. Proverbs of personal virtues in social life (Prov 18)

- (1) Concerning fools and the wicked
- (2) Talebearers and the lazy
- (3) True and false refuge
- (4) Two indisputable facts
- (5) A common error
- (6) Value of a strong spirit
- (7) How to get knowledge
- (8) How to climb socially
- (9) How to fall socially
- (10) Casting lots
- (11) A hard job
- (12) A must for all men
- (13) Source of death and life
- (14) A twofold blessing
- (15) The power of money
- (16) How to win friends

## CHAPTER 19

### 10. Proverbs of personal character (Prov 19:1-19)

- (1) Three more better things (Prov 16:8)
- (2) Two dangerous practices
- (3) The power of wealth
- (4) Punishment of liars (Prov 19:9)
- (5) True human nature
- (6) Knowledge and wisdom
- (7) Punishment of liars
- (8) Two uncommon practices
- (9) Two good qualities
- (10) Two contrasting effects
- (11) Two unbearable things
- (12) Two blessings of man
- (13) Two effects of laziness
- (14) The ways of life and death
- (15) How to lend to God
- (16) An ancient practice
- (17) A fool's program

# Outline: Proverbs Chapter 19-20

## CHAPTER 19

V. Instructions and admonitions to sons (Prov 19:20-24:34)

1. MY SON: Hear counsel — six proverbs (Prov 19:20-26)

- (1) The chief end of instruction
- (2) The human heart (Jer 17)
- (3) Better than a liar
- (4) Three blessings of fear
- (5) Three common classes
- (6) A worthless son

2. MY SON: 79 proverbs (Prov 19:27-22:16)

- (1) Cease to hear wrong instruction
- (2) How to detect the wicked
- (3) Two prepared things

## CHAPTER 20

- (4) Three great facts
- (5) Two things of fear
- (6) True honor and dishonor
- (7) Why some people beg
- (8) Contrasted wells

## CHAPTER 20

- (9) Something scarce
- (10) A profitable walk
- (11) A minister for good
- (12) A big question
- (13) Two abominable things
- (14) Common knowledge
- (15) Two created things
- (16) How to escape poverty
- (17) A universal practice
- (18) Better than riches
- (19) Double security
- (20) Sowing and reaping
- (21) Sound advice
- (22) Three unfailing laws
- (23) Two abominable things
- (24) God's providence
- (25) Two evils in religion
- (26) A minister for good
- (27) The light of man
- (28) An antidote for anarchy
- (29) Contrasted glory
- (30) Two kinds of healing

# Outline: Proverbs Chapter 21-22

## CHAPTER 21

- (31) The true ruler of man
- (32) Something to consider
- (33) Better than sacrifices
- (34) Three common sins
- (35) Seven ways of man
- (36) Another better thing
- (37) Six common classes
- (38) Sowing and reaping
- (39) How to appease anger
- (40) Two kinds of pleasure
- (41) How to remain dead
- (42) How to remain poor
- (43) Secret of preservation of man
- (44) Another better thing
- (45) How to maintain treasures
- (46) Three blessing of right living
- (47) Wisdom greater than power
- (48) Secret of security
- (49) Six common classes
- (50) God is immune to evil
- (51) True safety

## CHAPTER 22

- (52) Two good choices
- (53) The creator of all
- (54) Blessing of foresight
- (55) Two sources of blessings
- (56) How to escape snares
- (57) An unfailing law
- (58) Two kinds of rulers
- (59) Two unfailing laws
- (60) How to make peace
- (61) How to win friends
- (62) Two works of God
- (63) The lazy man
- (64) The pit for fools
- (65) A remedy for foolishness
- (66) Two causes of want

3. MY SON (Pr 19:27): 25 commands (Pr 22:17-23:14)

- (1) Three commands: two reasons
- (2) I have written: two reasons
- (3) Two commands: two reasons
- (4) Two commands: two reasons
- (5) Two commands: reason
- (6) One command
- (7) Two blessings of diligence

# Outline: Proverbs Chapter 23-24

## CHAPTER 23

- (8) Five commands: four reasons
- (9) Two commands: four reasons
- (10) Six commands: six reasons
4. MY SON:
  - (1) How to make parents happy
  - (2) Two commands: two reasons
5. MY SON:
  - (1) Four commands: four reasons
  - (2) Four commands
  - (3) How to make parents happy
6. MY SON:
  - (1) Two commands; reason
  - (2) Seven great questions: answers
  - (3) Command against wine: tenfold reason

## CHAPTER 24

- (4) Two commands: two reasons
- (5) Eightfold blessing of wisdom and knowledge
- (6) Fivefold description of a fool
- (7) Three things sons must not do
7. MY SON:
  - (1) Two commands; two reasons
  - (2) Two commands: two reasons
  - (3) Two commands: two reasons
  - (4) Two commands: two reasons
8. MY SON:
  - (1) Two commands: two reasons
  - (2) Fivefold advice
  - (3) Six commands
  - (4) The lazy man

# Outline: Proverbs Chapter 25-26

## CHAPTER 25

- VI. Forty-three proverbs (Prov 25-26)
1. The author
  2. God and kings contrasted
  3. Three unsearchable things
  4. A good comparison
  5. Law of humility
  6. Good advice to neighbors
  7. A beautiful picture
  8. The blessing of reproff
  9. Effect of good news
  10. A big disappointment
  11. Two acts of wisdom
  12. Sound advice
  13. How to retain friends
  14. Three symbols of a liar
  15. Misplaced confidence
  16. Wrong way to comfort
  17. Law of retaliation
  18. How to deal with backbiting
  19. Another better thing
  20. Effect of good news
  21. A corrupt practice
  22. Two things not good
  23. Two kinds of ruins

## CHAPTER 26

24. Three uncommon things
25. Unfounded curses are harmless
26. Three suitable things
27. How to answer fools
28. A foolish practice
29. Fools and parables
30. Honor useless to fools
31. Fools and parables
32. God rewards fools and sinners
33. Two similar practices
34. Wise men and fools
35. Four traits of lazy men
36. A bad practice
37. Two kinds of mad men
38. Two kinds of fire
39. Effect of talebearing
40. A picture of hypocrisy
41. Five sins of a hater
42. Law of retribution
43. How to measure hatred



# Outline: Proverbs Chapter 27-28

## CHAPTER 27

### VII. Instruction and admonition for sons (Prov 27)

#### 1. MY SON:

- (1) Three commands; reason
- (2) Three heavy things
- (3) Three cruel things
- (4) Better than secret love
- (5) Wounds better than kisses
- (6) Contrasted appetites
- (7) Two wandering creatures
- (8) Advice on friendships

#### 2. MY SON:

- (1) Two commands; reason
- (2) Blessing of foresight
- (3) Double security
- (4) Cause for suspicion
- (5) Two things alike
- (6) Two sharp things
- (7) Reward of service
- (8) Two kinds of mirrors
- (9) Three things never satisfied
- (10) Three refined things
- (11) An impossible job
- (12) Two commands: tenfold reason

## CHAPTER 28

### VIII. Thirty-five proverbs (Prov 28-29)

1. Eight contrasted classes
2. Another better thing
3. Two kinds of sons
4. Riches only temporary
5. Why some prayers are unanswered
6. Law of retribution
7. Four contrasted classes
8. Secret of prosperity
9. Three unmerciful things
10. Ten common classes
11. Two uses of the tongue
12. Result of wrong training
13. Eight contrasted classes

# Outline: Proverbs Chapter 29-30

## CHAPTER 29

14. Sudden end of rebels
15. Two kinds of government
16. Two kinds of sons
17. Causes of stable and unstable governments
18. Cause of suspicion
19. Ten common classes
20. How to increase sin
21. The poor and the creditor
22. How to decrease sin
23. How to spoil the child
24. How society is preserved
25. Rewards of correction
26. Importance of vision
27. An unfaithful servant
28. Hot headedness and fools
29. Reward of faithfulness
30. Two of the same kind
31. Results of pride and humility
32. Partners in crime
33. Results of fear and trust
34. Two kinds of judgment
35. Four contrasted classes

## CHAPTER 30

### IX. The words of Agur (Prov 30)

1. His confession to people
2. His confession of God
3. His prayer to God
4. His admonition to people
5. Two fourfold enumerations
  - (1) Four generations
  - (2) Two beggars and four insatiable things
6. Mocking of parents cursed
7. Four fourfold enumerations
  - (1) Four inscrutable things
  - (2) Four disquieting things
  - (3) Four little wise things
  - (4) Four graceful things
8. His admonitions to men

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X. The words of king Lemuel (Prov 31)

1. Warnings: wine and women
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  - (2) Her husband's confidence
  - (3) Her ceaseless labours
  - (4) Her good works of charity
  - (5) Her household
  - (6) Her personal appearance
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  - (8) Her industry
  - (9) Her character
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