

# INTRODUCTION TO Proverbs

## WHERE IS IT IN THE BIBLE?

- 17. ESTHER
- 18. JOB
- 19. PSALMS
- 20. PROVERBS**
- 21. ECCLESIASTES
- 22. SONG OF SONGS
- 23. ISAIAH

## KEY THEMES

- **Growth of moral discernment and development of mental clarity.** The dominant metaphor for the moral life is the “way” and it portrays life as a journey as one grows in personal character.
- **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge (2:5-6).** God alone possesses the true wisdom that man requires and it is only through relationship with God that one can obtain this wisdom.

## TRUE WISDOM

Proverbs points to the one who is the embodiment of wisdom, Jesus Christ. He is the Son of David who establishes the messianic kingdom by fulfilling the Wisdom of Proverbs. True wisdom can only come from a relationship with Jesus Christ and trust in His death upon the cross.

## BOOK BASICS



**DATE**  
930 BC



**TYPE**  
Wisdom



**AUTHOR**  
See Below

There are three authors named in Proverbs: King Solomon, Agur (Chapter 30), King Lemuel (Chapter 31).

Proverbs is a unique book as it is a collection of proverbs that seeks to increase the wisdom of those who read it. It begins with a long extended discourse on wisdom from the perspective of a father speaking to his son or from the perspective of wisdom herself. Upon this foundation, Proverbs moves into a series of proverbs, primarily broken up into two line pairs.

While proverbs are generally true, they are not guarantees. Proverbs are also designed to be read in context and not read in isolation as they build upon each other.

## BASIC STRUCTURE

31 CHAPTERS

