

Proverbs 1:1-19 WHY Proverbs?

The Wisdom of Solomon
1 Kings 4:29f

Mashal: "to be like"
A Parable
A riddle

1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:

2 To know wisdom and instruction,

· wisdom: Divine perspective ... understanding
· instruction: wisdom is best taught
· behavior: how you live
· righteousness: the treatment of man

VV 2-3 The nature of Proverbs:

To discern the sayings of understanding,

3 To receive instruction in wise behavior,

Righteousness, justice and equity;

V4 The Recipients

4 To give prudence to the naive, or "simple"

To the youth knowledge and discretion,

VV 5-9 The Requirement vs Reachable

5 A wise man will hear and increase in learning,

And a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel,

V6 Effort

6 To understand a proverb and a figure,

The words of the wise and their riddles.

V7 The Fear of GOD

7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;

no one in the bible is condemned for being dumb or non-intelligent... but for being fools who despise truth that is self-evident.

Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

8 Hear, my son, your father's instruction

V8 a Proper Teacher
father and mother

And do not forsake your mother's teaching;

9 Indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head

Honor

And ornaments about your neck.

beauty

10 My son, if sinners entice you,

V10f But there are contradicting voices

Do not consent.

"stand alone." "No"

11 If they say, "Come with us, companionship

Let us lie in wait for blood,

freedom from law and GOD

Let us ambush the innocent without cause; power

- 12 Let us swallow them alive like Sheol, Pride
 Even whole, as those who go down to the pit;
- 13 We will find all *kinds* of precious wealth, wealth \$
 We will fill our houses with spoil; Prestige
- 14 Throw in your lot with us, unity the gang!
 We shall all have one purse,"
- 15 My son, do not walk in the way with them. "Get away from these people!"
 Keep your feet from their path,
- 16 For their feet run to evil see it for what it is. Evil
 And they hasten to shed blood. Murder
and a net
- 17 Indeed, it is useless to spread the baited net even a bird can spot and
 In the sight of any bird; escape an obvious trap
- 18 But they lie in wait for their own blood;
 They ambush their own lives. They will commit social suicide.
It will come back on their heads.
- 19 So are the ways of everyone who gains by violence;
 It takes away the life of its possessors. Evil is its own executioner