

GOD'S MASTERWORK, VOLUME THREE

POETS, PROPHETS, AND PROMISES—A SURVEY OF JOB—DANIEL

PROVERBS: RELIABLE COUNSEL FOR RIGHT LIVING

A SURVEY OF PROVERBS



The Heart of the Matter

A proverb is a pithy statement of bite-sized wisdom. Up until now in this study of the Bible, we've found history, biography, and poetry in Scripture . . . but not much *philosophy*—except, perhaps, in Job. The book of Proverbs offers a wealth of information to aid us in wise living. What the Psalms are to our devotional life, the book of Proverbs is to our practical life. In terse and striking ways, the profound genius of these maxims lies in their shrewd concentration of truth. As we shall see, they remain to this day a marvelous source of insightful and penetrating information.



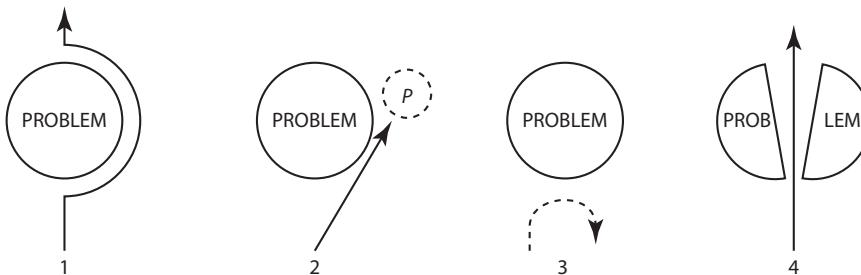
Discovering the Way

1. Name of the Book

Understanding the linguistic background and fixing a practical definition of a proverb will help us as we begin our study of the book of Proverbs.

2. Contents of the Book

We could divide Proverbs into three large categories: subjects and statements, people and problems, and counseling and correction.



3. Purpose of the Book

Solomon wanted to accomplish five things by writing Proverbs.



Starting Your Journey

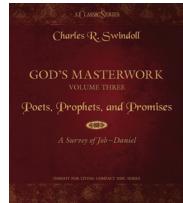
The message of the book is simple: knowledge is what you remember after you've forgotten everything you've learned.



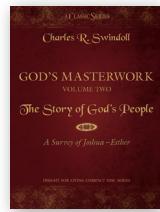
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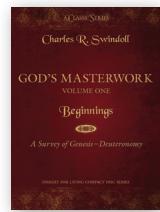
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PROVERBS

	Prologue to Wise Living The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge. (1:7) <i>CHAPTERS</i> 1–9	Principles for Wise Living The fear of the LORD is the instruction for wisdom, / And before honor comes humility. (15:33) <i>CHAPTERS</i> 10:1–31:9	Personification of Wise Living Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, / But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. (31:30) <i>CHAPTER</i> 31:10–31
Emphasis	Wisdom especially for youth		Wisdom for all
Framework	Subjects and statements	People and problems	Counseling and correction
Style	A book filled with short statements that declare a profound truth providing wisdom for life		
Theme		The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. (9:10)	
Key Verse		9:10	
Christ in Proverbs	Wisdom is incarnate in Christ “in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (1 Corinthians 1:24, 30; Colossians 2:3).		

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