



Cover to Cover: (Wisdom Literature)

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Proverbs is simple but not simplistic, so check out this video to find out more about it and to see how it all fits together:

[Proverbs Overview](#). Bonus Video: [Wisdom Literature](#)

Important Takeaways from Video:

- Proverbs, short wise sayings, are only part of what makes up this book (chs. 10–29), which has King Solomon as its fountainhead
- The book itself is about wisdom, an applied or moral knowledge, a law (personified as lady wisdom) which undergirds the universe and stems from the character of God Himself.
- To be wise is to fear [reverence] the Lord and humbly embrace His objective order of the universe. This is the highest thing we can strive for and will more often than not lead to living well.
- It must be remembered that proverbs are probabilities but not promises. Job and Ecclesiastes—other wisdom books—explore some of the exceptions and give us the big picture.
- The book ends with the proverbial woman, who just like the father speaking wisdom to his son (chs. 1–9), demonstrates for her son what it looks like to live wisely.

First, think about Pastor and Doug's mini-sermons from this past Lord's Day A.M. on "ants" and "6 things God hates":

- What is so marvellous about ants?
- How are ants used to speak wisdom?
- Why is industry a virtue?
- How can a loving God hate? How is reading the Bible challenging us to rethink what a righteous hatred is?
- What 6 things are we told God hates and why?
- Why do you think these 6 things are focused on?

Review: Prov 21–24

“Homework”: Come prepared to share 3 Proverbs from this section that stand out to you. Share why it spoke to you and what relevance you believe it has.

Group Reflection:

1. For each proverb as the following three questions:
 - i. What does this teach us about God?
 - ii. What does this teach us about ourselves/others?
 - iii. What do I need to do?