

Wisdom and the Fear of the Lord (Proverbs 1:1-7)

- Knowledge & information cannot ultimately help us live in this world
- We need wisdom – wisdom from God! To know God is to be wise.
- The first 7 verses of Proverbs 1 are an introduction to the whole book

I. The Name of the Book

- The name and author of the book are clearly visible in the first chapter
- Proverbs: “to present”, “to be like” – to present truth in a specific way

II. The Content of the Book

- The capsules of truth are mostly presented in three kinds of couplets
 1. Contrast: Using the word “but” as in 13:1
 2. Contemplative: using the words, “and” or “so” as in 14:10
 3. Comparative: better / than / like/ so, as in 15:16-17

III. The Purpose of the Book

1. To revere and obey God from the heart God: vs 2
2. To provide discernment to the eye: v.2
3. To develop alertness/ sharpness in our walk
4. To establish prudence and purpose in life
5. To cultivate keenness of mind

IV. The Goal or Motto of the Book

- What does it mean to fear God?
- Warning: Don't be a fool and despise the Wisdom of the Lord (1:7b)