

Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship

Every word inspired.



Every word proclaimed.

“We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.” Col 1:28

Summer Schedule

6:00 – 8:30

July

24

August

7

21

*We will resume SNBF in the Fall, Sept. 11, when we start the book of Revelation.

6 categories of Psalms

1. Royal Psalms.
2. Lament Psalms.
3. Messianic Psalms.
4. Wisdom Psalms.
5. Imprecatory Psalms.
6. Praise Psalms.

The Book of Proverbs

I. *Meaning of "Proverb":*

A. A proverb is not a promise or saying definitely guaranteeing the outcome that is being discussed. Proverbs are probabilities.

B. They are expressions of general truth. They generally do have "exceptions," due to the uncertainty of life and unpredictable behavior of fallen men.

"Look before you leap,"

"A stitch in time saves nine,"

"A penny saved is a penny earned,"

"Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise"

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away "

"Good things come to those who wait"

"A bird in the hand is worth 2 in the bush"

C. A proverb is a figure of speech in which the author often uses comparison in order to present an observation or a specific instruction.

D. A proverb is a timeless truth in the form of a simple illustration that exposes a fundamental reality of life.

E. Proverbs therefore are practical, easy to memorize, and applicable to real life situations.

II. Author of the book of Proverbs.

A. Divine Author: Holy Spirit

B. Human author: Solomon

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

Prov 30:1

30 The words of **Agur** the son of Jakeh,

Prov 31:1

31 The words of **King Lemuel**, the oracle which his mother taught him:

III. Date Written.

1,000 BC – 700 BC : “the golden age of wisdom literature” In the days of Solomon and following there arose a class of writers known as “the wise men.” Most prominent among them was Solomon.

IV. The place of the book of Proverbs in O.T. literature.

Poetic literature – Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon.

Wisdom literature – Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon.

V. ***Categories of "sayings".***

A. Riddles - means an enigmatic, perplexing saying or question. The meaning is obscure or hidden. (Judges 14:12-14)

It is so fragile that if you say its name you break it, what is it?

Silence.

I have a head, I have a tail, but I do not have a body. I am neither a lizard nor a snake. What am I?

A coin.

Something that falls, and never breaks and something breaks but never falls?

The day breaks and the night falls.

B. Parable - is an illustration/story given in order to explain a truth, to make the truth easier to understand.

C. Fable - a short story that usually is about animals and that is intended to teach a lesson or moral.

"The Hare and the Tortoise" - The moral is "Slow and steady wins the race."

"The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing" - The moral is, "Appearances often are deceiving."

D. Idiom - An Idiom is a phrase that seems to make sense when you first read it, but which has a totally different meaning that you cannot guess just from looking at the words.

"kick the bucket" means to die; "raining cats and dogs" means raining heavily

E. Cliché - an expression that has been overused to the extent that it loses its original meaning or novelty.

- 1. Avoid it like the plague**
- 2. Dead as a doornail**
- 3. Take the tiger by the tail**

F. Simile – is used to compare two things. A simile is a direct comparison using **like** or **as**.

“She eats like a pig.” “He ran as fast as the wind.”

G. Metaphor - directly compares two things which may be quite different, because one has a characteristic that is similar to the other. It usually uses linking verbs such as *is, are, was* or *were*.

“That guy is such a snake in the grass.”

“Her eyes were glowing coals.”

H. Hyperbole - is a figure of speech exaggerates statements and is not generally taken literally.

"I have a million things to do." or "I could eat a cow."

I. Proverbs - are sayings taken from everyday life intended to serve as practical guidelines for successful living.

VI. Key words used in Proverbs.

Key Words in Proverbs

- Wisdom (48 times)
- Righteous(ness)(90)
- Guidance (3x), Wise (62)
- Fear of the LORD (14)
- My son (23)
- Knowledge (40)
- Understand(ing) (56)
- Instruction (16)
- Discipline (17)
- Commandment/command (11)
- Tongue (18)
- Fool(s) (58)
- Foolish (12)
- Evil (58)
- Wicked (83)
- Life (46)
- But (246)

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VII. Frequent subjects in Proverbs.

Adultery—[Pr 5:1-4](#); [6:20-35](#); [29:3](#)

Anger—[Pr 14:29](#); [15:1](#); [22:24](#); [29:22](#); [30:33](#)

Borrowing—[Pr 6:1-5](#); [20:16](#); [22:7](#), [26-27](#)

Bribes—[Pr 17:8](#), [23](#); [18:16](#); [21:14](#); [28:21](#)

Chastening—[Pr 3:11-12](#); [12:1](#); [22:5](#); [25:12](#)

Death and Sheol—[Pr 5:5](#); [7:27](#); [8:36](#); [9:18](#); [11:17](#); [14:32](#); [15:11](#), [24](#); [23:14](#); [30:16](#)

Discipline—[Pr 1:2-3](#); [5:23](#); [10:17](#); [12:1](#); [13:18](#), [24](#); [19:18](#); [23:13](#); [29:15](#), [17](#)

Drinking and Drunkenness—[Pr 20:1](#); [23:31](#); [31:4](#)

Enemies—[Pr 16:7](#); [24:17](#); [25:21](#); [27:6](#)

Family Life—[Pr 5:15-19](#); [6:20](#); [13:1](#); [14:1](#); [22:6](#); [23:24-25](#); [29:15](#); [31:10-31](#)

Fear—[Pr 1:7](#); [9:10](#); [14:16](#); [15:16](#); [29:25](#)

Food—[Pr 10:3](#); [12:11](#); [23:20-21](#); [25:16](#); [30:8](#)

Fools—[Pr 10:18](#); [12:15](#); [14:16](#); [15:5](#); [26:3-5](#)

Gossip—[Pr 16:28](#); [20:19](#); [25:20](#)

Love—[Pr 8:17](#); [10:12](#); [15:17](#); [27:5](#)

Poor—[Pr 14:31](#); [19:1](#), [17](#); [22:2](#); [30:8](#)

Pride—[Pr 6:17](#); [11:2](#); [16:5](#), [18](#); [21:4](#)

Riches—[Pr 10:15](#); [11:4](#); [18:11](#); [23:5](#); [28:20](#)

Sin—[Pr 14:9](#), [34](#); [16:4](#); [20:9](#); [24:9](#), [20](#); [28:13](#)

Sleep—[Pr 3:24](#); [4:16](#); [20:13](#); [31:15](#)

Sluggard—[Pr 6:6-11](#); [12:27](#); [22:13](#)

Ways—[Pr 2:8](#); [13:15](#); [14:12](#); [16:7](#), [25](#); [20:24](#); [22:6](#)

Wife—[Pr 12:4](#); [14:1](#); [21:9](#), [19](#); [27:15](#); [31:10-31](#)

Wisdom—[Pr 1:20-23](#); [3:13-20](#); [8:1-36](#); [9:1-6](#)

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Proverbs: A book of contrasts

Wisdom versus Folly

Righteousness versus Wickedness

Good versus Evil

Life versus Death

Prosperity versus Poverty

Honor versus Dishonor

Permanence versus Transience

Truth versus Falsehood

Industry versus Indolence

Friend versus Enemy

Prudence versus Rashness

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Goodwill versus Anger

God versus Man

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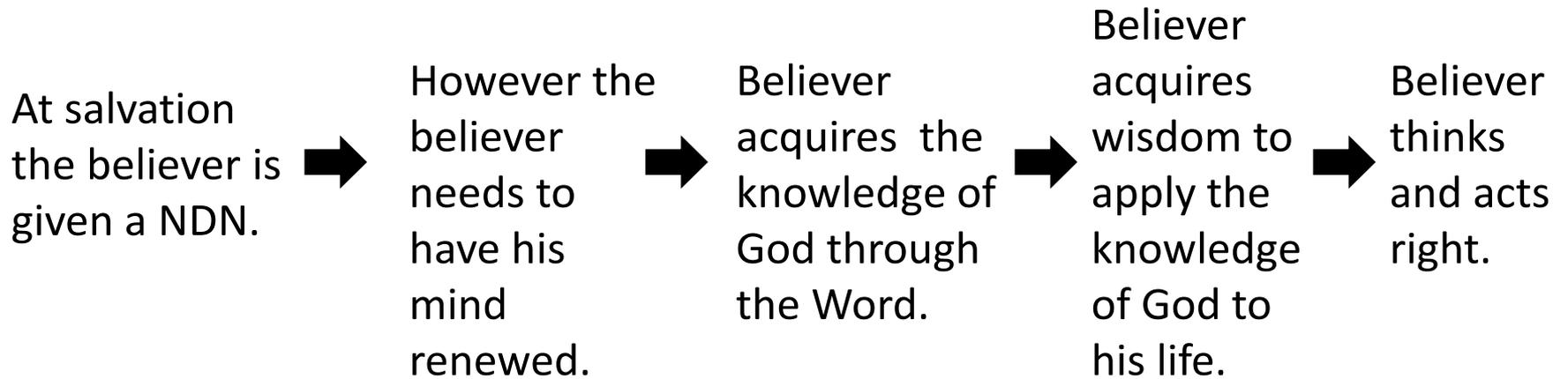
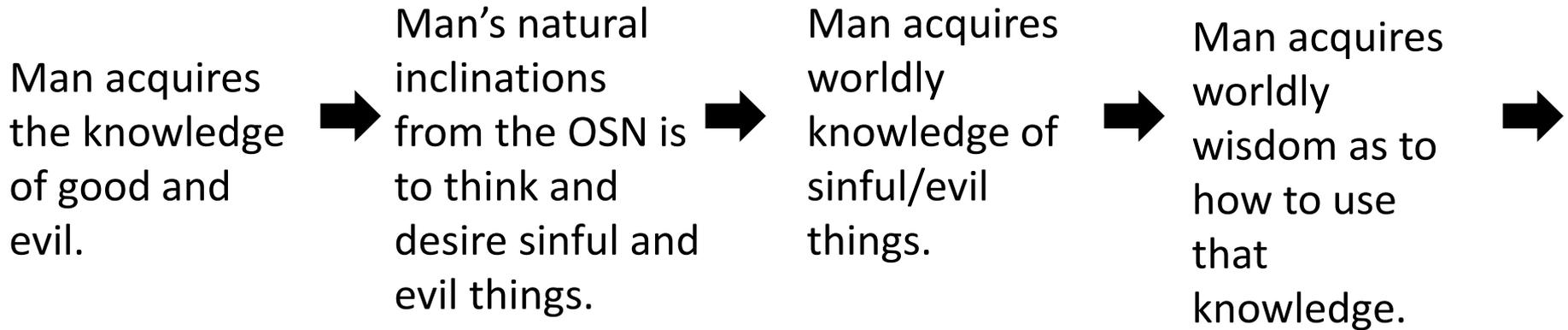
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IX. Proverbs were given for contemplation and meditation.

X. Purposes of the book of Proverbs.

1. To teach, instruct, and apply the Proverbs to our lives, with the result that one comes to understand the mind of God, His character, His attributes, His works, and His blessings.

2. To teach us how to conduct ourselves in the practical affairs of everyday life, to make wise choices, and to do the right thing towards others.



Proverbs teaches us that a successful life comes by:

- Knowing God
- Wisdom
- Discipline
- Morality
- Prudence (wisdom with caution)
- Discernment
- Guidance

“A Word To The Wise”

Proverbs 1

July 10, 2016

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

2 To know wisdom and instruction, To discern the sayings of understanding,

Could we use some wisdom?

Culture

Government

Marriages

Children

Finances

Health

Schools

Church

**“He is truly wise who gains his wisdom
from the experience of others.”**

- Anonymous

A WISE MAN LEARNS BY THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHERS.

An ordinary man learns by his own experience.

A fool learns by nobody's experience.

**If you think you know everything,
you have a lot to learn.**

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Discernment -

1. Discernment is black-and-white thinking. It is the conscious refusal to color every issue in shades of gray.
2. Therefore the discerning person is the one who draws a clear contrast between truth and error.

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- 4 To give prudence to the naive, To the youth knowledge and discretion,
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Prudence is wisdom with caution.

Do you see the prudence in these instructions?

On a hair dryer: “Do not use while sleeping.”

On an iron: “Do not iron clothes on body.”

On a chainsaw: “Do not attempt to stop chain with your hand.”

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2. The Starting Point(7-9)

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

Prov 9:10

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

“fear of the Lord” – having the fear of the Lord means
we should never do anything to displease the Lord.

Wisdom = seeing and living life from God’s
perspective.

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“The wisest person in the world is the person who knows the most about God.”

- A. W. Tozer

Col 2:2,3

2 . . . that is, Christ Himself, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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4 kinds of fools in Proverbs:

- 1. The Open-Minded.** Simple, gullible, ignorant, no convictions, easily deceived.
- 2. The Common Fool.** Morally and spiritually deficient but overconfident to the point of arrogance.
- 3. The Scoffer.** A rebellious fool who is unteachable.
- 4. The Wicked.** Prideful, lying, murderous, scheming.

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Ex 20:12

12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

Prov 4:20-22

20 My son, give attention to my words;
Incline your ear to my sayings.

21 Do not let them depart from your sight;
Keep them in the midst of your heart.

22 For they are life to those who find them
And health to all their body.

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16 For their feet run to evil And they hasten to shed blood.

17 Indeed, it is useless to spread the baited net In the sight of any bird;

18 But they lie in wait for their own blood; They ambush their own lives.

19 So are the ways of everyone who gains by violence; It takes away the life of its possessors.

20 Wisdom shouts in the street, She lifts her voice in the square;

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23 "Turn to my reproof, Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.

Prov 4:14

4 Do not enter the path of the wicked
And do not proceed in the way of evil men.

Ps 1:1

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the
counsel of the wicked,
Nor stand in the path of sinners,
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

1 Cor 15:33

33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good
morals."

****The study of wisdom is a matter of life and death.**

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Proverbs 7:7 And I saw among the **naive**, And discerned among the youths A young man lacking sense,

Proverbs 8:5 "O **naive** ones, understand prudence; And, O fools, understand wisdom.

Proverbs 9:4 "Whoever is **naive**, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks understanding she says,

Proverbs 9:16 "Whoever is **naive**, let him turn in here," And to him who lacks understanding she says,

Proverbs 14:15 The **naive** believes everything, But the sensible man considers his steps.

Proverbs 14:18 The **naive** inherit foolishness, But the sensible are crowned with knowledge.

Proverbs 19:25 Strike a scoffer and the **naive** may become shrewd, But reprove one who has understanding and he will gain knowledge.

Proverbs 21:11 When the scoffer is punished, the **naive** becomes wise; But when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.

Proverbs 22:3 The prudent sees the evil and hides himself, But the **naive** go on, and are punished for it.

Proverbs 27:12 A prudent man sees evil and hides himself, The **naive** proceed and pay the penalty.

Psalm 119:130

130 The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

Psalm 19:7

The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making **wise** the **simple**.

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The Scoffers – they know everything.

The Fool - they know nothing.

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5. *The Consequences (24-33)*

24 "Because I called and you refused, I stretched out my hand and no one paid attention;

25 And you neglected all my counsel And did not want my reproof;

26 I will also laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your dread comes,

27 When your dread comes like a storm And your calamity comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you.

28 "Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently but they will not find me,

29 Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the Lord.

30 "They would not accept my counsel, They spurned all my reproof.

31 "So they shall eat of the fruit of their own way And be satiated with their own devices.

32 "For the waywardness of the naive will kill them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them.

33 "But he who listens to me shall live securely And will be at ease from the dread of evil."

“Every man is free to make his own choices in life, but he is not free to choose the consequences of his choices. God has established certain moral principles in the world. These principles dictate the consequences for every choice. There is no way to put asunder what God has thus joined together.”

- **William MacDonald**



Susan Helen Peterson
1950-2004

Susan was the second of two girls in the family. Her father worked for the National Park Service, so Susan enjoyed growing up in National Parks and Historic Sites across America.

She did her undergraduate work at Stanford University and earned a BS in mathematics in 1972. The next year she took a one-year graduate program at Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, Oregon, and received a Certificate of Bible upon completion.

For several years, Susan worked with Wycliffe Associates as part of a team that helped keyboard Bibles and New Testaments that were printed before the age of computers and that needed to be put into electronic format, so that they could be updated or adapted for other languages.

Susan's career as a hymn writer began in 1997, when she set a goal of writing 100 hymns. Her method was to select a passage of Scripture for each song and then find a hymn tune that seemed to fit the passage. She thus combined the enduring Word of God with melodies that have stood the test of time. Her songs were a blessing to her, and she was pleased to be able to share them with others.

WHERE CAN ONE LOOK FOR WISDOM?

1. Where can one look for wisdom?

Where understanding find?

Man does not grasp its value—

More than can be mined.

It can't be bought with finest gold,

Silver, or jewels so rare.

Priced far beyond all rubies,

Nothing can compare.

2. Where then does wisdom come from?

Where understanding dwell?

God comprehends the pathway,

He alone knows well.

He views the ends of all the earth;

He sees the world He formed.

He has established wisdom,

Tested and confirmed.

3. Fear of the Lord is wisdom;

Seek it and you will find.

Cry out for understanding;

Let it fill your mind.

Search as for hidden treasure;

Look for it every day.

This is the path to wisdom;

Follow all the way.