

June 12, 2019
“What is the Source of Wisdom”
Proverbs 1:1-19

I. Purpose

“For learning what wisdom and discipline are; for understanding insightful sayings” (2)

II. Themes

A. Instructional Wisdom ***“For receiving wise instruction”*** (3) These proverbs are always in the second person, as a teacher to a pupil or a parent to a child (cf. 1-9, 22:17-24; 22; 31:1-9). Often these proverbs use the imperative tense with accompanying motives for obedience.

B. Moral and Ethical Wisdom ***“righteousness, justice, and integrity”*** (3)
“shrewdness” (4) ***“knowledge and discretion”*** (5)

C. Theological Wisdom ***“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and discipline”*** (7)

III. Worldly Alternative

A. Peer Pressure ***“My son, if sinners entice you, don’t be persuaded”*** (1)

B. Perilous Plans (11-14)

1. Enticement ***“Come with us”*** (11)

2. Entrapment ***“Let’s set an ambush and kill someone”*** (11)

C. Proposed Prosperity ***“We’ll find all kinds of valuable property”*** (13)

1. Sanctity of life (Prov. 6:16-17)

2. Substance of prosperity (Matt. 6:21)

3. Seduction of sin (Ps. 16:11; Heb. 11:25)

D. Predestined Product *“My Son, don’t travel that road with them, or set foot on their path”* (15)

- 1. *“Their feet run toward trouble”* (16)**
- 2. *“It is foolish to spread a net where any bird can see it”* (17)**
- 3. *“But they set an ambush to kill themselves; they attack their own lives. Such are the paths of all who make profit dishonestly; it takes the lives of those who receive it.”* (18-19)**

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