

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

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 - Solomon wrote the majority of Proverbs.
 - Other writers were “the words of the wise” (22:17-24:34), Agur (Chap. 30), and King Lemuel (Chap. 31).

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 - Contrasting the Godly and the Wicked (10-15)
 - Encouraging Godly lives (16-22)
 - Concerning various situations (22-24)

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - Pithy, memorable sayings encourage people to pursue wisdom.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** the source of all wisdom
- **Solomon:** the author of many of the proverbs
- **Wisdom:** always addressed as “she”
- **The son or sons:** to whom the proverbs are addressed
- **Agur:** a contributor to the book of Proverbs
- **King Lemuel:** passed along sayings his mother taught him
- **The Wife of Noble Character:** subject of the epilogue

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- ◎ Where is the work of Christ?
 - Wisdom as an attribute of God is pictured as a person in Proverbs. In light of the New Testament we know this person of Wisdom as Jesus Christ, the Word by whom the worlds were created and are sustained. (John 1:1; Heb. 1:3; 1 Cor. 1:24; Col. 2:2,3)

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Verse to Remember

- **Wisdom is the principle thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. (Proverbs 4:7 KJV)**

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◉ Interesting Facts:

- According to 1 Kings 4:32, Solomon spoke 3,000 proverbs, of which about 800 are included in the book of Proverbs.
- Proverb 31 includes an alphabetical acrostic from verse 10 to 31. The first Hebrew letter in each verse corresponds to the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

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- What is my take away?
 - One of the most important and beneficial prayers you can pray is for God to give you wisdom. (James 1:5)

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◎ Home Study

- Read a chapter daily in Proverbs this week.
- Study the One Sentence Summary.
- Recite your memory verses daily.