

>Welcome!

- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Proverbs 30:4-5

Who has gone up to heaven and come down?

Whose hands have gathered up the wind?

Who has wrapped up the waters in a cloak?

Who has established all the ends of the earth?

What is his name, and what is his son's name?

Surely you know! "Every word of God is flawless;

he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

Psalms, Proverbs & Parables





Proverbs & Providence

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God's Guidance and Grace for America

Six Core Themes

Wisdom, Worship, Words, Work,
Humility & Honesty

About Proverbs

Author: King Solomon, Agur, King Lemuel

Style: Wisdom literature

Date: 950 B.C.

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” – Proverbs 9:10

Introduction (Proverbs 1:1-9)

1 The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel: 2 for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; 3 for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; 4 for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young 5 let the wise listen and add to their learning, and

let the discerning get guidance—6 for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. 7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. 8 Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. 9 They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.

1. Wisdom (vs. Folly)

- “Do not be wise in your own eyes (3:7)... blessed is the one who heeds wisdom’s instruction.” (29:18)
- “A life frittered away disgusts God; he loves those who run straight for the finish line.” (15:9 MSG)

SOURCE - *“Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” – Col. 2:3*

2. Worship (fearing God vs. not)

- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. (9:10)
- Blessed is the one who always trembles before God, but whoever hardens their heart falls into trouble. (28:14)

FOCUS OF WORSHIP

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son? Surely you know! (30:4-5)

3. Words (healing vs. hurting)

- Keep your mouth free of perversity;
keep corrupt talk far from your lips. (4:24)
- Those who guard their mouths and their tongues
keep themselves from calamity. (21:23)
- Like a maniac shooting flaming arrows of death is
one who deceives their neighbor and says, “I was
only joking!” (26:18-19)

4. Work (vs. Laziness)

- **Lazy hands make for poverty**, but diligent hands bring wealth. (10:4)
- All hard work brings a profit, but **mere talk leads only to poverty**. (14:23)
- Those who work their land will have abundant food, but **those who chase fantasies** will have their fill of poverty. (28:19)

5. Humility (vs. Pride)

- **Pride goes before destruction**, a haughty spirit before a fall. (16:18)
- **Listen to advice** and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise. (19:20)
- As iron sharpens iron, so **one person sharpens another**. (27:17)

6. Honesty (Integrity)

- Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. (4:23)
- Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out. (10:9)
- The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy. (12:22)

Founding of America

The United States of America was founded on these six key principles found in Proverbs.

Wisdom, Worship, Words, Work,
Humility, Honesty

“Every single charter written at the start of the United States puts the propagation of the gospel as one of the top priorities.”

“The single most quoted source for the Declaration of Independence is the Bible.”



David Barton

*"Of all the
dispositions and
habits which lead to
political prosperity,
religion and morality
are indispensable
supports."*



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To embrace faith in Jesus Christ is not at all outside of what it is to be an American, but it is in fact the very essence, foundation, and fabric of what has made this nation the greatest nation in the history of the world.

The Blessing

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.



**Happy
4th of July!**