

Proverbs 31 Chapters, the perfect monthly devotional

From Jeremiah Montgomery's *Concise Summary of The English Bible*

- **Authorship:** Solomon; 'Agur' (30.1) and 'Lemuel' (31.1) either pen-names for Solomon or unknowns
- **Date:** 970-686 BC (cf. 25.1: portions copied out by the men of Hezekiah, who reigned until 686)
- **Circumstances:** The golden age of the Solomonic kingdom (1Ki 4.29-34)
- **Theme:** "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction." (1.7)

Content Outline

- The Life of Wisdom (1-9)
 - Wisdom's Call (1-2)
 - Faith's Centrality (3-4)
 - Adultery's Danger (5-7)
 - Wisdom's Blessing (8-9)
- The Collected Wisdom (10-31)
 - Of Solomon (10-22.16)
 - Of the Wise (22.17-24.34)
 - Of Solomon – via Hezekiah (25-29)
 - Of Agur (30)
 - Of Lemuel (31)

See Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom in **2 Chronicles 1:7-12, 1 Kings 3:5-15, 4:29-32**

Absence of References to the nation of Israel in the Wisdom Books (Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes)

"The book of Proverbs is, therefore, a primer on street smarts." -Michael Williams

It's a Cheatbook for Life. Poetry of Parallelism. Humorous & Playful. Case Study: 26:4-5

Proverbs References to Immortality of the Soul: 10:2, 16, 11:4, 19, 12:28, 14:32, 23:18

Study Book of Proverbs Topically: <http://fridaysunset.net/Articles/ClassifiedProverbs.pdf>

Christ in Proverbs:

1 Corinthians 1:30 "You are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption..."

Colossians 2:1-3 "For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

See Proverbs 8:22-36

Proverbs and the New Testament:

*James: the Proverbs of the New Testament

**Another word for Proverb: Parable (Proverb used 19x, Parable 18x)

***The Mind of Christ - Full of Psalms & Proverbs - Remember Psalm 1

Proverbs in the NT	
Proverbs 3:11-12	Hebrews 12:5-6
Proverbs 3:34	James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5
Proverbs 10:12	1 Peter 4:8
Proverbs 11:31	1 Peter 4:18
Proverbs 25:21-22	Romans 12:20
Proverbs 26:11	2 Peter 2:22

Proverbs Alluded to in the NT	
Proverbs 3:7	Romans 12:16
Proverbs 4:26	Hebrews 12:13
Proverbs 24:21	1 Peter 2:17
Proverbs 25:6-7	Luke 14:8-10
Proverbs 27:1	James 4:13-14