

Proverbs 1-9 Overview

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Prologue is a series of 10 lessons from father to son

Mostly admonition/exhortation

Each lesson begins with admonition

Each is carefully structured- building to ch. 9 where wisdom and folly make their final appeal

Lesson 1 – (1:8-33) – Warning and rebuke

Introduction 8-9

Warning against enticements 10-19

Wisdom's reply to the mockers and simple ones- as a warning 20-23

Lesson 2 – (2:1-22) – Safeguard against the wicked

Introduction – seek wisdom 1-4

Promise 5-11

Understand the fear of the Lord and find knowledge 5-6

Protect his way 7-8

Enter his heart and guard him 9-11

Protection 12-19

From the wicked men 12-15

From the wayward wife 16-19

Right paths 20-22

Lesson 3 – (3:1-10) – God's promises and the son's obligations

Love and faithfulness = favor with God and people 3-4

Trust = straight paths 5-6

Humility = good health 7-8

Generosity = abundant crops 9-10

Lesson 4 – (3:11-35) – poems on the value of wisdom

Value of wisdom 13-26

Its blessings and value 13-18

Its role in creation 19-20

Its blessing 21-26

Negative admonition and warning 27-35

Correspond to admonitions of lesson 3

Lesson 5 – (4:1-9) – Family heritage of wisdom – continue in it

Lesson 6 – (4:10-19) – Warning from the way of wickedness

Lesson 7 – (4:20-27) – Stay on the way of righteousness

Lesson 8 – (5:1-6:19) – Warning against adultery, folly and wickedness

- Against adultery 3-20
 - Against adultery 3-14
 - For marital fidelity 15-19
 - Against adultery 20
- Against the wicked 21-23
- Against folly 6:1-11
 - Against securing strangers 1-5
 - Against sloth 6-11
- Against the wicked 12-19

Lesson 9 – (6:20-35) – Warning against adultery

- Introduction 20-23
- Warning note 24-25
- Consequences of adultery 26-35
 - Punishment 26-29
 - Disgrace 30-33
 - Vengeful husband 34-35

Lesson 10 – (7:1-8:36) – Unfaithful wife and wisdom's call

- Warning against seductive tactics of the unfaithful wife 7:1-27
- Wisdom's call 8:1-36

Epilogue – (9:1-18)

- Rival banquets of wisdom and folly