



## Cover to Cover: (Wisdom Literature)

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Proverbs is simple but not simplistic, so check out this video to find out more about it and to see how it all fits together:

[Proverbs Overview](#). Bonus Video: [Wisdom Literature](#)

### Important Takeaways from Video:

- Proverbs, short wise sayings, are only part of what makes up this book (chs. 10–29), which has King Solomon as its fountainhead
- The book itself is about wisdom, an applied or moral knowledge, a law (personified as lady wisdom) which undergirds the universe and stems from the character of God Himself.
- To be wise is to fear [reverence] the Lord and humbly embrace His objective order of the universe. This is the highest thing we can strive for and will more often than not lead to living well.
- It must be remembered that proverbs are probabilities but not promises. Job and Ecclesiastes—other wisdom books—explore some of the exceptions and give us the big picture.
- The book ends with the proverbial woman, who just like the father speaking wisdom to his son (chs. 1–9), demonstrates for her son what it looks like to live wisely.

*First, think about Pastor and Doug's mini-sermons from this past Lord's Day A.M. on "ants" and "6 things God hates":*

- What is so marvellous about ants?
- How are ants used to speak wisdom?
- Why is industry a virtue?
- How can a loving God hate? How is reading the Bible challenging us to rethink what a righteous hatred is?
- What 6 things are we told God hates and why?
- Why do you think these 6 things are focused on?

**Review:** Prov 21–24

**“Homework”:** Come prepared to share 3 Proverbs from this section that stand out to you. Share why it spoke to you and what relevance you believe it has.

Group Reflection:

1. For each proverb as the following three questions:
  - i. What does this teach us about God?
  - ii. What does this teach us about ourselves/others?
  - iii. What do I need to do?