

# PROVERBS

## Book note for Proverbs

No book note, yet.

## Chapter note for Proverbs 1

*1 The use of the proverbs. 7 An exhortation to fear God, and believe his word: 10 to avoid the enticings of sinners. 20 Wisdom complaineth of her contempt. 24 She threateneth her contemners.*

## Prov 1:2

1 Cor. 1:23-24, 30; Col. 2:23

## Prov 1:7

The fear of the Lord -- Job 28:28. This verse indicates wisdom is at the base of knowledge. Also see 2:5. 1 Cor. 1:30; Psa. 111:10; Pr. 9:10; 8:13; 15:33. Re. fools: Psa. 14:1.

## Prov 1:8

Father, God; mother, Jerusalem above (Gal. 4:26).

## Prov 1:10

Deu. 13:6-7.

## Prov 1:17

Experiments have shown that if 3 hunters enter a blind in full sight of a flock of ducks or geese, and if 2 of the hunters leave, that the birds will not land. Four hunters with 3 leaving tends to be a different matter.

## Prov 1:20

1 Cor. 1:30 -- Christ is the wisdom of God.

## Prov 1:22

19:7.

Re. simple ones: because of this admonition against simplicity, the scholarly way to avoid a discussion of a controversial, esp. scriptural, doctrine is to dismiss it as an "over simplification." The phrase is a defensive reflex of the old nature (Eph. 4:22) which implies that a straight-forward common-sense, down-to-earth, *moral* truth is not to be accepted because the person believing it is "uneducated" and, therefore, lacks the intellectual background to make an intelligent "value judgment." [BBB 10/01, 10.] The charge is usually made by those reprimanded by the second reprimand in this verse, i.e., scorners. Members of the third reprimanded set are likely to say, "How do you know? Much learning doth make thee mad!" (Ac. 26:24).

## Prov 1:23

Ac. 2:17 v.f.

## Prov 1:24

Ex. 3:20.

## Prov 1:25

The plethora of modern versions has set at naught all the counsel of the Lord, and rejects all reproof, too.

## Prov 1:26

Psa. 2:4.

**Chapter note for Proverbs 2**

*1 Wisdom promiseth godliness to her children, 10 and safety from evil company, 20 and direction in good ways.*

**Prov 2:1**

Psa. 34:11-22.

**Prov 2:5**

1:7.

**Prov 2:7**

2 Tim. 2:7.

**Prov 2:8**

The way is the word.

**Prov 2:16**

That is, the great whore (v. 18), the Roman Catholic Church and her Mary.

### **Chapter note for Proverbs 3**

*1 An exhortation to obedience, 5 faith, 7 to mortification, 9 to devotion, 1 to patience. 13 The happy gain of wisdom. 19 The power, 21 and the benefits of wisdom. 27 An exhortation to charitableness, 30 peaceableness, 31 and contentedness. 33 The cursed state of the wicked.*

#### **Prov 3:2**

Ex. 20:12; Psa. 91:16.

#### **Prov 3:5**

People often use the last clause of this verse to suggest that one should consult with other, learned men before presenting a new or radical idea. However, the context is not the collected wisdom of men but trust in the LORD; it thus teaches us to lean on the understanding of the Lord, not the understanding of man.

#### **Prov 3:6**

Shades of the everlasting gospel of Rev. 14:6.

#### **Prov 3:8**

Deu. 8:3; Job 23:12; Pr. 4:23; Mat. 4:4.

#### **Prov 3:18**

Gen. 2:9; 3:22.

#### **Prov 3:20**

Formation of rain is same as making of dew.

#### **Prov 3:32**

Psa. 25:14.

#### **Prov 3:35**

Rom. 8:17.

**Chapter note for Proverbs 4**

*1 Solomon, to persuade obedience, 3 sheweth what instruction he had of his parents, 5 to study wisdom, 14 and to shun the path of the wicked. 20 He exhorteth to faith, 23 and sanctification.*

**Prov 4:14**

Psa. 1:1.

**Prov 4:22**

Cf. references in 3:8.

**Prov 4:23**

Contra the lust of the flesh -- deny self -- 1 Jn. 2:16.

**Prov 4:25**

Contra the lust of the eyes -- take up one's cross -- 1 Jn. 2:16.

**Prov 4:26**

Contra the pride of life -- follow Jesus Christ -- 1 Jn. 2:16.

**Chapter note for Proverbs 5**

*1 Solomon exhorteth to the study of wisdom. 3 He sheweth the mischief of whoredom and riot. 15 He exhorteth to contentedness, liberality, and charity. 22 The wicked are overtaken with their own sins.*

**Prov 5:3**

Woman types wickedness -- Zech. 5:9. It also types the Roman Catholic Church as the false bride.

**Prov 5:4**

Wormwood: (Deu. 29:18, Jer. 9:15).

The great whore, Babylon, ultimately faces the twoedged sword of the word of the Lord (Rev. 1:16 with 19:11-16, esp. v. 15).

**Prov 5:5**

E.g., like pole-walking a boat, so her feet take hold on hell.

## **Chapter note for Proverbs 6**

*1 Against suretiship, 6 idleness, 12 and mischievousness. 16 Seven things hateful to God. 20 The blessings of obedience. 25 The mischiefs of whoredom.*

### **Prov 6:6**

Note that the ant is referred to as “her,” a think supposed to be unknown at the time Proverbs was written.

Re. the ant’s ways: Alfred Bruckstein reported in the *Mathematical Intelligencer* in 1993 that no matter what kind of wandering path a “pioneer” ant takes in getting from point A to B, if subsequent “follower” ants aim themselves directly at the ant ahead of them, the path straightens out. So it is with the Shepherd and his sheep, if they stay in line. (Reported in *Science*, vol. 260, pg. 495, 23 April, 1993.)

To be wise is to win souls.

### **Prov 6:7**

The queen ant is little more than an egg-producing machine and not a ruler.

### **Prov 6:13**

Job 15:12; Pr. 10:10; Zec. 11:17; Pr. 23:6.

### **Prov 6:16**

I.e., 6 of the 7 are hated, all 7 are an abomination. The last is an abomination but not hated because when a man comes to Christ, he sows discord among his brethren. Their discord is an abomination, but is necessary to stir them up in the valley of decision and so it is not hated.

### **Prov 6:23**

Psa. 119:105.

### **Prov 6:24**

20:19.

### **Prov 6:26**

Contrast 31:11. “Precious life,” the ideal man, the riches of the world at her feet. She will use sex as a reward against her husband instead of as an incentive, without any strings attached, to honor her (1 Pet. 3:7).

### **Prov 6:34**

One of two kinds of jealousy (2 Cor. 11:2).

**Chapter note for Proverbs 7**

*1 Solomon persuadeth to a sincere and kind familiarity with wisdom. 6 In an example of his own experience, he sheweth 10 the cunning of a whore, 22 and the desperate simplicity of a young wanton. 24 He dehortheth from such wickedness.*

**Prov 7:1**

Jn. 14:23.

## **Chapter note for Proverbs 8**

*1 The fame, 6 and evidency of wisdom. 1 The excellency, 12 the nature, 15 the power, 18 the riches, 22 and the eternity of wisdom. 32 Wisdom is to be desired for the blessedness it bringeth.*

### **Prov 8:2**

Five places are listed.

### **Prov 8:3**

Rev. 3:20.

### **Prov 8:8**

Note, “**words,**” not “message,” “truths,” “fundamentals,” or “Word.”

### **Prov 8:9**

There are no hard-to-understand archaisms in the Bible.

### **Prov 8:13**

Job 28:28; Psa. 34:11 elaborates on the fear of the Lord. **Arrogancy** is pride in practice. **Froward** is twisted, crooked (2:12).

### **Prov 8:15**

Rom. 13:1; Col. 1:16-17.

### **Prov 8:17**

Most believers come to God before they are forty. Circa 1918 Wilbur Chapman gave the following breakdown of at what age believers were saved: 60% were converted before age 25, 20% between ages 25-35, 10% between 35-40, and 10% between 40 and 70. Above 70 was about 0.3%.

### **Prov 8:22**

LXX (followed by RSV & NEB) reads “created,” which is an Arian reading. Servetus, a converted Jew, was burned at the stake by John Calvin for refusing to believe that Psa. 2:7 was a reference to this verse and verse 23. In Psalm 2, the “begotten” is a reference to his incarnation for one, or Christ’s resurrection (Ac. 13:33), not his eternal existence. This is a Calvinist error perpetuated by the LXX which, in verse 23, reads “he begetteth me.”

Ruckman has proven the case that the LXX of today is a counterfeit stemming from Origen. Origen is the root of this corruption, Augustine is the trunk from which branch the Roman Catholic (sacraments, works, authoritative hierarchy, baby sprinkling) and Reformed (amillennialism, predestination, baptismal regeneration) cults.

### **Prov 8:26**

There is dust caused by man (world) in the stratosphere and higher.

### **Prov 8:27**

Gen. 1:6-7. This verse indicates a spherical earth because the surface of the water is meant. Also see Job 26:10 and note to Isa. 40:22.

“Face of the depth:” Gen. 1:2.

### **Prov 8:28**

There are fresh water springs in the sea.

### **Prov 8:29**

1 Pet. 1:20.

### **Prov 8:30**

Now the days have begun, no longer pre-creation.

### **Prov 8:31**

Overtone of believers (Jn. 13-17).

**Prov 8:36**

Those that reject the Living Word, the waters of life, the Scripture.

**Chapter note for Proverbs 9**

*1 The discipline, 4 and doctrine of wisdom. 13 The custom, 16 and error of folly.*

**Prov 9:1**

Isa. 11:2.

**Prov 9:2**

Mat. 22:4.

**Prov 9:5**

Last supper overtones.

**Prov 9:8**

E.g., Nathan and David.

**Prov 9:9**

Wisdom and justice are prerequisite to learning.

**Prov 9:10**

Job 28:28; Pr. 1:7; 2:5; 8:13.

**Prov 9:12**

I.e., you have to live with yourself.

**Prov 9:13**

In contrast to the first 12 verses of this chapter. Cf. 2:16; 5:20; 7:10.

**Prov 9:17**

The appeal of sin (1 Jn. 2:16).

**Prov 9:18**

LXX reads giants instead of guests and adds about 50 words to this chapter.

## **Chapter note for Proverbs 10**

*From this chapter to the five and twentieth are sundry observations of moral virtues, and their contrary vices.*

### **Prov 10:1**

Thus there is rejoicing in heaven when a man is saved (Lu. 15:10). Foolish Christians are a heaviness to the Church (Gal. 4:26).

### **Prov 10:2**

I.e., they are reckoned as debts. Cf. 11:4.

### **Prov 10:3**

Compare 2 Cor. 11:27. Also, the word remains. Famish is not the same as hunger.

### **Prov 10:5**

Also pertains to soul winning.

### **Prov 10:6**

Verse 11.

### **Prov 10:7**

E.g., Ruth and Orpah, Paul and Demas.

### **Prov 10:8**

With v. 10, prating means talking, rambling. Psa. 120:2.

### **Prov 10:10**

Verse 8. Compare Zec. 11:17.

### **Prov 10:11**

Refers to Christ -- Jn. 7:38. Verse 6.

### **Prov 10:12**

17:9. Love isn't blind, it just loves in spite of the beloved's faults.

### **Prov 10:13**

8:14

### **Prov 10:15**

21:22; 25:28.

Here is why "wars on poverty" increase the number of poor. The poor also destroy their own neighborhoods.

### **Prov 10:16**

Rom. 6:20-23; Psa. 39:5.

### **Prov 10:17**

6:23; 2 Tim. 3:16.

### **Prov 10:19**

Ecc. 5:3; Jas. 1:20.

### **Prov 10:20**

To preach redemption's price.

### **Prov 10:21**

Feed the bread of life -- Jn. 21:16. A fool is defined as an unbeliever in Psa. 14:1, though a man yielding to his lusts is also called a fool.

**Prov 10:22**

Rev. 21-22. Also the Lord's peace.

**Prov 10:23**

A.V. 1611 reads "As a sport...."

**Prov 10:24**

The following verses deal with the second advent, v. 24, tribulation.

**Prov 10:25**

Psa. 59:9; Jer. 23:19; Eze. 1:4; Am. 1:14; Nah. 1:3 -- reaping for the press.

**Prov 10:31**

Cf. vv 20-21. Mat. 3:10; Lu. 13:7; also Mat. 24:51.

**Prov 10:32**

Cf. vv. 20-21.

**Prov 11:1**

Ex. 30:13; Am. 8:5; Lev. 19:35-36; Deu. 25:13-14. Weight also implies emphasis (e.g., in living or preaching).

**Prov 11:3**

13:15

**Prov 11:6**

Verse 3

**Prov 11:8**

Scapegoat.

**Prov 11:13**

16:28

**Prov 11:21**

Contra ecumenism.

**Prov 11:29**

Some Bible critics like to replace wind with breath or spirit (or vice-versa). But note the resulting problem here.

**Prov 11:30**

The reference to winning souls is not found in most modern versions.

**Prov 12:18**

18:8

**Prov 12:20**

People lie to protect themselves from evil (consequences). The conscience of the habitual liar always imagines evil. Also, the mind practiced in deceit will feed the evil imagination.

**Prov 12:21**

Reference to those in Christ at the last judgment.

**Prov 13:15**

E.g., Prodigal Son.

**Prov 14:2**

The geocentricity is implied in the sense that if “uprightness” is not in the center then it is relative to earth only and therefore we’d have no universal uprightness but moral relativism.

**Prov 14:9**

That is, fools deride sin; they treat it as a joke. For instance, “Hell must be a great place; all my friends are going there.”

**Prov 14:10**

**Intermeddle** = To interfere in the affairs of others, often with excessive eagerness to offer unwanted services or advice.

**Prov 14:12**

16:2; 21:2; 30:12

**Prov 14:13**

Laughter cannot permanently banish sorrow; it can only produce a heavy heart. We can only banish sorrow by placing it in proper context and deciding to be happy despite our circumstances.

**Prov 14:14**

Backsliders usually think that they are more special to God than others. In so doing they deal not with reality, which leaves them dissatisfied with themselves.

**Prov 14:15**

A prudent man is wise in handling practical matters; exercising good judgment and common sense. Often that means collecting other sides of a story.

**Prov 14:20**

His neighbours regard the poor man as a nuisance. They regard his property as an eyesore that decreases property valued in the neighborhood. This proverb says as much about the charity of the neighbor as it does about the poor and rich (v. 21).

**Prov 14:27**

Jn. 7:38

**Prov 15:28**

2 Tim. 2:15.

**Prov 15:29**

Hence the wicked may conclude God can’t see them.

**Prov 16:1**

The new heart: Eze. 11:19; 2 Cor. 3:3; Rom. 10:9.

**Prov 16:2**

14:12; 21:2; 30:12; 16:25

Dead in sin, alive in Christ -- Jn. 3:5; Dan. 5:27; Pr. 15:13.

**Prov 16:3**

1:7 -- E.g., Johann Sebastian Bach.

**Prov 16:4**

E.g., Satan, God’s anger.

**Prov 16:5**

6:17; 8:13; 11:21. Contra ecumenism and universal brotherhood.

**Prov 16:6**

Contra purgatory which says punishment purges iniquity. Christ is truth; grace is mercy.  
The new versions mimic the LXX reading of "By alms and faithfulness ... atonement."

**Prov 16:7**

This would appear to contradict Jesus' fate at the hands of his enemies, as found in Mat. 21:46; Lu. 21:15; Ac. 6:10. Nothing in Proverbs says that a man's enemies will always be at peace with him. Indeed, the implication is that they do not start out in peace. The saints of the Lord all started out as rebellious children of the Devil. For although we were once enemies of the Lord, yet because Jesus pleased the Lord, we are now at peace with God. Those who refuse to make peace with Jesus now will be forced to make peace with him at his second coming.

And what of the saints who please the Lord? Well, consider what Jesus told his disciples in Luke 21:15: "For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist." Later, in Acts 6:10, Luke reports of Stephen: "And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake." At this time the world is still at enmity with God, even as they were against Jesus Christ. But the time will come when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of the Father (Isa. 45:23; Ro. 14:11; and Php. 2:11).

**Prov 16:10**

20:8 -- the king is Christ in the following verses.

**Prov 16:11**

11:1

**Prov 16:12**

Psa. 89:14; 97:2; Isa. 66:1. Pr. 25:5.

**Prov 16:14**

E.g., 2 Sam. 1:1-16.

**Prov 16:18**

18:12

**Prov 16:33**

Implications for quantum mechanics.

**Prov 17:12**

Among fools are the atheists (Psa. 14:1).

**Prov 17:15**

Billy Graham excused Clinton's adulteries.

**Prov 18:1**

Since the separated man seeks wisdom, he must be separated from God and God's people where wisdom dwells. Not having God's laws of reference, he intermeddled (mixes together) various "wisdoms," his own, pagan, God's, etc., but not finding true wisdom, his desire is not assuaged.

**Prov 18:12**

16:18

**Prov 18:22**

Pr. 31.

**Prov 18:24**

-- **FRIENDLY**

Should be linked to H7462 instead of H7489.

**Prov 19:24**

In both this verse and in its mate, Pr. 26:15, modern versions change bosom to dish, even though food is not in evidence. Besides, a slothful man is never too lazy to eat, but he might hide his hand as if it is in a sling when there is work to be done.

**Prov 19:25**

20:11; Deu. 13:11.

**Prov 19:27**

I.e., the Bible.

**Prov 20:8**

16:10; Rev. 20:1-6.

**Prov 20:10**

V. 23.

**Prov 20:16**

Garment corresponds to righteousness, the woman to the great whore.

**Prov 20:19**

6:24.

**Prov 20:20**

Those who alter the words of God.

**Prov 20:23**

V. 10

**Prov 20:27**

V. 30. The spirit illumines the motives.

**Prov 20:30**

V. 27.

**Prov 21:1**

Christ the King, to Pharaoh or to Ahasuerus (i.e., in Est. 5:2 for example).

**Prov 21:2**

16:2; 14:12; 30:12.

**Prov 21:3**

E.g., Mat. 23:23.

**Prov 21:4**

I.e., even such "innocent good work" as plowing is held as sin. Note v. 27. Rom. 8:6-7; 1 Cor. 13:1-2. Activity, not fruits, is condemned (v. 5).

**Prov 21:5**

19:2

**Prov 21:6**

E.g., Rome. Because lies are unreal.

**Prov 21:8**

Froward = habitually adversarial.

**Prov 21:9**

V. 19; 25:24. Rev. 17:1-4.

**Prov 21:11**

19:25

**Prov 21:12**

Psa. 73.

**Prov 21:13**

Jas. 2:15. E.g., Mat. 18:23-34. Also see Deu. 15:9-11.

**Prov 21:17**

Descriptive of Charismatics.

**Prov 21:19**

V. 6

**Prov 21:27**

Vv. 3-4; 15:8.

**Prov 22:15**

Rod implies measured, just.

**Prov 22:21**

Implies inerrancy and preservation.

**Prov 22:23**

23:11

**Prov 22:28**

1 Ki. 21; Ex. 19:12; Deu. 19:14; Pr. 23:10.

**Prov 23:1**

2 Sam. 13:28 v.f.; 1 Sam. 20:33; Est. 7:4.

**Prov 23:5**

All things are the Lord's. Some coins and bills even have eagles on them.

**Prov 23:6**

Deu. 15:9; 1 Sam. 18:9; Pr. 6:13; Zec. 11:7 for the evil eye. Also see 28:22 and Mk. 7:22.

Russian scientists have recently (2000) shown that the human gaze has immense physical energy, and that the eye emits high frequency rays of wavelength 80 micrometers ( $4 \times 10^{12}$  Hz). Sarah, Og, Balaam, Caesar, Oliver Cromwell, Pope Pius IX, Napoleon, and Hitler were all said to have possessed the evil eye. I doubt if this is true of Sarah, and the only other non-catholic in the group, Oliver Cromwell, is accused by the Roman Catholics of every evil characteristic one can imagine, though non-catholic biographers exonerate him of all such accusations. See *The Evil Eye in Biblical and Rabbinic Literature*, R Ulmer, 1994.

**Prov 23:7**

Verse 26

**Prov 23:8**

Verses 1, 6.

**Prov 23:9**

26:4

**Prov 23:10**

22:28

**Prov 23:11**

22:23. Note Ru. 3:2 and refs.

**Prov 23:16**

Reins, see note to Psa. 139:13.

**Prov 23:21**

Recognizes drowsiness after a big meal.

**Prov 23:23**

Judas sold the Truth. Buy Bibles, and don't sell them.

**Prov 23:26**

V. 7.

**Prov 23:31**

The characteristic of a fine wine or port is that a thin layer of liquid pushes up the glass and beads above the surface of the liquid. If the glass is tilted towards the drop, the drop will be pushed up the glass, being repelled by the surface of the wine.

**Prov 23:33**

Most modern versions change strange women to strange things on the fallacious theory that a drunk is more likely to hallucinate than to commit adultery. Down and out drunks are routinely rolled by prostitutes, especially since they won't remember a thing when they awaken. Also, alcoholics rarely hallucinate except during alcoholism withdrawal.

**Prov 24:11**

E.g., the Jews in World War II Europe, babies scheduled for abortion, etc. Not duly convicted murderers on death row.

**Prov 24:13**

Honey types the word of God.

**Prov 24:21**

Them that are given to change are called "liberals."

**Prov 24:31**

Nettles are a broad leafed plant growing to a height of three to four feet and which causes a burning, itching rash if touched. Common in Europe and some areas of the mid-East.

## **Chapter note for Proverbs 25**

*1 Observations about kings, 8 and about avoiding of quarrels, and sundry causes thereof.*

### **Prov 25:3**

Jer. 31:37; Eph. 3:18.

### **Prov 25:5**

Psa. 89:14; 97:2; Pr. 16:12.

### **Prov 25:7**

Lu. 14:8-10.

### **Prov 25:9**

Discover is akin to reveal.

### **Prov 25:14**

For example, boasting of the “gifts” of prophecy, tongues, etc.

### **Prov 25:18**

A **maul** is a heavy, long-handled hammer used especially to drive stakes, piles, or wedges.

### **Prov 25:20**

There is said to be a problem here with the usage of the word “nitre.” According to the *Oxford English Dictionary* (1st. ed.), in 1611 *nitre* could either refer to potassium nitrate (saltpeter) from which gunpowder was made, or to sodium carbonate (potash). Today, *nitre* refers to the former. Which did the Translators mean? Jer. 2:22 clears up the matter. There nitre is said to have a cleansing property. This points to sodium carbonate as the intended meaning here. The result of pouring vinegar upon sodium carbonate is a foaming, roiling mess.

### **Prov 25:22**

Rom. 12:20. For an example, see Gen. 42:28.

### **Prov 25:23**

Job 37:22. An angry countenance will counter a backbiting tongue because the backbiter is a coward.

### **Prov 25:24**

21:9, 19.

### **Prov 25:27**

One seeks for glory only if one does not have it.

### **Prov 25:28**

This suggests that the soul should rule the spirit (and body).

## **Chapter note for Proverbs 26**

*1 Observations about fools, 13 about sluggards, 17 and about contentious busybodies.*

### **Prov 26:2**

Deu. 23:4 is an example of a curse causeless. Witch doctors and shamans in India will not knowingly proclaim a curse on a true Christian. They will not because the curse will return and land on them.

### **Prov 26:3**

The ass is the easiest to control.

### **Prov 26:4**

In other words, answer a fool according to the context. Don't go along with his foolishness (this verse) but answer him so his foolishness is obvious even to him (v. 5).

### **Prov 26:8**

I.e., it will whip back on the slinger.

### **Prov 26:11**

2 Pet. 2:22. A dog (Rev. 22:15) is here associated with a fool; that is, an atheist or false prophet.

### **Prov 26:15**

See Pr. 19:24 for critical note.

### **Prov 26:17**

Not a smart thing to do as a dog will tear its ear off and attack. For more on dogs, see Rev. 22:15.

### **Prov 26:22**

19:8

### **Prov 26:24**

See note to v. 25

### **Prov 26:25**

In his introduction to *Die Revolutionibus*, Copernicus justifies heliocentrism by virtue of seven arguments. Each is an abomination according to the Bible.

### **Chapter note for Proverbs 27**

*1 Observations of selflove 5 of true love, 11 of care to avoid offences, 23 and of the household care.*

#### **Prov 27:1**

Jas. 4:13-16.

#### **Prov 27:6**

Judas's kiss (Lu. 22:48).

#### **Prov 27:16**

Bewray vs. betray: In English, bewray means to uncover something, betray means to turn someone over to an enemy. These are two different words in the Greek, Latin, etc. Bibles. Also in Hebrew where, here, H7121 *qara'* is used versus H7411, *ramah* (betray in 1 Chr. 12:17). Also see H5046, *nagad* (Pr. 29:24) and H1540 *galah* (Isa. 16:3) all of which are rendered "betray." The English word is used three more times in Scripture, *viz.* the two references just listed and Mat. 26:73 where it triggers Peter's third denial of Jesus; a classic example of the meaning of bewray.

#### **Prov 27:20**

Statement of entropy.

Modern versions read "death and destruction," so there is no hell to face. When all are dead, death is "full," but not so for hell and destruction, those will still have room.

## **Chapter note for Proverbs 28**

*General observations of impiety and religious integrity.*

### **Prov 28:4**

Modern liberals, who forsake the law against sodomy, fornication, and even the existence of the God of the Bible.

### **Prov 28:12**

V. 28.

### **Prov 28:13**

Especially modern preachers and professors cover their sins for fear of being removed from the ministry.

### **Prov 28:16**

Re. totalitarianism. Communism preys on the covetousness of people; without it, there is no way that Marxism (Communism) could ever see the light of day.

### **Prov 28:22**

For evil eye, see note to Prov. 23:6.

### **Prov 28:24**

Corban.

### **Prov 28:26**

Contra the "follow your heart" crowd.

### **Prov 28:28**

The wicked will not allow competition -- not even of their own kind. V. 12.

**Chapter note for Proverbs 29**

*1 Observations of publick government, 15 and of private. 22 Of anger, pride, thievery, cowardice, and corruption.*

**Prov 29:18**

Television is a counterfeit vision.

**Prov 29:19**

Christ's silence before his accusers.

**Prov 29:24**

For bewray vs. betray see note to Prov. 27:16.

**Prov 29:25**

Gal. 1:10.

### **Chapter note for Proverbs 30**

*1 Agur's confession of faith. 7 The two points of his prayer. 10 The meanest are not to be wronged. 11 Four wicked generations. 15 Four things insatiable. 17 Parents are not to be despised. 18 Four things hard to be known. 21 Four things intolerable. 24 Four things exceeding wise. 29 Four things stately. 32 Wrath is to be prevented.*

#### **Prov 30:1**

**Agur** = gatherer, waxing, (the origin of the Latin word augur).

**Jakeh** = pious.

**Ithiel** = happiness of God.

**Ucal** = consumed; I will prevail.

#### **Prov 30:5**

Psa. 12:6-7; 31:19-20.

#### **Prov 30:6**

8:8; 13:13; Deu. 4:2; 12:32; Rev. 22:18.

#### **Prov 30:10**

Christ as servant.

#### **Prov 30:12**

14:12; 16:2; 21:2 -- the generation which crucified Jesus, Mat. 12:41.

#### **Prov 30:16**

A fire is satisfied when all fuel is consumed, but it will never say "It is enough."

#### **Prov 30:23**

Hagar and Sarah.

#### **Prov 30:26**

Conies = rabbits.

### **Chapter note for Proverbs 31**

*1 Lemuel's lesson of chastity and temperance. 6 The afflicted are to be comforted and defended. 10 The praise and properties of a good wife.*

#### **Prov 31:1**

**Lemuel** = belonging to God, a nickname Bathsheba had for Solomon.

#### **Prov 31:2**

This son can't be Jesus according to v. 3.

#### **Prov 31:3**

Gen. 3:16; Eph. 5:22; Col. 3:18; 1 Pet. 3:1, 5.

#### **Prov 31:6**

1 Tim. 5:23.

#### **Prov 31:8**

I.e., tell the gospel.

#### **Prov 31:10**

E.g., Ruth, Abigail, Sarah. Also a pattern for the Church.

#### **Prov 31:11**

6:26-32.

#### **Prov 31:12**

Even after he should die.

#### **Prov 31:14**

A working woman. Note Titus 2:5.

#### **Prov 31:21**

Job 38:22-23.

Scarlet refers to the blood of Christ.