

## **A Study of the Wisdom Literature** **(OT Survey Lesson 289—Wisdom about Wealth)**

**Introduction:** The proverbs have a great deal to say about the universal pursuit of wealth. Solomon warns us of the dangers connected with a quest for wealth and teaches us to view and use it properly.

**Lesson aim:** To learn the danger connected with wealth and how to use it properly

### **Dangers connected with wealth**

1. How can wealth be accumulated unrighteously? (17:23) What does Solomon say about wealth gained in unlawful ways? (10:2; 20:17) What is the destiny or outcome of those who do so? (15:27; 21:6; 22:16)
2. Who will intervene when the poor are oppressed by the rich? (22:22) What will be the end of the one who misuses others for earthly gain?
3. What does Solomon say about the poor man who oppresses the lowly? (28:3)
4. How did Solomon say a rich man views his wealth? (18:11) Yet what will his destiny be? (11:4,6,28)
5. Of what danger does Solomon warn the wealthy? (28:11) What does he need to remember? (22:2)
6. What other danger does the wise man cite? (28:22) What is the meaning of the proverb in 27:7?

### **The Lord blesses His people with wealth**

1. Who is the source of the riches one may have? (10:22) Did Solomon believe that God rewarded the righteous with riches? (13:22; 15:6; 22:4; 28:20; 14:24)
2. Should one conclude that riches is a sign of righteousness? Why or why not?

## **The importance of generosity toward others**

1. What does Solomon say about the generous person? (11:24,25, 28:27)  
Why is the generous man blessed? (22:9) Helping the poor is like lending to whom? (19:17)
2. Should one who possesses what another needs to live be willing to part with it (11:26)
3. How can generosity open doors for one? (17:8; 18:16) What else can a strategic gift do? (21:14)

## **The priority of spirituality over earthly gain**

1. What did Solomon say was always “better” (16:8, 16, 22:1)
2. Who did Solomon say was always “better”? (19:1; 28:6)

## **Practical wisdom about wealth**

1. What does Solomon say about the role of wealth in attracting “friends”? (14:20; 19:4)
2. Can you always tell who has money by their appearance? (13:7)
3. What principle of money management is taught in 21:20?
4. About what danger does Solomon warn? (22:7)