

A Study of the Wisdom Literature

(OT Survey Lesson 292—Wisdom about Sinful Living)

Introduction: True wisdom in the Proverbs is grounded in the fear of the Lord and obedience to His law. Consequently, Solomon give many warnings concerning sinful living which brings rejection by God and destruction.

Lesson aim: To consider some dangerous sinful attitudes and their consequences.

General warnings concerning wickedness

1. What are some of the consequences of living a wicked life? (13:21; 14:11; 14:22; 29:6; 22:8; 21:16)
2. Describe the kind of person that is an abomination to God (6:12-19).
3. How does the Lord regard the worship of the wicked? (15:8; 28:9; 21:27)
4. How do righteous people regard the wicked man? (29:27; 24:8-9)
5. What should these considerations cause everyone to do? (4:23)

Warnings concerning violence and mistreatment of others

1. How did Solomon describe the violent man? (30:14; 29:10; 16:29)
2. What warnings did Solomon issue concerning violence toward others? (3:31; 24:15; 24:1; 21:7; 28:17; 21:13)
3. In what other ways can one abuse or mistreat others? (25:17; 28:21; 17:5; 21:20; 20:14)

Warnings about dishonesty

1. How does the Lord feel about those who are dishonest in commerce? (20:23; 20:10; 11:1;

2. In what other ways did Solomon say one could be dishonest? (11:18; 22:28; 25:18)

Warnings about anger

1. What did Solomon affirm about the quick tempered person? (25:28; 14:17; 15:18; 19:19; 29:11; 29:22)
2. What did he affirm about the person “slow to anger”? (14:29;
3. What advice did Solomon give in dealing with the anger of others? (15:1)
4. How will the wicked man’s anger lead to conflict? (28:4; 17:19)

Dangers of a retaliatory spirit

1. What attitude should the righteous person have toward his enemy? (24:17; 24:29;
2. How did Solomon urge wise men to treat those were enemies? (25:21)
3. What warning did he issue? (17:13)

Warnings about pride

1. How does Solomon describe the proud person? (30:12-13; 21:24; 21:4
2. How are some ways one may manifest pride? (30:32; 25:27; 27:1; 27:21; 18:1)
3. What is the destiny of the proud man? (15:25; 16:5; 16:18; 18:12; 29:23)

Warnings about strong drink

1. What warnings does Solomon give concerning wine or strong drink? (20:1; 23:29-35; 31:4)