

# A Study of the Wisdom Literature

## (OT Survey Lesson 284—Parents and Children)

**Introduction: Nowhere is wisdom needed more than in training children. The proverbs contain many practical sayings about this important relationship.**

**Lesson aim: To discover wisdom about the parent-child relationship**

### **The joy and glory of family**

17:6 Grandchildren are the crown of old men, And the glory of sons is their fathers.

20:29 The glory of young men is their strength, And the honor of old men is their gray hair.

### **The Joy of having a wise child**

10:1 A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish son is a grief to his mother.

15:20 A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish man despises his mother.

17:25 A foolish son is a grief to his father, And bitterness to her who bore him.

17:21 He who begets a fool *does so* to his sorrow, And the father of a fool has no joy.

### **Encouragement in training children to be wise**

22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

29:17 Correct your son, and he will give you comfort; He will also delight your soul.

### **The use of discipline by reproof and by the rod in making a child wise**

19:18 Discipline your son while there is hope, And do not desire his death.

29: 15 The rod and reproof give wisdom, But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.

22:15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.

13: 24 He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him diligently.

23:13-14 Do not hold back discipline from the child, Although you beat him with the rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with the rod, And deliver his soul from Sheol.

### **Importance of listening and accepting discipline**

19:27 Cease listening, my son, to discipline, *And you will* stray from the words of knowledge.

15:5 A fool rejects his father's discipline, But he who regards reproof is prudent.

12:1 WHOEVER loves discipline loves knowledge, But he who hates reproof is stupid.

23:22 Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old. 23 Buy truth, and do not sell *it*, Get wisdom and instruction and understanding. 24 The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, And he who begets a wise son will be glad in him. 25 Let your father and your mother be glad, And let her rejoice who gave birth to you.

### **The conduct and consequences of a foolish child**

30:11 There is a kind of *man* who curses his father, And does not bless his mother.

20:20 He who curses his father or his mother, His lamp will go out in time of darkness.

30:17 The eye that mocks a father, And scorns a mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.

28:24 He who robs his father or his mother, And says, "It is not a transgression," Is the companion of a man who destroys.

28:7 He who keeps the law is a discerning son, But he who is a companion of gluttons humiliates his father.

19:26 He who assaults *his* father *and* drives *his* mother away Is a shameful and disgraceful son.

29:3 A man who loves wisdom makes his father glad, But he who keeps company with harlots wastes *his* wealth.

17:2 A servant who acts wisely will rule over a son who acts shamefully, And will share in the inheritance among brothers.

**The conduct and consequences of a wise son**

20:11 It is by his deeds that a lad distinguishes himself, If his conduct is pure and right.

27:11 Be wise, my son, and make my heart glad, That I may reply to him who reproaches me.