

Proverbs ***Chapter 1***



Orlando Bible Students Special Study — Sunday, January 23, 2022

References: Reprint 2053—The Proverbs of Solomon page 250; Reprint 1517-1520—page 121-125; Expanded Bible Comments for verses in Proverbs Chapter 1

We are told in 1 Kings 4:29-34, that God gave Solomon wisdom as great as the sands on the seashore and greater than Egypt and the countries of the East. Further, we are told that he wrote 3,000 proverbs and that Kings from all the nations came to hear his wisdom. As we believe that this wisdom is from above and these Proverbs have found their way into the holy text they deserve to be examined, studied, and used to overcome the carnal mind of the old man and look to the wisdom from above.

Verse 1-7

1) **What level of wisdom is spoken of here and to whom is this wisdom meant and for what purpose?**

Ps. 89:14; R2053

2) **To gain this wisdom there is a prerequisite. What is it and does it still apply today?**

Prov. 9:10 (see also comments for verse); James 1:5; Psalm 111:10 (see also comments for verse)

3) **Why is it that the worldly minded at this time will never gain the wisdom of the Lord?**

Verse 7; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; R2053, page 251

Verses 8-9

4) **Bro. Russell suggests that Solomon is being used by the Lord as his mouthpiece. To whom is the Lord's counsel being given? Identify the son, father and mother mentioned here / natural and spiritual applications.**

R1518, page 123; R2053, page 253 (discussion on verses 8-9); Bible Comments for verse 8

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Verses 10-19

5) In these verses Solomon talks about those that would rob and kill others; scheme and lay in wait to rob their victim.

A. How does this apply to our day and what is the outcome for these that rob and kill?

B. What is the lesson that we should glean from these verses?

Gen. 49:6; 1Tim. 6:9; R2054, page 251; 1 Cor. 3:19; James 3:14-16; Job 5:13; Mal> 3:5

Verses 20-28

6) These verses appear to indicate a time when sound wisdom and knowledge will be ignored. What are your thoughts as to framing the timing suggested here?

Ps. 2:2; James 5:1-6

7) Verse 28: what is the warning here and how is it relevant today? As knowledge has been increased, has mankind drawn closer to God?

Prov. 9:31; Ps. 2:4; Dan. 12:1; Dan. 12:10

8) Verse 33 gives an assurance to those that harken to the Lord. Who are these individuals or is it a group or a class referred to here; explain?

2 Tim. 2:19; Prov. 29:25; Ps. 34:7