

THE MESSAGE OF PROVERBS

Introduction – Wisdom literature assumes that all human beings have the ability to think and gain insight apart from divine revelation in the Word of God. Writings like the book of Proverbs are found in Egyptian, Sumerian, and Akkadian literature long before there was a nation of Israel.

Romans 2:14-15

- A. Israelite wisdom centers on the fear / respect of Yahweh as exemplified by King Solomon.

Proverbs 1:1-3, 8

- B. Wisdom and folly are contrasted by two very different women.

Proverbs 3:13-15

Proverbs 5:3-6

- C. Proverbs offers practical advice on every area of life.

Proverbs 6:9-11

Proverbs 14:3, 14

Proverbs 15:1; 20:1

Proverbs 25:21-22

Proverbs 30:7-9

Conclusion – Human insights have limitations that only the revelation of God in word and deed can overcome. At times godly wisdom contradicts human reasoning.

1 Corinthians 1:22-25