

RCF Academy—Old Testament
Class 13: “The Wisdom of God’s King”
The Proverbs



REFORMATION
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Context

- Historical Context

Solomon wrote most of the Proverbs

Mid 10th century BC

Instruction for a son

- Redemptive-Historical Context

The wisdom the King needs to rule over God’s people

Theme

Wisdom is fearing the LORD, being teachable, and having skill in godly living.

The source, the means, and the goal of wisdom is the LORD.

What are the Proverbs?

- Most are general principles and observations.

Example: Proverbs 26:27

- Some do contain eternal truths that always strictly apply.

Example: Proverbs 16:33

How are the Proverbs interpreted?

- Parallelisms.

“The wise of heart will receive commandments, but a babbling fool will come to ruin” – Proverbs 10:8

- Figures of Speech

- Summarize

- Apply

Four Themes of Wisdom.

- Contrasts to wise living:

- Context for wise living:

- Communication in wise living:

- The outcome of wisdom:

Where is Christ in Proverbs?

A Study Outline for the Proverbs

- I. Proverbs 1-9 – Solomon’s Wisdom for the Young Man
- II. Proverbs 10-29 – Solomon’s Independent Proverbs
 - a. Chapters 10-24: The proverbs of Solomon
 - b. Chapters 25-29: The proverbs of Solomon,
collected by Hezekiah
- III. Proverbs 30-31 – Non-Solomonic Proverbs
 - a. Chapter 30: The words of Agur
 - b. Chapter 31: The words of Lemuel,
which his mother taught him