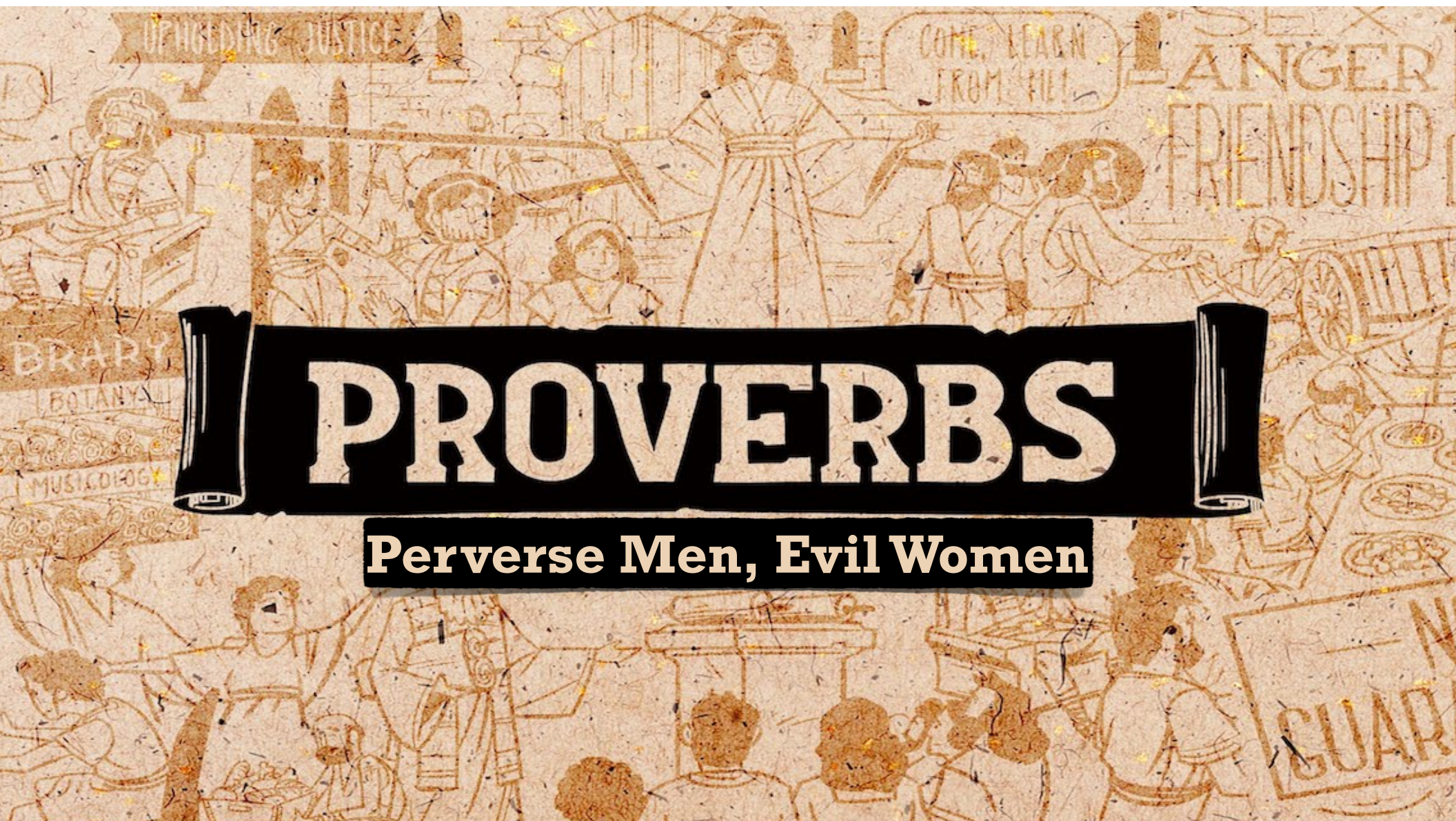




The background is a detailed illustration of an ancient marketplace or town square. It features numerous figures in traditional attire, including men with beards and women in head coverings. There are signs and banners with text such as 'OPUSCULUS JUSTICE', 'COME, LEARN FROM ME!', 'DANGER FRIENDSHIP', 'BRARY', 'BOTANY', 'MUSICOLOGY', and 'GUAR'. The scene is filled with activity, including people carrying goods, talking, and working. The overall style is reminiscent of ancient Egyptian or Mesopotamian art, with a warm, golden-brown color palette.

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Chapters 1 - 9 The Father to a SON



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Perverse Men, Evil Women

1:7 The **fear of the LORD** is the beginning of knowledge;
Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

IF ... treasure my commands
AND *incline your heart*
Listen HARD
seek wisdom
search for wisdom
(like for silver and gold!)
CALL UP!

2:5 **Then** you will know the fear of the LORD, and then
discover the knowledge of God.

Wisdom comes from God
and no one can enjoy it
who does not choose God's paths

Hubbard p.60

IF

...

CRY OUT!

treasure my commands

incline your heart

Listen HARD

seek wisdom

search for wisdom

(like for silver and gold!)

CALL UP!

דעת
da'at

“knowledge” as moral, experience, physical

Thanks to television, our attention span is brief; thanks to religious entertainment that passes for worship, our spiritual appetite is feeble and spiritual knowledge isn't *pleasant to the soul* (Prov. 2:10)

Weirsbe “Be Skillful” 1995



IF ... 2:1-4

Then #1 2:5

Because ... 2:6-8

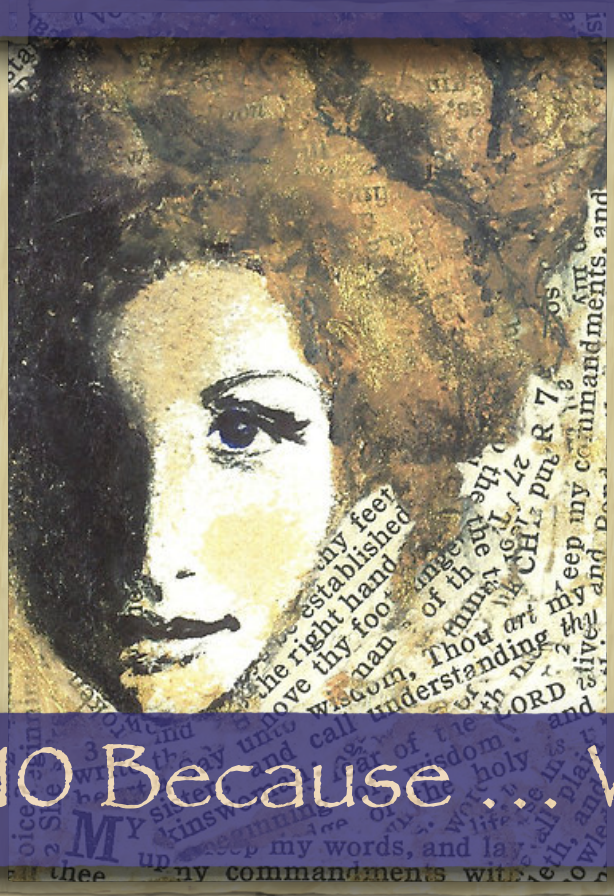
Then #2 2:9

Because ... 2:10-11

2:6 Because ... the Lord Gives Wisdom

There are good reasons
to work for Wisdom ~
To heed her call!

2:10 Because ... Wisdom Gives Pleasure to the Soul



Two Illustrations

Perverse Speech 2:12-15

הַפֶּךְ **haphak** “twisted” speech, *lying*

Wisdom will **deliver you** from this man

Flattering Speech 2:16-19

חֲלָק **halak** “smooth” speech, *lying*

Wisdom will **deliver you** from this woman

Results!

2:20 For Now ...

2:21-22 For the Future ...

3:1-8 My Son, Do Not ...

3:1 Do not Forget!

3:3 Do not Forsake!

3:5 Do not Trust Yourself!

3:7 Do not Think *YOU* are Wise!

FEAR The Lord - TURN from Evil

3:5 Trusting and Leaning

Trust:

Firm belief in the strength of another

Commitment

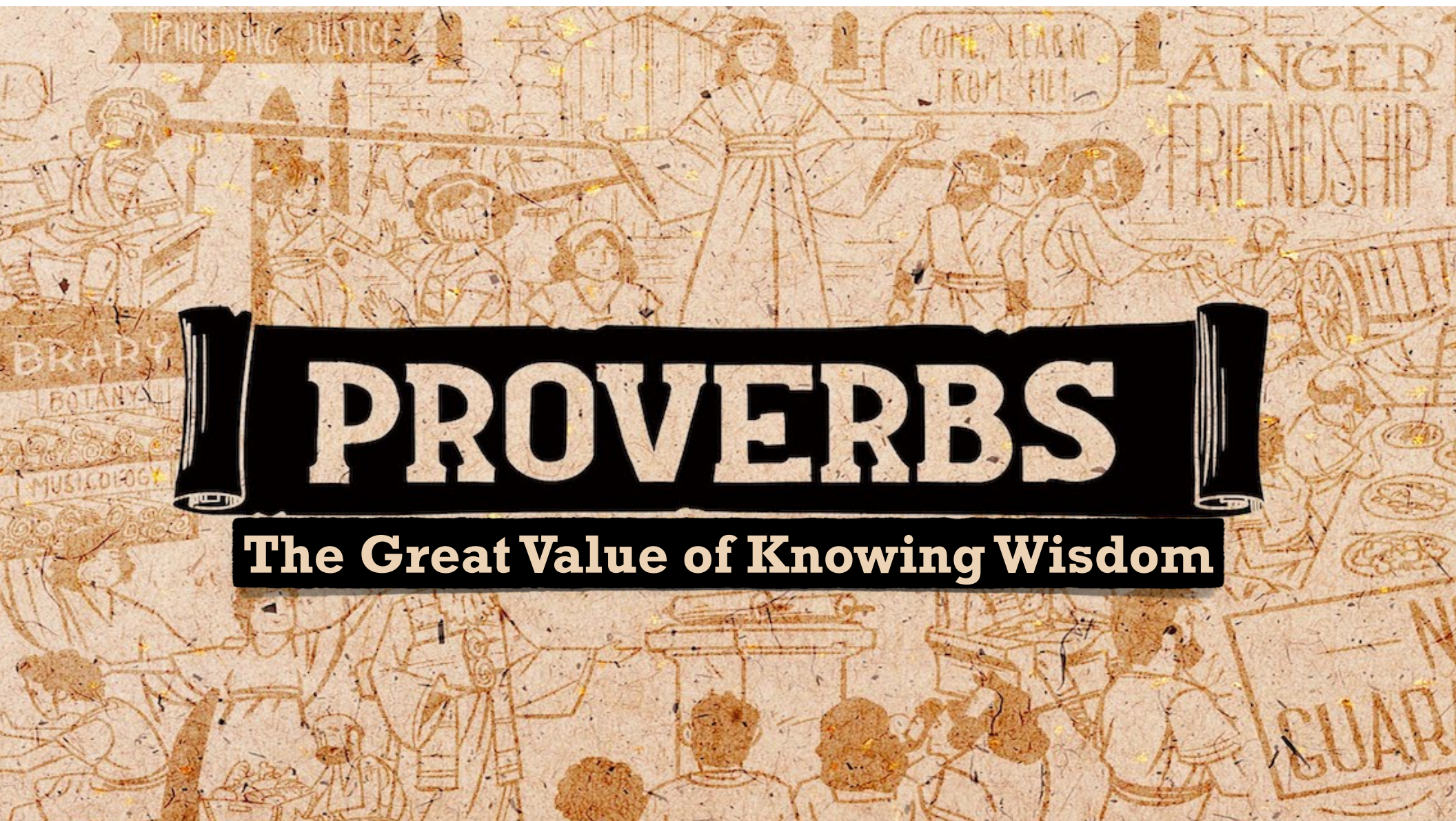
Lean:

Relying on a thing for support

Reliance
(*“reliable”*)

"In the final analysis all government, all economics, all currency and banking, all institutions and all marriages, all relationships between people, are fundamentally governed by trust. Without trust, society deteriorates into paranoia, **the feeling that everybody is out to get you.**"

Larsen, Paul E. *Wise Up and Live*. 1974



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The Great Value of Knowing Wisdom