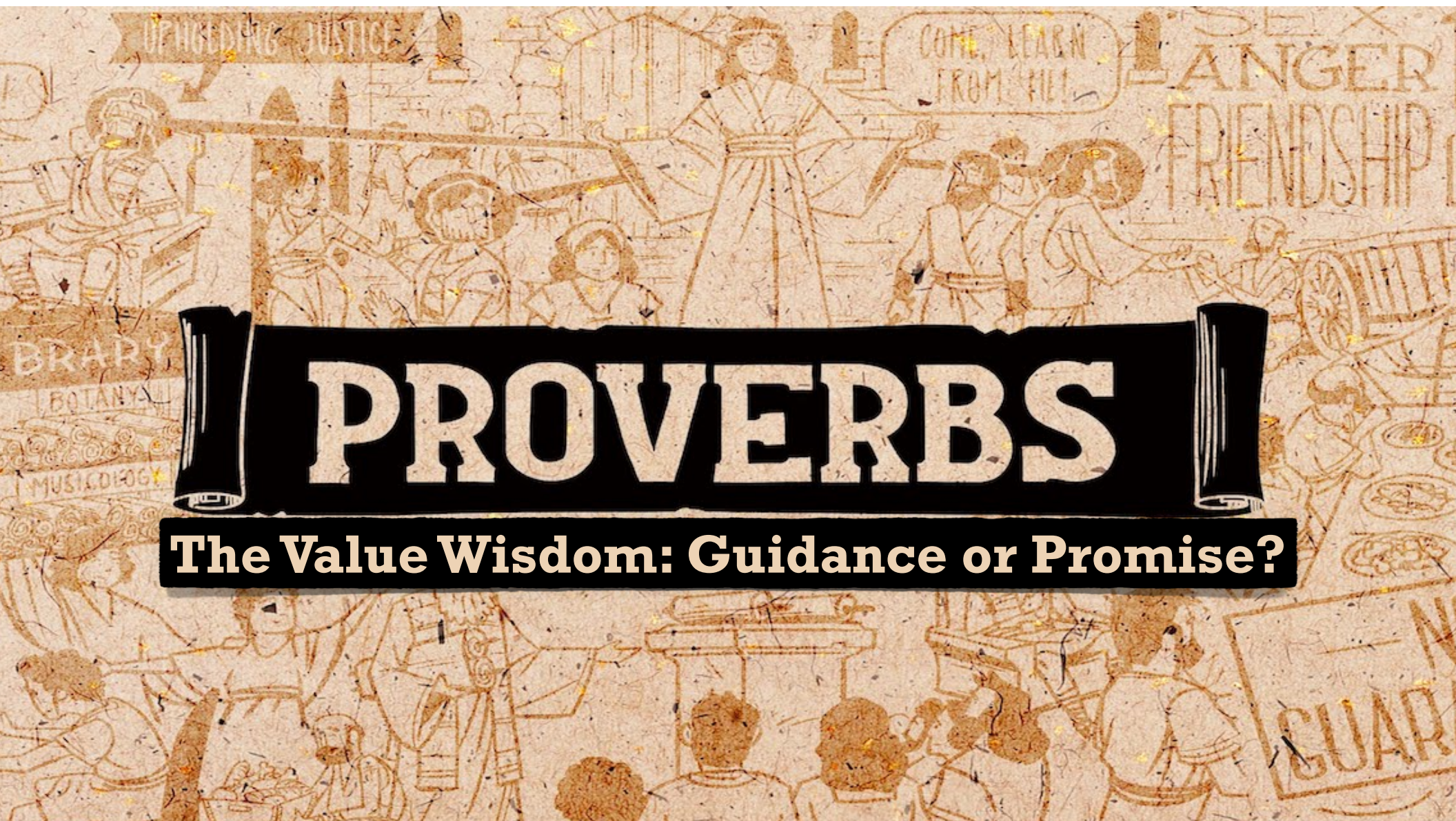




The background is a detailed illustration of an ancient marketplace or town square. It features numerous figures engaged in various activities: a man with a scale of justice, a woman in a long robe, a man with a sword, and others in traditional attire. Signs and banners are scattered throughout, with text such as 'OPUSCULUS JUSTICE', 'COME, LEARN FROM ME!', 'DANGER FRIENDSHIP', 'BRARY', 'BOTANY', 'MUSICOLOGY', and 'GUAR'. The scene is rendered in a golden-brown, etched style on a textured, parchment-like background.

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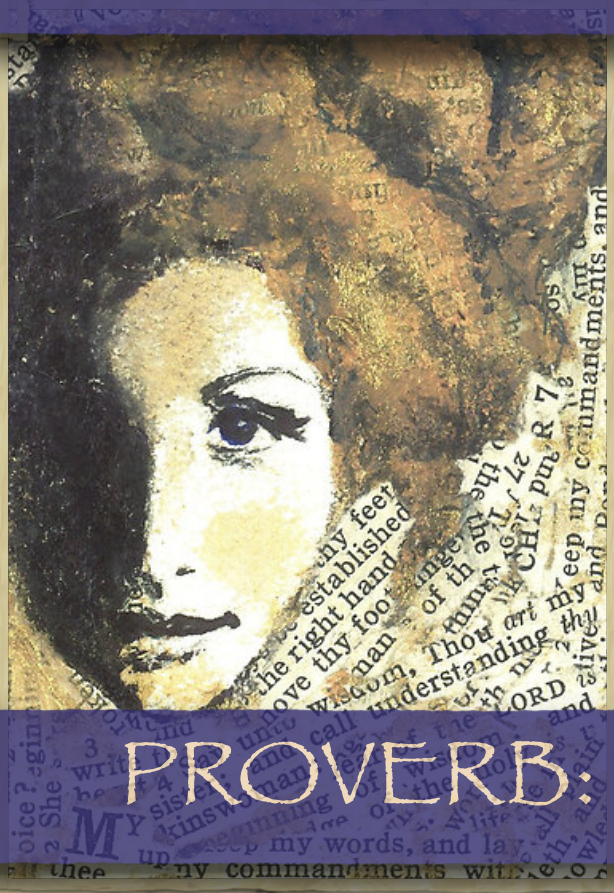
Chapters 1 - 9 The Father to a SON



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The Value Wisdom: Guidance or Promise?

PROMISE: Consistent and absolute truth



versus

PROVERB: Principles of a successful life



PROVERB: Principles of a successful life

A guide that directs us to a peaceful and prosperous life. But this is not guaranteed. The Lord may have other plans, so as we trust Him for wisdom, we must also trust Him in all things (situations)

Proverbs 22:6

PROMISE: Consistent and absolute truth

Truth that is always absolute, and certain effects always follow certain actions.

Promises may be conditional (if ... then) or unconditional (no matter what ...)

2:21-22 → Matt 25:46

3:5-6 → Gal. 5:16

We cannot use proverbs like subway tokens, guaranteed to open the turnstile every time. They are guidelines, not mechanical formulas. They are procedures that we follow, not promises that we claim. We heed them as best we can, try to gain the wisdom that experience can teach, and then leave large amounts of room for God to surprise us ...

Hubbard "Proverbs" p.25

The External and The Internal

Chapter 2 External attacks on wisdom

Lying men ... Flattering women

Chapter 3 Internal attacks on wisdom

Self ... Self ... Self

Deception

Greed

Pity

3:1-4 "My teaching will protect you, but ..."

3:5-7 Don't LIE to yourself ...

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3:9-12 Don't PITY yourself ...

3:9-10 “Prosperity, gratitude, and charity are an *indivisible* triad of experiences in biblical thought ...”

Hubbard “Proverbs” p.74

God’s WAY of LIFE

We honor the Lord through the *Prosperity* He gives to us,
And we show our *Gratitude* by giving to others,
And through us, they experience God’s *Love*

3:11-12 His MUSAR . . .

Perfect obedience is an impossibility
Temptations are pressing and persistent
Individuals are gullible and willful
God marks out the paths of righteousness
But some miss them by carelessness
Some leave them by stubbornness
But if their deep-seated desire is to please Him
The Lord meets them as a Father
Pointing out their mistakes
Returning them to His Righteous Road.

Hubbard "Proverbs" p.72-73

3:13-18 "Blessed is the man ..."

NOT "name it and claim it"

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Wisdom Living

אשרי
osh-RAY
μακαριος
maKARios
BLESSED!

3:13 First Word —> Last Word 3:18

The ones who hold her, embrace her, are *called happy!*

“ ... Lucifer was self-deceived, thinking that rebellion was necessary to put his own interests first. He failed to grasp that even if he were motivated by self-interest, obedience to God would still be best. ... God’s best for him and his best for himself were actually one and the same thing.

Lucifer’s bad judgment is a warning for us. We must never think that our obedience is best for God, but not best for us. When God commands us to obey, He not only has His best interests in mind but ours too. That is why we are never wiser than when we choose to follow God’s will, whatever the cost.”

“Not my will, but your will be done.”

1Tim. 4:8 ... **godliness** is profitable for all things

Lutzer “God’s Devil” p.34



**The Lord has “Rigged” the System
*In Wisdom’s Favor!***

3:19-20 God's Design

3:19 **By wisdom:** (*hokmah*) The LORD founded the earth

By knowledge (*da'at*): He formed the heavens

3:20 **By knowledge** (*da'at*): He divided the “deeps”

And the clouds drop dew

THE FEAR OF THE LORD
IS

THE BEGINNING OF KNOWLEDGE (DA'AT) ...
WISDOM (HOKMAH) AND INSTRUCTION (MUSAR)



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Dealing with Neighbors: Honor and Dishonor