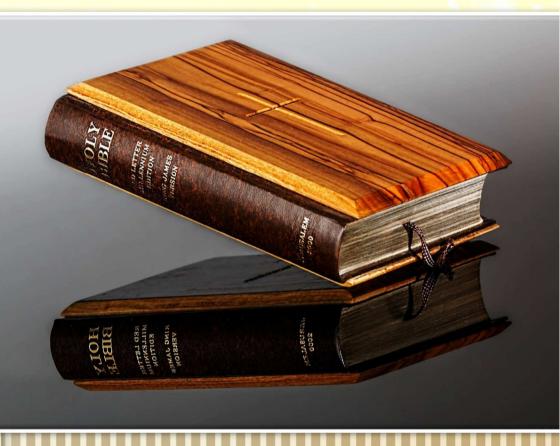
Proverbs Chapter 1





Proverbs 1:1-33

- 1. The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;
- 2. To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;
- 3. To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

- 4. To give subtlety to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.
- 5. A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:
- 6. To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.
- 7. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but

fools despise wisdom and instruction.

- 8. My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
- 9. For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.
- 10. My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.
- 11. If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us

lurk privily for the innocent without cause:

- 12. Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:
- 13. We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:
- 14. Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:
- 15. My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:

- 16. For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.
- 17. Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.
- 18. And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives.
- 19. So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof.
- 20. Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

- 21. She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying,
- 22. How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?
- 23. Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

- 24. Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;
- 25. But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:
- 26. I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;
- 27. When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

- 28. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:
- 29. For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:
- 30. They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.
- 31. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

- 32. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.
- 33. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

