



Introduction

King Solomon's advice on living.



Questions

1. What do proverbs do for a wise man and a man of understanding?
2. What is the beginning of knowledge?
3. What is the problem of being greedy for gain?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 6** King Solomon wants to pass on his great wisdom, to help others know the right way to live
- **v 7 to 9** He encourages his son to fear the LORD (see theme) and to follow his parents' teaching for his benefit
- **v 10 to 19** Advice to choose friends carefully and avoid those wanting to gain wealth by criminal means
- **v 20 to 33** Wisdom is personified as a woman. She encourages the unwise to listen to her advice and to fear the LORD for their long-term good

Timeline 970 BC (see below)



Theme

Fearing God

A selection of verses showing that we should have reverential fear of God:

Moses tells the early Israelites what fearing God means:

Deuteronomy 10 verse 20

Both Job and the psalmist tell us that the fear of God is the basis of wisdom:

Job 28 verse 28

Psalms 111 verse 10

Fearing God pleases him and encourages us to see his love for us:

Psalms 147 verse 11

Fear of the LORD should affect our lives:

Proverbs 8 verse 13

Ecclesiastes 12 verses 13 and 14

The apostle Peter reminds his readers that they should fear God:

1 Peter 2 verse 17



Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 5, Q 2: v 7, Q 3: v 19



Bible timeline

