

**PLEASE TURN to the  
BOOK of PROVERBS**

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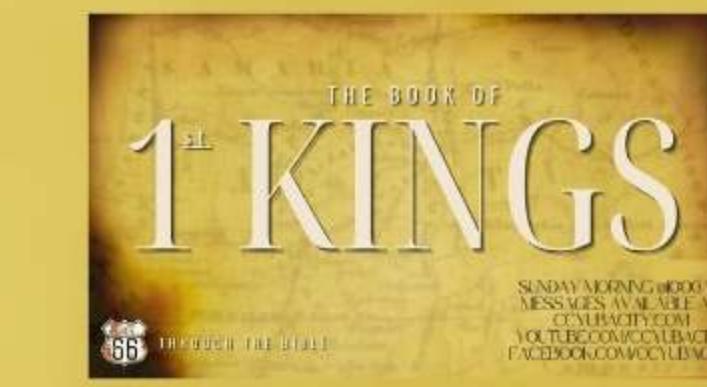
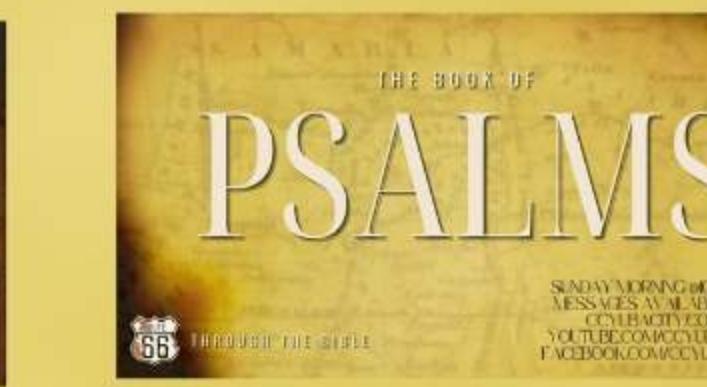
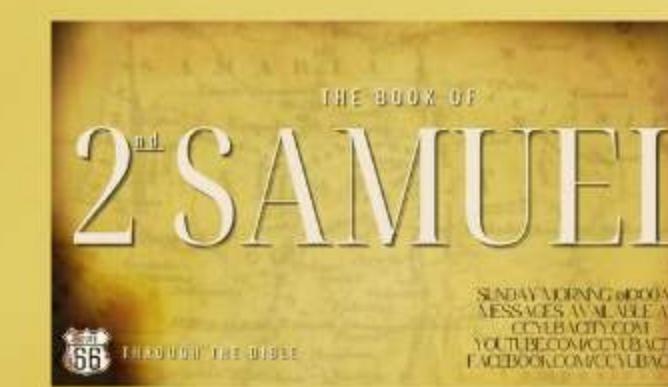
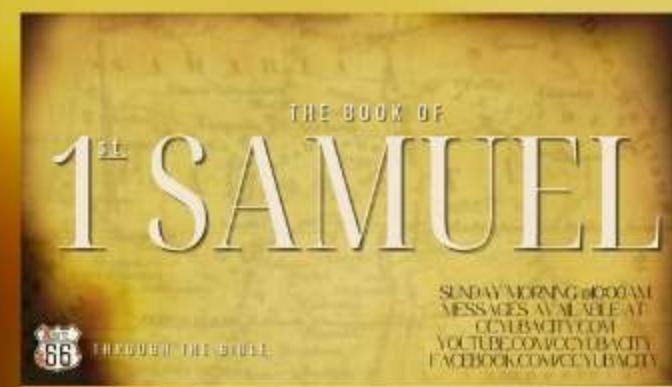
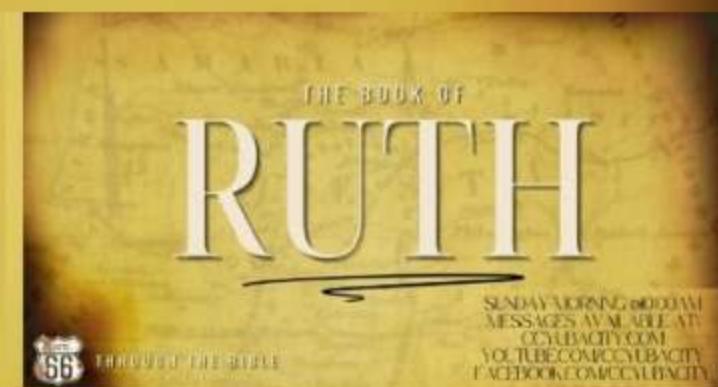
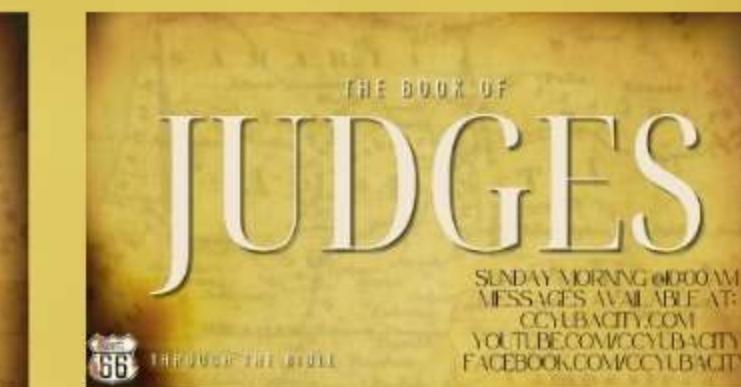
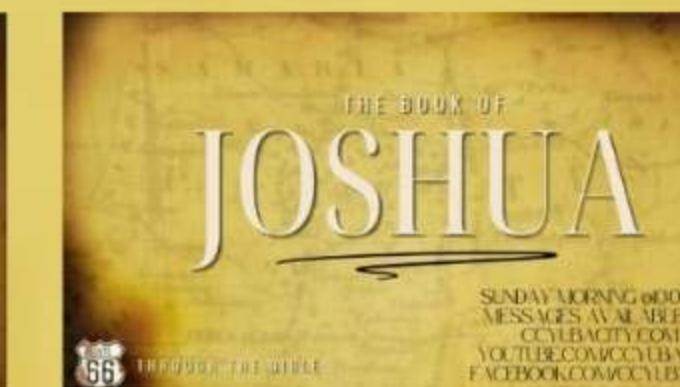
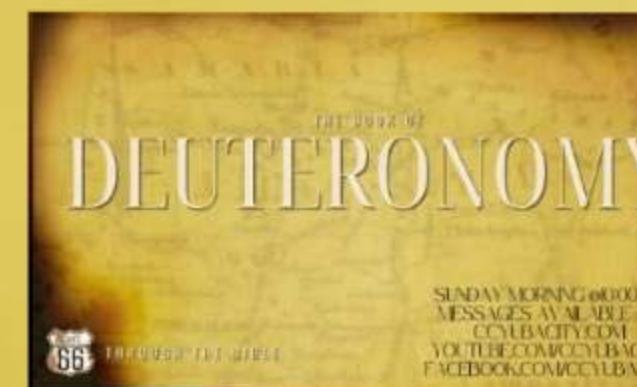
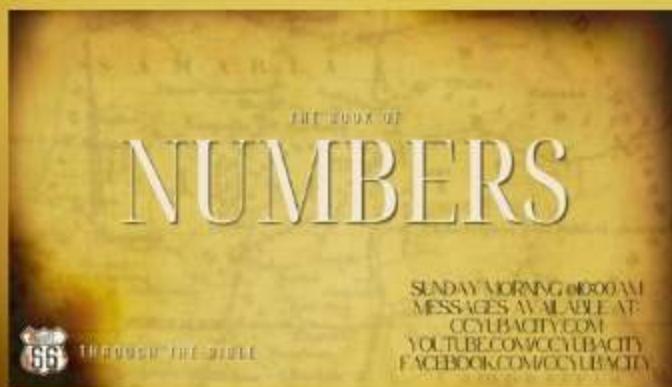
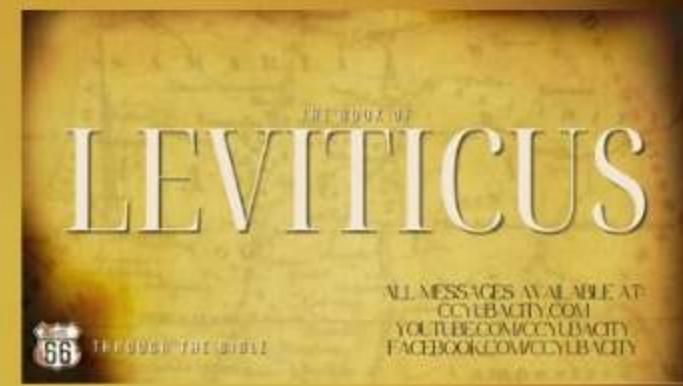
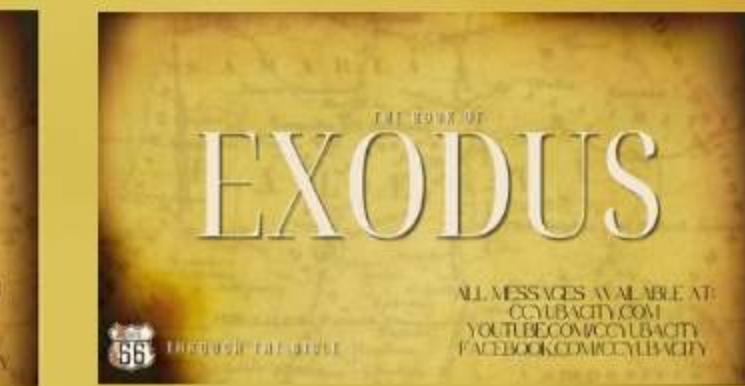
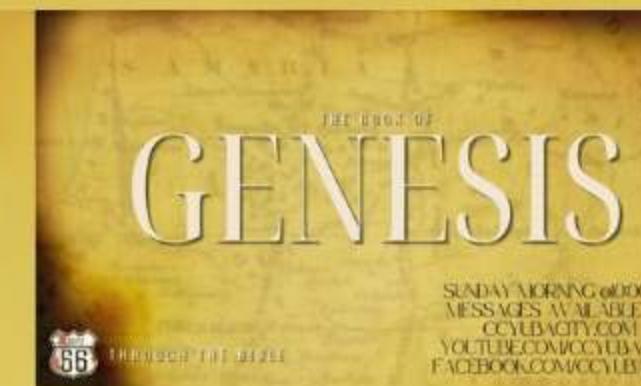
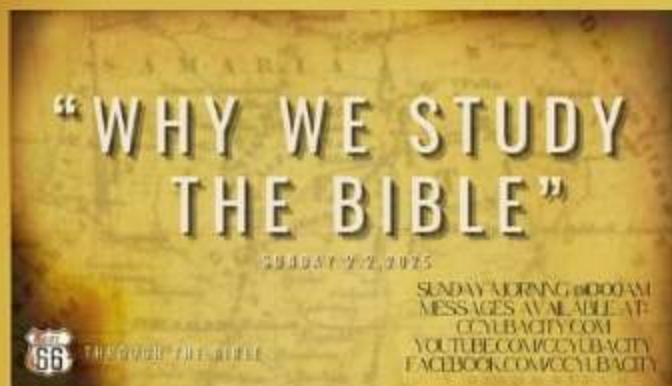
# THE BOOK of PROVERBS:

## **Belonging to the 'Wisdom Books,' along with Job, Psalms, Song of Solomon, and Ecclesiastes**

*“Wisdom literature is a category... in many cultures in the time of the Old Testament, dealing with the way the world ‘works.’ It can deal with big philosophical problems, or the smaller things that [can] be addressed with common sense.”*

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## The WISDOM of SOLOMON:

**WISDOM  
TEMPLE**

**WEALTH  
FOLLY**

1 Kings 4:29-34: **“God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore.”** - His **“wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt. He was wiser than all men, and his fame was in... the surrounding nations.”** - **“He spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were one thousand and five.”** **“...men of all nations, from all the kings of the earth... came to hear the wisdom of Solomon.”**

## **SOLOMON & PROVERBS:**

1 Kings 4:32: “[**Solomon**] spoke three thousand proverbs,  
and his songs were one thousand and five.”

- Chapter 1:1: “**The proverbs of Solomon the son of David...**”
- Chapter 10:1: “**The proverbs of Solomon...**”
- Chapter 25:1: “**These also are proverbs of Solomon...**”

“Two [other authors] are named: Agur and Lemuel... [still] others are mentioned collectively as ‘Wise Men’, and at least one section of the book... is anonymous” (**Derek Kidner**)

## OTHER AUTHORS of PROVERBS:

Prov. 30:1: “**The words of Agur the son of Jakeh...**” -  
“**This man declared... to Ithiel and Ucal...**”

*“I believe Agur, Jakeh, Ithiel, and Ucal, [are] names of persons who DID exist, but OF whom we know nothing [except] what is here mentioned. Agur seems to have been a public teacher, and Ithiel and Ucal to have been his scholars” (Adam Clarke)*

## **OTHER AUTHORS of PROVERBS:**

Prov. 30:4: **“Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth?”**

**“What is His name, and what is His Son’s name, if you know?”**

*“[Agur] knew there was something special about the Son of God. We don’t know to what extent he prophetically anticipated the Messiah... but [he] knew that God had a Son, and [that His] Son had a name” (David Guzik)*

## OTHER AUTHORS of PROVERBS:

Prov. 31:1: **“The words of King Lemuel, the utterance which his mother taught him...”**



**A ‘Pen Name’ for Solomon???**

‘Lemuel’ = ‘belonging to God’

1 Chron. 22:10: **“I will be his Father, and he shall be My son...”**

*“[King Lemuel] was probably a pagan king who put his trust in Yahweh... and through the fear of the LORD learned wisdom”* (**David Guzik**)

*“With a minor punctuation change... one [could] translate Proverbs 31:1 as, **The sayings of Lemuel, king of Massa.**”* - “Massa may have been a north Arabian tribe (Gen. 25, 1 Chron. 1); several Aramaisms appear in the text” (**Duane Garrett**)

## **OTHER WISE MEN than SOLOMON:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Kings 4:30-31: “Solomon’s wisdom EXCELLED the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt... He was wiser than all men—than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his fame was in all the surrounding nations.”**

**WERE PORTIONS  
OF PROVERBS  
BORROWED???**

# WAS PROVERBS BORROWED?

*"The 'wisdom' genre was widespread throughout the ancient Near East, and reading Proverbs alongside... examples recovered from Egypt and Mesopotamia reveals the common ground shared by international wisdom."*

*"Proverbs is... unique in its connection with... secular literature of its time. Neighboring kingdoms had their own collections of wisdom literature, and in some places, there are significant similarities [between] these writings." (D. Guzik)*

*"There are... SECTIONS of Proverbs... that seem to be borrowed from The Teaching of Amenemope, an ancient Egyptian writing. There is debate as to who borrowed [from] whom, but most scholars believe Amenemope is earlier." (Allen P. Ross)*

*"If Proverbs is the borrower here, the borrowing is not slavish... but free and creative."  
- "[Just as] Egyptian jewels—at the Exodus—were re-set to their advantage by Israelite workmen and put to finer use." (Derek Kidner)*

## **THE DATE of PROVERBS?**

Prov. 25:1: **“These... are [the] proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied...”**

**SOLOMON reigned from 971-931 B.C.**

**HEZEKIAH reigned from 715-685 B.C.**

*“[There is] much that speaks in favor of dating the materials in Proverbs to the Solomonic era.” - “The present FORM of the book [must be] from a later time... but probably no later than Hezekiah.”*

# THE CONTENT of PROVERBS:

## An ANTHOLOGY, or COLLECTION, of NEAT, ENCAPSULATED TRUTHS

“Proverbs are wonderful... at being what they are: proverbs... By design, [they] lay-out pointed observations, meant to be memorized and pondered, not always intended to be applied ‘across the board,’ or in every situation.” **(JB Phillips)**

“...a collection of practical life wisdom given mostly in short, memorable statements... without much context or organization by topic.” - “[They] should not be regarded as “laws” or even universal...” **(Guzik)**

“Roughly half the book is [devoted] to ‘sayings’ [of this type]...” - “A book for everyone... a reliable guide for... living wisely... in God’s world.”

## **THE PARTS of PROVERBS:**

**Chapters 1–9:** **TEN SPEECHES** from a **FATHER** to a **SON** about **virtue, integrity, and generosity**, “all of which lead to success and peace.”  
**Contains 4 Poems where wisdom is personified as a woman...**

**Chapters 10–29:** **A collection of SAYINGS ABOUT LIFE...** “Here, are hundreds of... sayings that apply... to [just about] every topic [of life]: family, work, community, friendship, sex, marriage, money, anger, forgiveness, alcohol, debt. They are short and easy to memorize. This section... is meant to be like a reference... to which you [can] return time and time again for the rest of your life.”

**Chapters 30–31:** **TWO LARGE POEMS**, the **LAST** being an **ACROSTIC** of ‘the Woman Who Fears the Lord’

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**“PROVERBS OPENS WITH A FATHER TO A SON ABOUT LISTENING TO LADY WISDOM... AND IT ENDS WITH OFFERING THE WORDS FROM A MOTHER TO A SON ABOUT A WOMAN WHO LIVES WISELY.”**

**using an ACROSTIC of**

## **THE PURPOSE of PROVERBS:**

Proverbs 1:1–6: “**The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: To know wisdom and instruction... To perceive the words of understanding... To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity... To give prudence to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion...**” – Verse 5 says: “**A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, to understand a proverb and an enigma, the words of the wise and their riddles.**”

**“wise” / “wisdom” = over 100 times**

**“understanding” = 53 times**

**“Knowledge” = 41 times**

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**Heb. *ḥākmâ* = “skill, applied knowledge”**

**Ex. 31:6: “I put *ḥākmâ* in the hearts of all the gifted artisans...”**

**“Skill” in war (Is. 10:13) = *ḥākmâ***

*“We live in the ‘information age,’ but we certainly aren’t living in an ‘age of wisdom.’ Many people who are wizards with their computers seem to be amateurs when it comes to making a success... of their lives.” (Warren Wiersbe)*

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**James Montgomery Boice:** “It’s [safe-to-say]... that most people today are not that interested in getting wisdom. They are interested in making money and in having a good time. Some are interested in knowing something, [or] in getting an education. [Just about] everyone wants to be well liked. But... The pursuit of wisdom is not a popular ideal.”

## **THE PURPOSE of PROVERBS:**

Prov. 1:1-6: “**To perceive the words of understanding...  
To receive the instruction of wisdom... hear and  
increase learning... attain wise counsel...**”

- James 1:21: “**Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save [our] souls.**”
- Luke 8:15: “**with a noble and good heart, keep[ing] it and bear[ing] fruit with patience.**”
- James 1:5: “**If any[one] lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach...**”

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*“And herein—as one well [observes]—the poorest idiot being a sound Christian, goes beyond the profoundest clerks that are not sanctified... he has his own heart instead of a commentary to help him to understand the most needful points of the Scripture.” (John Trapp)*

1 John 2:27: “**the anointing which [we] have received from Him abides in [us], and [we have no] need that anyone teach [us]... [for] the same anointing teaches [us] concerning all things...**”

## **THE PURPOSE of the CHURCH:**



**“One of the  
great sins of the  
modern church is  
just listening to  
Bible studies.”**

## **LISTENING to the WORD for ENTERTAINMENT:**

**“As for you, son of man, the children of your people are talking about you beside the walls and in the doors of the houses... they speak to one another... saying to [their] brother, ‘Come and hear what the word is that comes from the LORD.’”**

**“So they come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words...” - “[for] Indeed you are to them as a very lovely song... of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument...”**

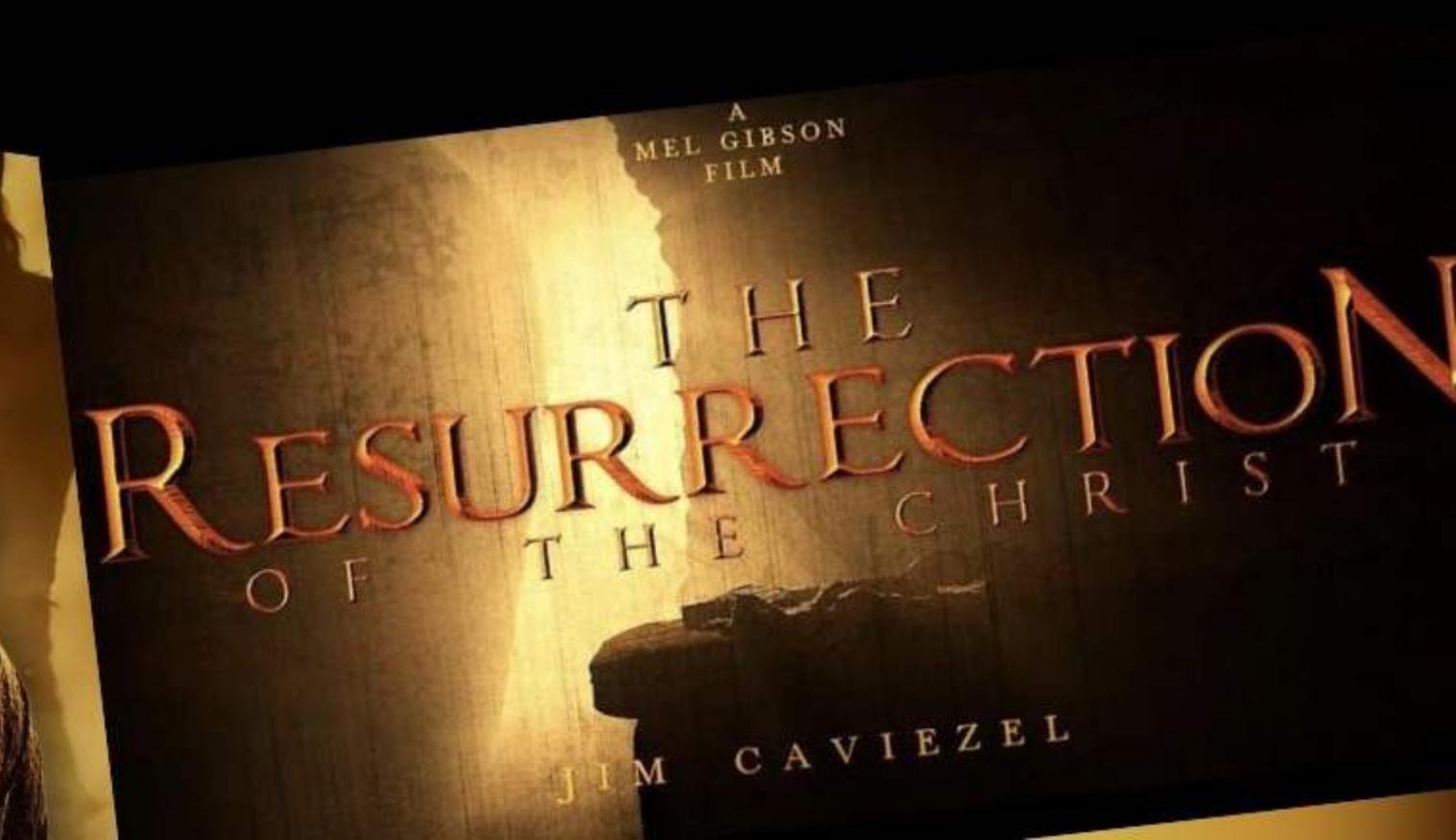
**“BUT, they hear your words, [and] they do not do them... for with their mouth... they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain.”**

Ezekiel 33:30-33

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2 Tim. 4:3-4: **“The time will come when [people will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap-up for themselves teachers... and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.”**

### **STORIES INSTEAD OF STUDIES!**



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**‘PREACH THE WORD! BE READY IN  
SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON.  
CONVince, REBUKE, EXHORT, WITH  
ALL LONGSUFFERING AND TEACHING!’**

**LISTENING to the WORD for ENTERTAINMENT:**

**“People DON’T Want  
to Hear the Word...”**

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**‘PREACH  
THE WORD!’**

## **THE PURPOSE of PROVEBS:**

**“To KNOW wisdom and instruction... To PERCIEVE the words of understanding.”**

## **THE SOURCE of WISDOM:**

**Prov. 1:7: “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge...”**

**“fear of the Lord” = 15 TIMES in Proverbs**

**(also in Job 28, Psalm 111, Ecclesiastes 12)**

*“What the alphabet is to reading, notes to... music, and numerals to mathematics, the fear of the LORD is to attaining the revealed knowledge of this book.” (Bruce Waltke)*

## **THE FEAR of the LORD:**

*“The proper reverence that the creature owes the Creator... the redeemed, the Redeemer. It is the proper respect & honor of God.”*

- Derek Kidner: **“A worshipping submission to the God of the covenant.”**
- Charles Bridges: **“that affectionate reverence by which the child of God bends himself... to his Father’s law.”**
- Adam Clarke: **“That religious reverence which every intelligent being owes to his Creator.”**
- Allan P. Ross: **“[The] reverential submission to the Lord’s will, characterizing a true worshiper.”**

## **THE FEAR of the LORD:**

**“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.”**

*“This proper attitude of creature toward Creator is the [starting point] of knowledge & wisdom. Wisdom cannot advance further until this... is established. If true wisdom can be... gained by human effort, energy, & ingenuity... then the fear of the LORD is not essential... But if it ONLY comes from God’s revelation, then right relationship with Him is key.”*

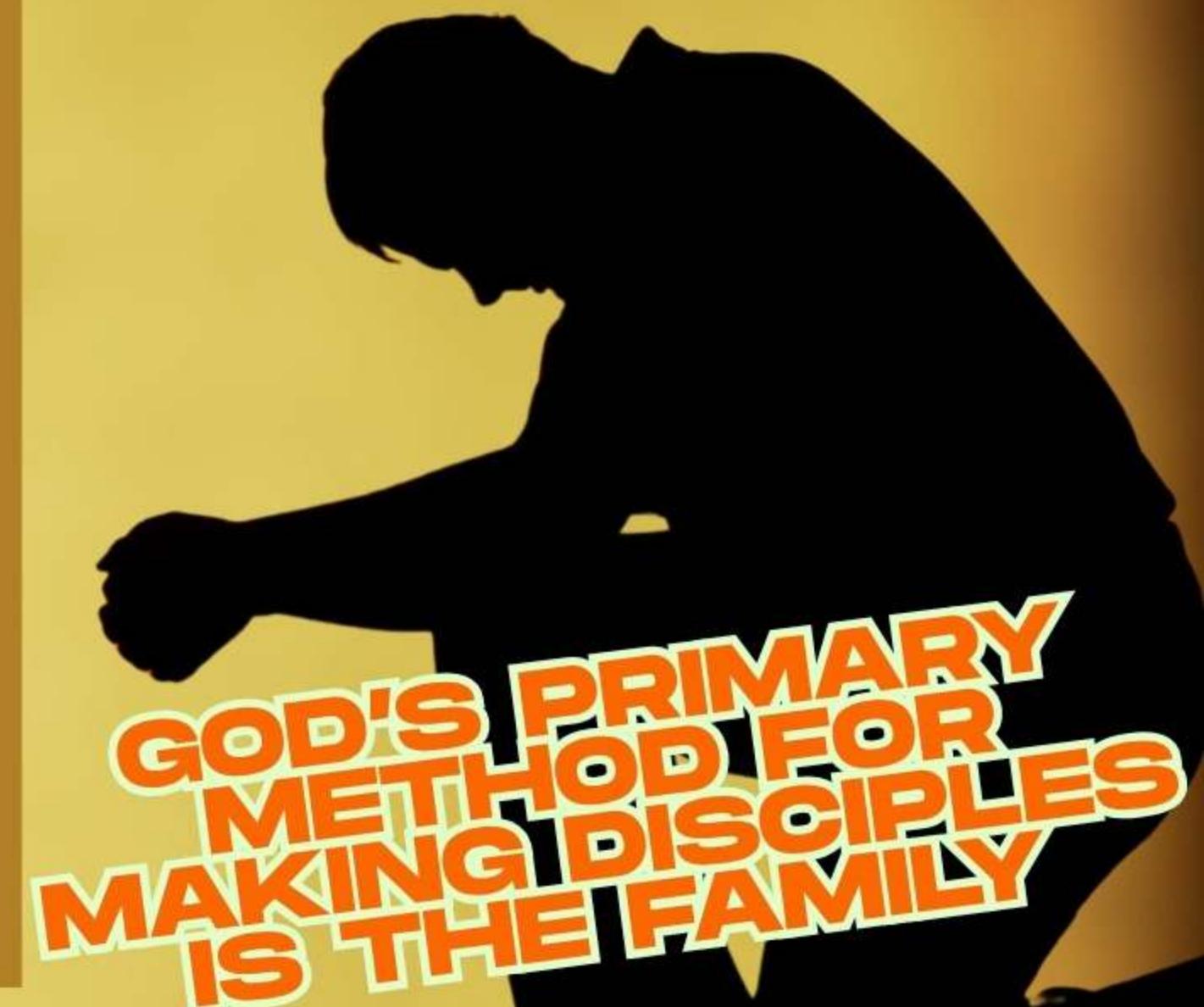
**David Guzik**



## **THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP:**

Prov. 1:8: **“My son, hear the instruction of your father,  
and do not forsake the law of your mother...”**

**The MOST IMPORTANT THING We  
Will TEACH OUR CHILDREN**  
is NOT a CAREER PATH  
or WHERE to ATTEND COLLEGE  
or WHO to MARRY  
or to MAKE THEM HAPPY  
it's TO FEAR THE LORD!

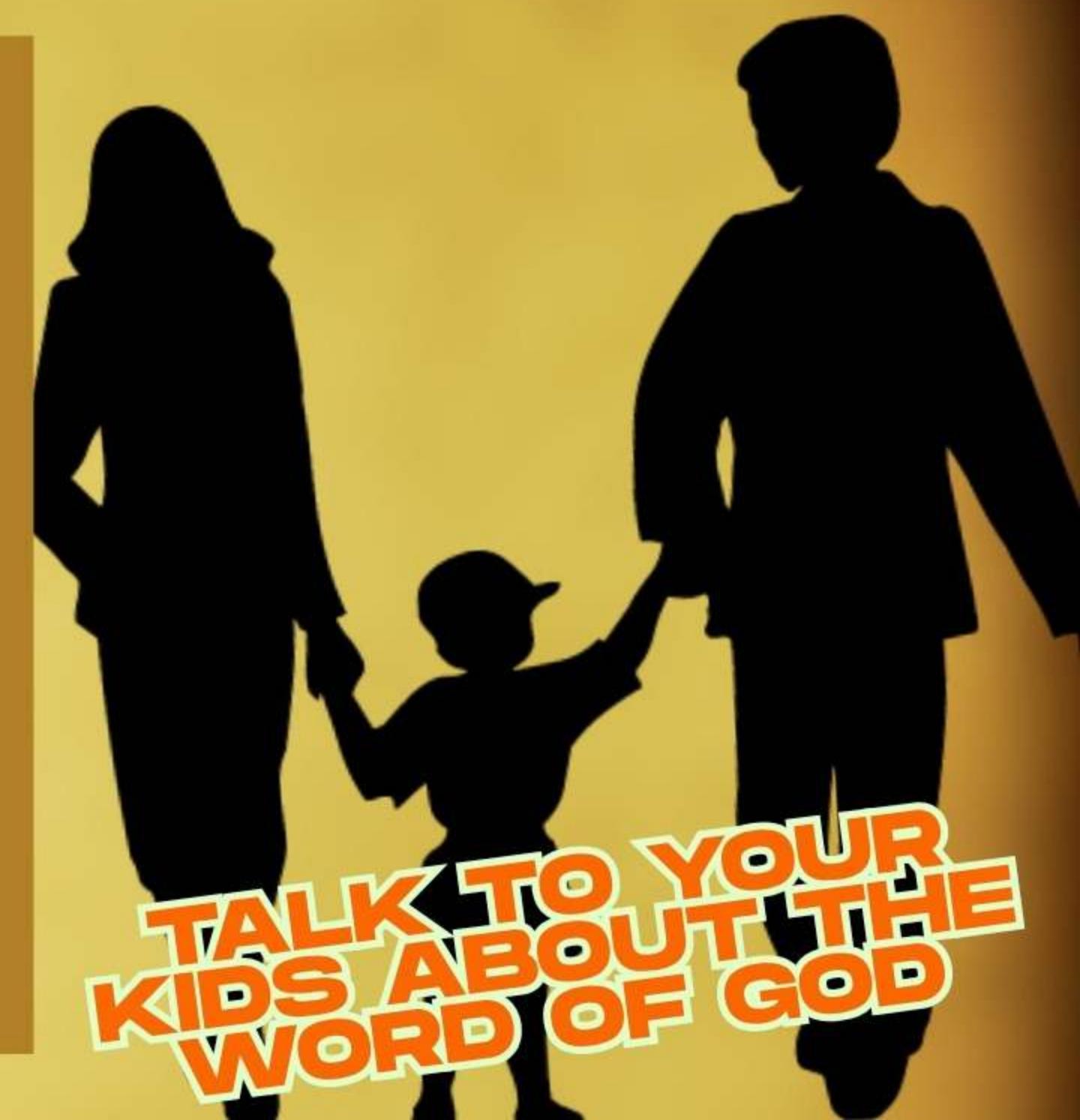


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**“These words which I command you today shall be in your heart.” – “You shall teach them diligently to your children...” – “You shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”**

Deut. 6:6-9



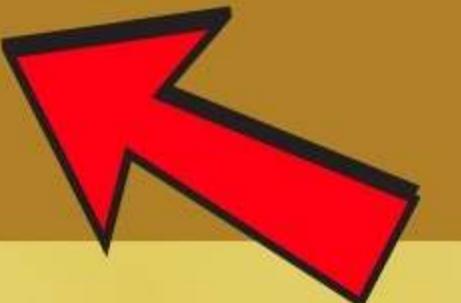
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**“Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.”** Matthew 12:34

*You Will Not Be Able to Talk to Your Kids **ABOUT** the **Word of God** if You Do Not **KNOW** the **Word of God!***



## **WISDOM vs. BAD COMPANY:**

Prov. 1:8-9: **“My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck.”**

- VS. 10: **“My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.”**
- VS. 15: **“...do not walk in the way with them, keep your foot from their path.”**

## **AS COMPARED TO:**

- VS. 20: **“Wisdom calls aloud outside; She raises her voice in the open squares... Turn at my rebuke...”**
- VS. 23: **“[For] Surely I will pour... my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.”**
- VS. 33: **“Whoever listens to me will dwell safely, and... be secure, without fear of evil.”**



## PROVERBS: A Jewelry Box of Wisdom



- **“Guard your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.”** (Proverbs 4:23)
- **“Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways...”** (Proverbs 6:6)
- **“Keep my commands and live, and my law as the apple of your eye...”** (Proverbs 7:2)
- **“In the multitude of counselors there is safety.”** (Proverbs 11:14)
- **“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall...”** (Proverbs 16:18)
- **“Death and life are in the power of the tongue...”** (Proverbs 18:21)
- **“Train up a child in the way he should go...”** (Prov. 22:6)
- **“As a dog returns to his own vomit... a fool repeats his folly.”** (Proverbs 26:11)
- **“Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are only lies.”** (Proverbs 27:6)
- **“Where there is no vision, the people perish...”** (Prov. 29:18)
- **“Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.”** (Prov. 31:10)

## A GOOD SNAPSHOT of PROVERBS:

Proverbs 3:5–6: **“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”**

*“The Lord helps those who help themselves.”*



## **A COMMON MISCONCEPTION:**

***“The Lord helps those who help themselves.”***

*“The belief this phrase occurs in the Bible, or is even one of the Ten Commandments, is common in the United States. According to a Barna poll: 53% of Americans agree with this statement strongly... A poll in the late '90s showed that 81% believe the concept is in the Bible... Despite not appearing in the Bible, the phrase topped a poll of the most widely known Bible verses. Barna sees this as evidence of Americans' growing unfamiliarity with the Bible and believes it suggests a spiritual self-reliance inconsistent with Christianity.”*

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**WHAT DOES  
IT MEAN TO  
ACKNOWLEDGE  
SOMEONE?**

Greet Someone | Say “Hello”  
Ask Opinion | Include



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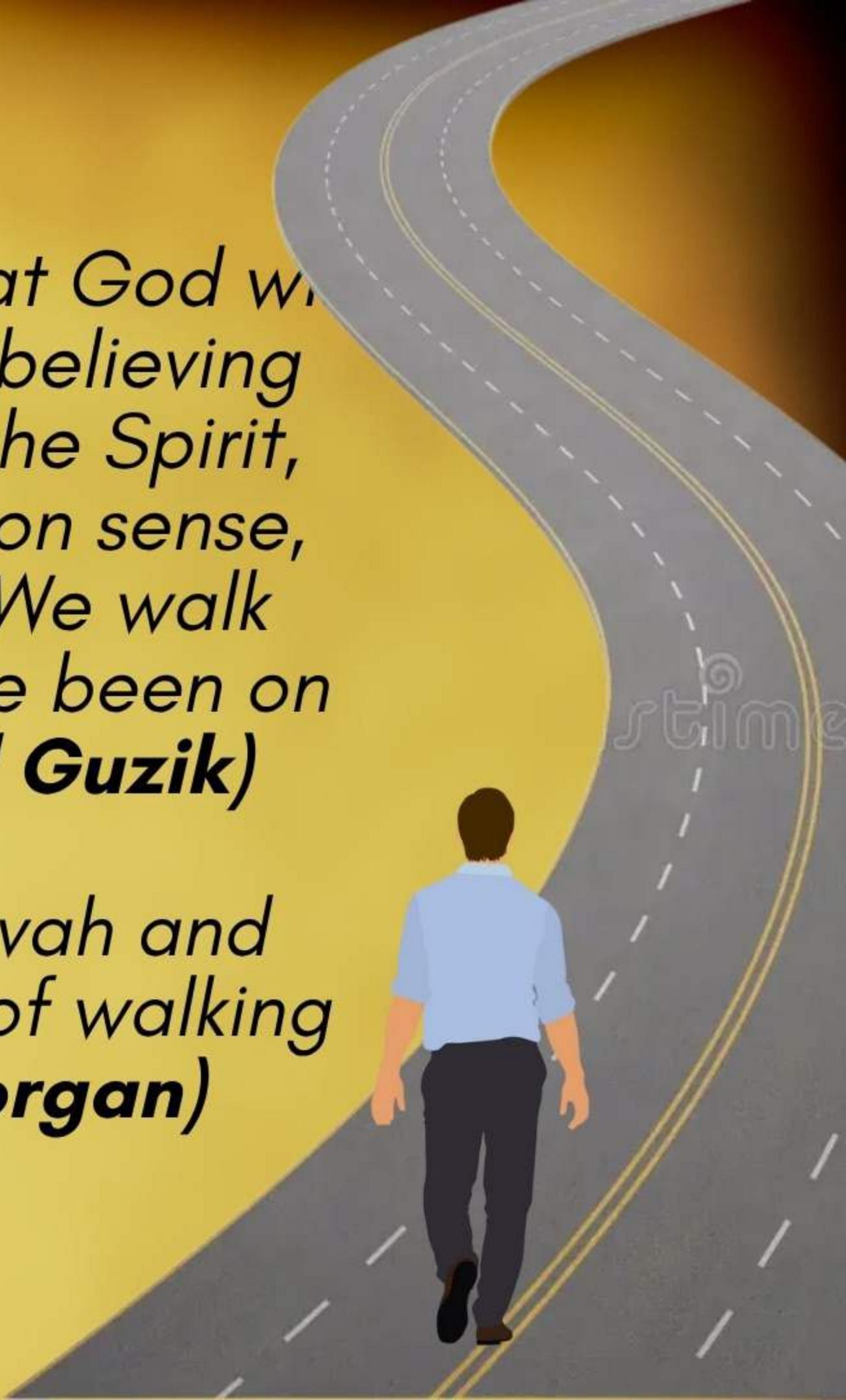
**HOW CAN I  
KNOW GOD'S  
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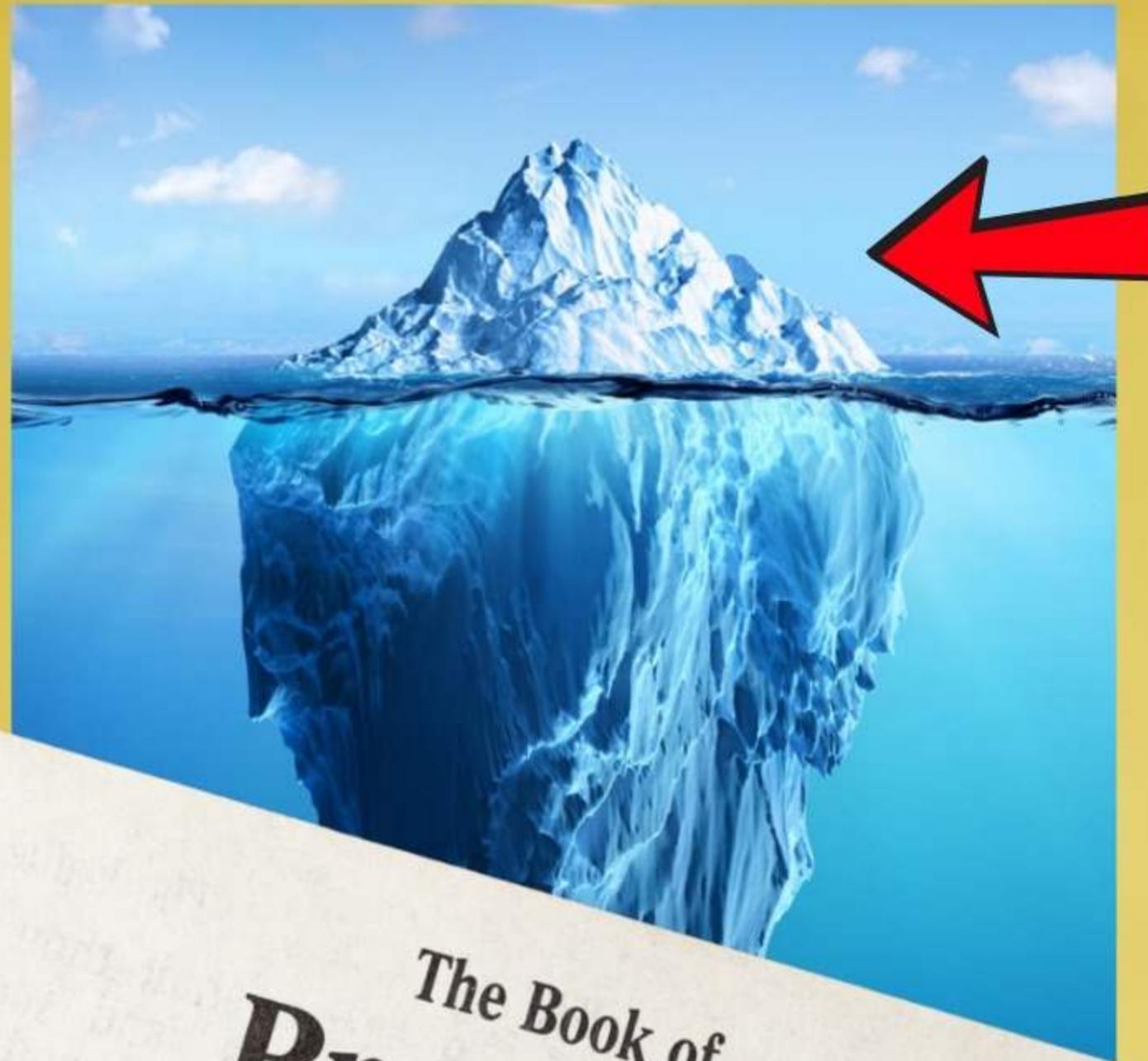
## **KNOWING GOD'S WILL:**

*“When we do [these] things, we can trust that God will direct our paths. We go forward in peace, believing that through His word, and the leading of the Spirit, the counsel of others, through godly common sense, life circumstances, God directs our path. We walk along our way of life and... see that we have been on the path God intended all along.” (**David Guzik**)*

*“The measure in which I have trusted Jehovah and acknowledged Him, has been the measure of walking in the paths of... life.” (**G. Campbell Morgan**)*

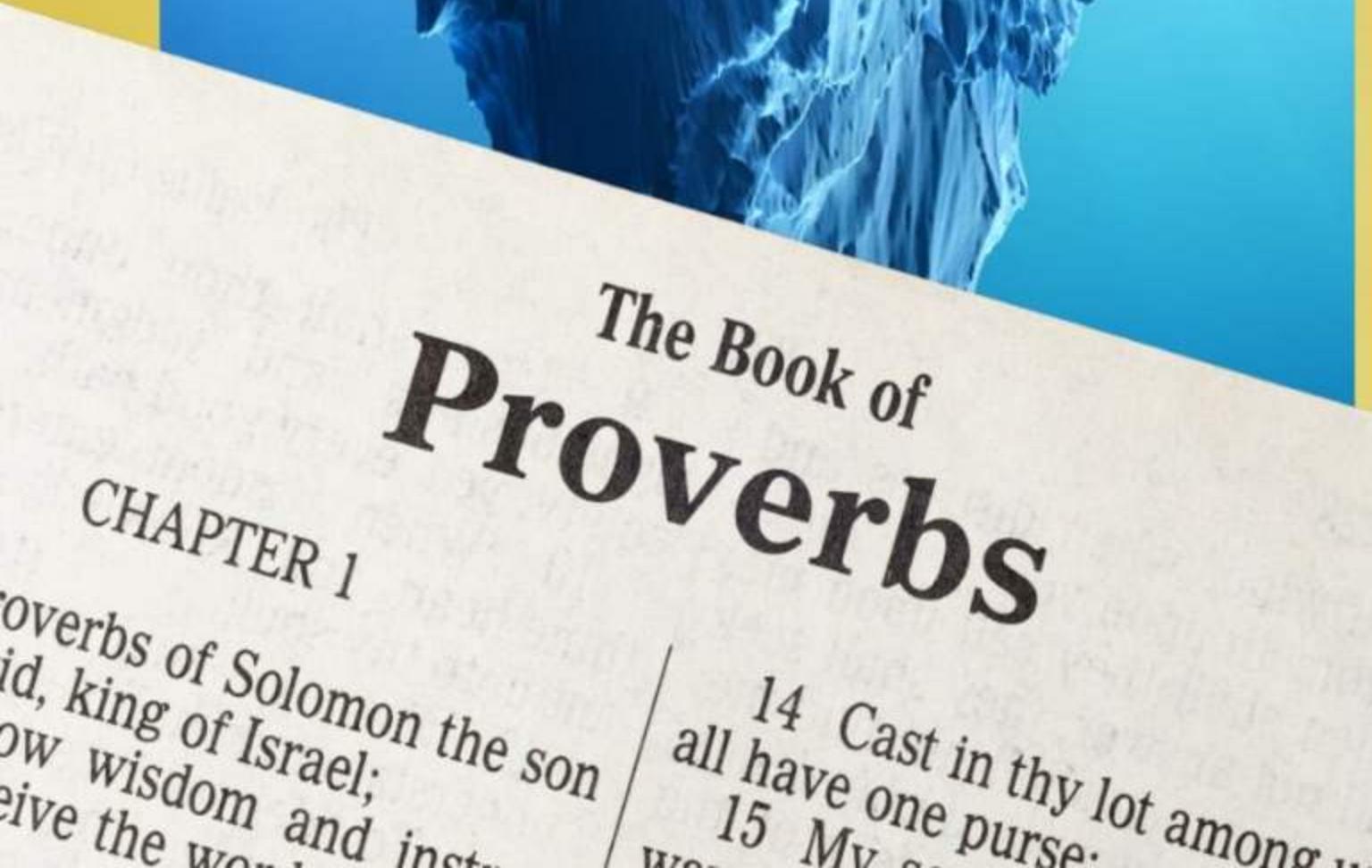


# **PROVERBS: Scratching the Surface:**



**THIS IS HOW  
MUCH (OR HOW  
LITTLE) WE  
COVERED**

**EXPLORE  
PROVERBS!**



**TRY TO MEMORIZE  
A PROVERB A DAY?**

Next  
SUNDAY

CALVARY CHAPEL  
SUMMER YOUTH RETREAT  
2025

*Encountering*  
WITH JESUS  
*Camp Recap*

THE BOOKS OF  
SONG <sup>o f</sup> SOLOMON  
& ECCLESIASTES



THROUGH THE BIBLE

SUNDAY JUNE 29TH

**PRAYER PARTNERS AVAILABLE IN  
THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY**

**THANKS FOR WORSHIPPING AT CCYCYC**

**JOIN US FOR MIDWEEK ‘DEEPER’  
WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30AM**



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