



# WISDOM FOR THE AGES:

WISE FOR SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST

A Crossgate Summer Series on the Old Testament Wisdom Books

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# NEW TESTAMENT

“[Christ] in whom are hidden all the treasures of *wisdom* and knowledge”  
- Colossians 2:3

“And because of him you are in *Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God*, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boasts in the Lord.”  
- 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

“and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to *make you wise for salvation* through faith in Christ Jesus.”  
- 2 Tim 3:15

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Proverbs 31

The Praiseworthy Life

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*What do you value and celebrate most,  
whenever you see it in action?*

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*What do you find praiseworthy?*

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## 2. Wisdom of a King's Marriage – 31:10-31

*“an excellent wife who can find?”*

## 3. Wisdom of a King's Mouth – 31:28-31

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“Obsession with such women corrupts the king’s sovereign power, including wasting his money. Gratification of lusts distracts his attention from serving the people, blunts his wit, undermines his good judgment, exposes him to palace intrigues, and squanders the national wealth (see 13:22) better spent to promote the national good. David’s lust for Bathsheba made him callous toward justice and cost Uriah his life, and Solomon’s many sexual partners made him callous toward pure and undefiled religion and incapable of real love. In other words, obsession with women has the same effect as obsession with liquor.”

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“In conclusion, this valiant wife has been canonized as a role model for all Israel for all time. Wise daughters aspire to be like her, wise men seek to marry her, and all wise people aim to incarnate the wisdom she embodies, each in his own sphere of activity.”

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An A-Z of Active Wisdom!

A Woman's Place is ... Using Her Gifts and Wisdom Well

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“[Wolters] concludes that this heroic poem functions as a polemic first against the praise of women in Ancient Near Eastern literature. It counters that writing’s preoccupation “with the physical charms of women from an erotic point of view” with celebration of “her activity in the ordinary affairs of family, community, and business life.”

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The Lord Praises Her

Her Works Praise Her

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*What do you find praiseworthy?*

