

## 19 The Proverbs of Solomon

The proverbs of Solomon son of David,  
king of Israel:

for attaining wisdom and discipline;  
for understanding words of  
insight;  
for acquiring a disciplined and  
prudent life,  
doing what is right and just and  
fair;  
for giving prudence to the simple,  
knowledge and discretion to the  
young—  
let the wise listen and add to their  
learning,  
and let the discerning get  
guidance—  
for understanding proverbs and  
parables,  
the sayings and riddles of the  
wise.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning  
of knowledge,  
but fools despise wisdom and  
discipline.

As the crowds increased, Jesus said, "This is a wicked generation. It asks for a miraculous sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah. For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so also will the Son of Man be to this generation. The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and now one greater than Solomon is here."

Proverbs 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-31