

Matthew's Gospel

Chapter 13a

Brother/Sister – Closest friend (share the same source)

Mother – Brings a person into the world through intimacy with the Father

Yeshua's Five Discourses

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Parable/Proverb

משל

(*mashal*)

Genesis 1:16 And God made the two great lights, the greater light to **govern** the day, and the lesser light to **govern** the night...

Genesis 1:18 ...and to **govern** the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 3:16 To the woman He said, “I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you shall bring forth children; Yet your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall **rule** over you.”

Genesis 4:7 “If you do well, will not *your countenance* be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must **master** it.”



Proverbs 1:1-6

The **proverbs** of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel...

- ...to make known wisdom and discipline,
- ...to discern the sayings of understanding,
- ...to accept wise discipline,
- ...righteousness, justice and equity;
- ...to provide simpletons with cleverness,
- ...to the youth knowledge and design/plan,
- ...a wise one will hear and increase his learning,
- ...and a discerning one may acquire strategies,
- ...to understand a **proverb** and a figure,
- ...the words of the wise and their riddles.

Psalm 78:1-4 Listen, O my people, to my instruction; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a **parable**; I will utter riddles of old, which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not conceal them from their children, but tell to the generation to come the praises of Adonai, and His strength and His wondrous works that He has done.

Hebrews 11:13 All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

“Hear”

שמע

(sh'ma)

...also

“Obey”

ακουω (akou-o) = “hear”

υπακουω (hup-ekou-o) = “obey”

Genesis 22:18 And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have **obeyed** My voice.

Exodus 19:5 Now then, if you will indeed **obey** My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine.

Luke 8:13 ... they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.

Proverbs 1:1-6

(Notes from Artsroll Tanach Series – Mishlei/Proverbs)

(1) **The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel..**

- (2) **...to make known wisdom and discipline,**
 - לְדַעַת חֲכָמָה וּמוֹסָר...
 - *chochmah* (perfection in intellect) + *musar* (perfection in character traits)
- **...to discern the sayings of understanding,**
 - לְהִבִּין אִמְרֵי בִינָה:
 - lit. “to understand words of understanding”
- (3) **...to accept wise discipline,**
 - לְקַחַת מוֹסָר הַשְּׂבָל...
- **...righteousness, justice and equity (fairness);**
 - צְדָק וּמִשְׁפָּט וּמִישָׁרִים:
- (4) **...to provide simpletons with cleverness,**
 - לְתַת לְפִתְאִים עֲרָמָה...
 - *peti* (“simpleton”) is one who has not studied wisdom and therefore allows himself to be persuaded by his evil inclination.
 - *armah* same word used of Satan in Gen.3:1 – “cunning”
- **...to the youth knowledge and design/plan,**
 - לְנַעַר דַּעַת וּמְזִמָּה:
 - *m'zimah* = a plan
- (5) **...a wise one will hear and increase his learning,**
 - יִשְׁמַע חָכָם וַיֹּסֶף לְקַח...
 - *lechak* is a general term for any teaching which is acquired from others.
- **...and a discerning one may acquire strategies,**
 - אֲנָבוֹן תַּחְבֻּלוֹת יִקְנֶה:
 - *tach'bulot* is related to the word *chevel*, a “rope”. Genesis Rabbah gives the parable of a deep well and someone came along and tied one rope to another, and used them to draw up the waters. Thus a *navon* formulates his opinion using many strands of analogy and comparison.
- (6) **...to understand a proverb and a figure,**
 - לְהִבִּין מִשְׁלַל וּמְלִיצָה...
 - Each parable must be understood on more than one level. 1 Kings (4:32) states that Solomon spoke 3,000 proverbs, but we only read of about 800. How do we reconcile this? *Midrash Bemidbar* 19:3 explains that there are different levels of understanding for each verse in Proverbs. (Example: the adulterous woman)
 - *M'litzah* relates to the word *melitz* “interpreter”. As an interpreter reveals one person’s thoughts to another, a *melitz* reveals deeper insights from the mind of the parable’s author.
- **...the words of the wise and their riddles/enigmas.**
 - דְּבָרֵי חֲכָמִים וְחִידָתָם:
 - *chidah* is something hidden, which cannot be understood until interpreted.