

# The Law and Wisdom Literature Point to Christ

Read Matthew 11:25-30

As we've seen, when the Old Testament talks about God sharing His wisdom, it repeatedly points us ahead to Jesus Christ:

- In Moses' final days, he said that God would raise up a Prophet who would clearly reveal God's word to His people, and they would listen to Him (Deuteronomy 18:15-19). Believers recognized Jesus as that prophet.
- Psalm 19 speaks of God's law as being perfect, radiant, pure, and altogether righteous, more precious than gold and sweeter than honey (Psalm 19:7-10). Psalm 119 rejoices in a law that is satisfying from A to Z. Jesus came to fulfill this beautiful, perfect law (Matthew 5:17), to bring all its fruits to maturity in the lives of God's people.
- Proverbs personifies wisdom as One who existed with God before the world was created (Proverbs 8:22-31). John describes Jesus in those same terms, as the Word who was with God in the very beginning (John 1:1-18).
- Proverbs says that wisdom is not reserved for the brilliant and educated. Wisdom is like a street vendor, offering her gifts to all who will come and receive them. Jesus spoke of wisdom the same way. He thanked His Father for hiding wisdom from the wise and intelligent and revealing it instead to infants (Matthew 11:25). He offered it free to all:  
*"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls (Matthew 11:28-29, NASB)*
- Ecclesiastes says that death is a shroud that hangs over all of life, rendering it meaningless. It thus shines the light of hope on the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Both directly and indirectly, the law and wisdom literature prepare our hearts and minds for what God is doing in Christ Jesus.