



# Treasure Guarded and Enjoyed

# Proverbs 2:12-22

## Message

God and His wisdom are treasures that can protect you so that you can enjoy their eternal rewards



# Beauty of Proverbs 2 Structure

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To benefit from two purposes (12-19)

1: “To deliver you from the evil man” (12-15)

2: “To deliver you from the adulterous woman” (16-19)

So that you’ll enjoy ultimate outcome (20-22)

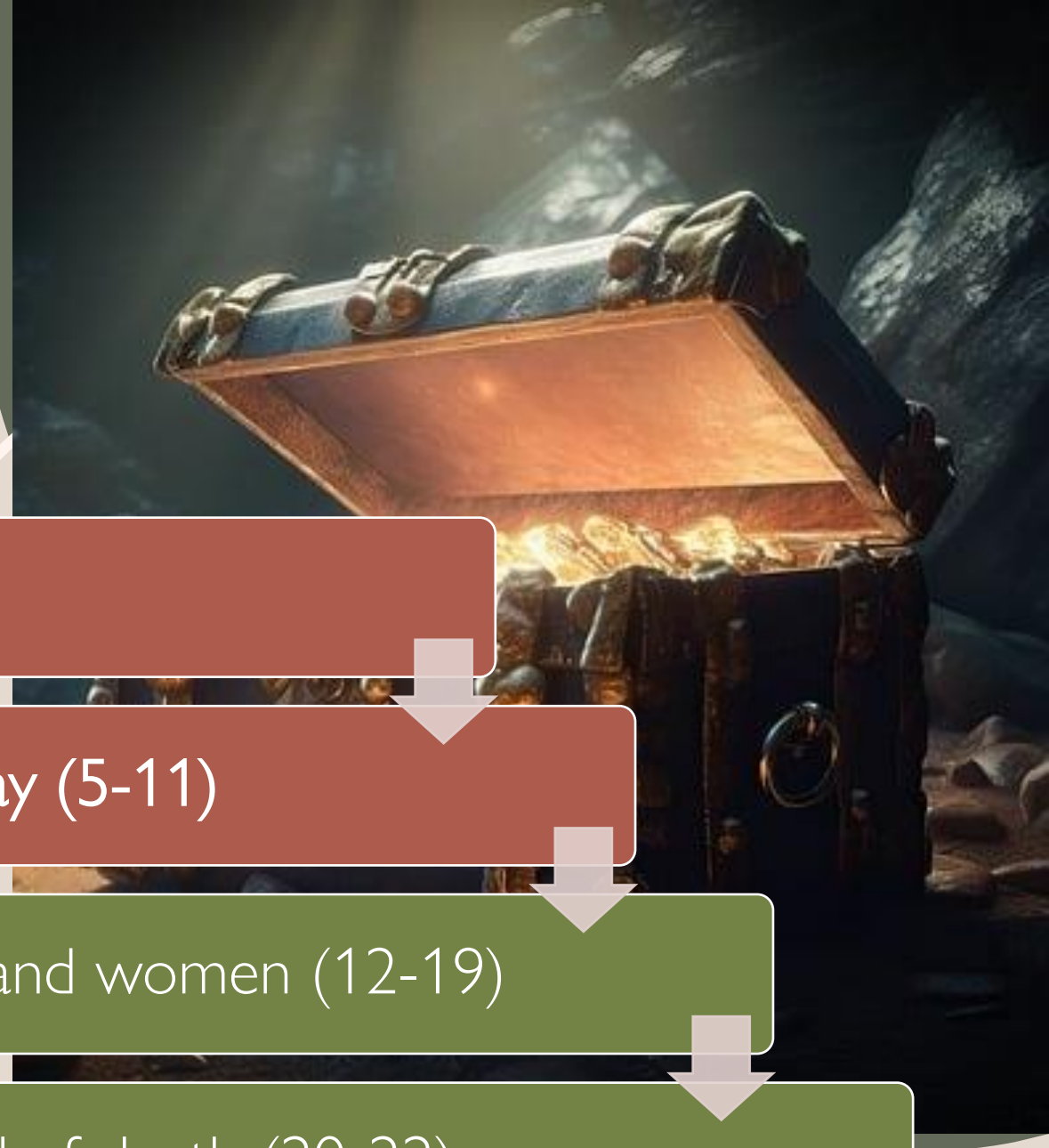
# Proverbs 2 - Outline

Treasure offered: detect and dig! (1-4)

Treasure found: God and His better way (5-11)

Treasure guarded: from evil men and women (12-19)

Treasure enjoyed: life instead of death (20-22)



# Why do you need God and His path? (Prov 2:12-22)

- I. God and His wisdom can deliver you from devastating threats (12-19)
  - A. They can deliver you from the evil man and his way (12-15)
  - B. They can deliver you from the adulterous woman and her ruinous rut (16-19)
- II. God and His wisdom deliver the ultimate outcome (20-22)





Perverse = “upside-down”  
(Prov 2:12)

“Truth becomes error and error becomes truth; right is branded wrong and wrong is praised as right”

(David Hubbard, *Proverbs*, p. 64).

## PROV 2:14-15

Verse 14 reveals the wicked man's affections.  
He finds temporary delight and temporary  
escape in the momentary pleasures of evil.

Verse 15 shows how we function. What we  
love gives rise to what we do.

# Prov 2:16 “the strange woman”

- **Strange** – someone who removes themselves from their normal place, she “forsakes the close companion of her youth” (v. 17)
- Our word “estranged” means to treat as a stranger
- **Foreigner** – can be applied to Israelites who are estranged from their family (Gen 31:15; Prov 27:2)
- **She is an adulterous Israelite who secretly breaks the covenants with God and husband**