

## How to read a proverb

### 1. Why do we need the Word of God in Proverbs? 30:1-6

### 2. What does Proverbs teach us about proverbs?

- *Biblical Proverbs are different from our proverbs: 11:1, 15:30, 15:16-17*
- *Biblical Proverbs are not always universally true: 11:1, 10:1*  
Formal contradictions: 26:4, 5  
Counter-examples 10:4, 13:23, 15:23, 27:14  
Poor handling: 26:7, 9, 4, 5  
Example: outcomes in child-rearing 22:6, 23:13-14
- *Biblical Proverbs require:*  
Careful study and reflection 26:7, 9, Psalm 49:4  
Wisdom from Fearing and Knowing God 1:7, 2:1-5  
Willingness to learn from mistakes 12:1, 10:17

A New year challenge: **reading God's Word in 2011**