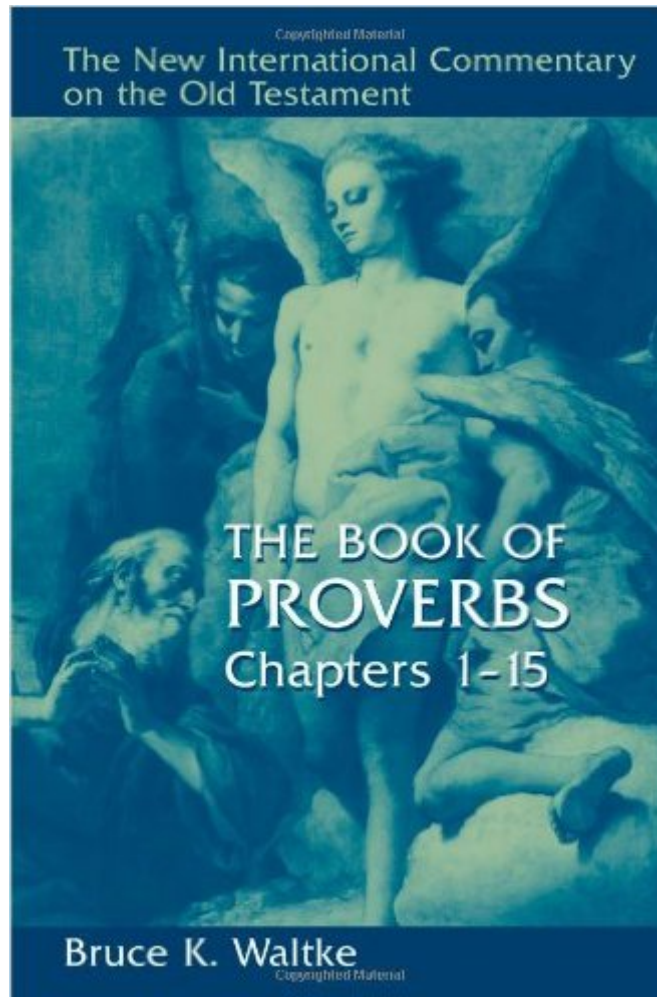


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Over twenty-five years in the making, this much-anticipated commentary promises to be the standard study of Proverbs for years to come. Written by eminent Old Testament scholar Bruce Waltke, this two-volume commentary is unquestionably the most comprehensive work on Proverbs available. Grounded in the new literary criticism that has so strengthened biblical interpretation of late, Waltke's commentary on Proverbs demonstrates the profound, ongoing relevance of this Old Testament book for Christian faith and life. A thorough introduction addresses such issues as text and versions, structure, authorship, and theology. The detailed commentary itself explains and elucidates Proverbs as "theological literature." Waltke's highly readable style -- evident even in his original translation of the Hebrew text -- makes his scholarly work accessible to teachers, pastors, Bible students, and general readers alike.

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I often challenge Christians to tell me where in proverbs is the the well know saying "Cleanliness is next to godliness" they think for a moment and admit their ignorance. I will then reveal my trickery and they are surprised to learn that this well known adage is not a biblical precept. The majority of Christians today have little familiarity of the book of Proverbs. Sure we have a few verses in the quiver of our minds from this ancient text but when it comes to understanding the book as a whole how are we to grasp such bothersome texts written to a culture we can not relate to and which seem to teach health wealth and prosperity contrary to the instructions of the New Testament. A

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