

My Truth Vs. God's Truth
Proverbs 16:20-25 & 30:1-6

The idea that truth is just a matter of personal perspective was one of the reasons Proverbs was written. Proverbs 16:20-25 & 30:1-6 push back against this falsehood.

Prov. 16:20-25 says, truth isn't some internal feeling or viewpoint, but an external reality rooted in God. Positively, it says that those who accept instruction, in particular the Lord's instruction, will prosper and be blessed. Negatively, it says that there is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death. The choice we make about truth is a life and death decision.

Prov. 30:1-6 is a confession of a man who admits that he has grown weary of trying to make sense of life's complexity on his own, that trying to find "truth" within is a dead end.

The Bible teaches that human perception is flawed. Paul said as much when he wrote, "For now we see only a reflection as in a distorted mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."

Furthermore, the writer says that rejecting God's truth has left him feeling weak and vulnerable. Many truths lay beyond his grasp, making him feel more like a brute than a wise man. Mental health statistics in the 21st century prove his point with recent studies showing a 63% increase in depression and anxiety among young adults from 2005-2017.

Finally, the Bible affirms that "refuge" (peace/safety) isn't found in our own narrative, but in the "flawless" words of God. The world's wisdom or whatever truth you may come up with on your own can never protect you and shield your heart and mind from all the world will throw at you like the word of God can.

1000 years before the coming of Christ, God's word points us forward to a Son. This Son, Jesus, the Bible says is the Way, the Truth, the Life, the only way to God the Father. Truth that points the way to life is found only by following Him.