

God is Wise and the Source of All Wisdom

Prologue: I am foolish and God is wise	vv. 2-9
1. I am foolish by myself.	vv.2-3
2. God alone is wise	v. 4
2'. God's wisdom protects the humble (not fools)	vv. 5-6
1.' God, make me wise and not a fool	vv. 7-9

Main Body: Words to the Wise and Warnings to the Fools

A. Don't be a fool (pride, anger, greed): There will be consequences	vv. 10-14
B. Fools - too poor/never satisfied (greed)	vv. 15-16
C. Perceived as Wise (by self), but Fools - Amazing (pride)	vv. 17-20
D. Fools who become too rich (hubris/pride)	vv. 21-23
C.' Perceived as Fools, but Wise - Amazing (humble)	vv. 24-28
B.' Fools who are rich/never satisfied - Greed (Proud)	vv. 29-31
A.' Don't be a fool (Pride, Plot Evil, and Anger): There will be consequences	vv. 32-33

Example of inverted parallelism/*escendo*: Amos 5:4b-6a

- A. Seek me and live
- B. And do not seek Bethel
- C. And Gilgal do not enter
- D. And to Beersheba do not cross over.
- C.' Because Gilgal an exile shall be exiled
- B.' And Bethel shall come to nothing
- A.' Seek God and live.

Example of *chiasm* (X pattern)

The Sabbath was made for man
not man for the Sabbath.

