



ETHIOPIAN TEWAHEDO · BONUS STUDY

Sirach

Wisdom practiced in ordinary relationships

AUTHORSHIP · Jesus ben Sira; Greek translation by his grandson

DATE & CONTEXT · Hebrew work commonly dated to about 180 BC

The big picture

Sirach, also called Ecclesiasticus, offers sustained instruction on speech, friendship, money, worship, work, and family life. Its wisdom is rooted in reverence for God and attentiveness to inherited teaching. The final chapters remember figures from Israel's past. Read particular sayings in their historical setting and alongside the work's wider moral vision.

Reading to explore

Sirach 2; 6; 24

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Live it

- 01 Speak one fewer careless word today.
- 02 Thank a teacher or elder for something specific you learned.
- 03 Make a financial choice with generosity and responsibility in view.

Pause & reflect

Where does everyday wisdom ask more of me than merely knowing the right words?

Original SELAH37 introduction. Read the text in context; historical dates and attributions are approximate.

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