

Proverbs 1:20-33

Competing Voices

20 Wisdom shouts in the street,

The voices of evil men have been raised.. (1:10-14)

Wisdom shouts because her voice is public...

She lifts her voice in the square; (2:16-22) The voice of the harlot will be raised.

1) Nothing is secret

And heard above both is the voice of wisdom. (1:20)

2) God's wisdom is also fit for man's public places...

21 At the head of the noisy streets she cries out;

At the entrance of the gates in the city she utters her sayings:

3) And there is fear and frustration at the results of refusing God's wisdom

22 How long, O naive ones, will you love being simple-minded?

And scoffers delight themselves in scoffing

And fools hate knowledge?

Man loves being simple, resistant and autonomous

23 Turn to my reproof,

To repent and turn to God's reproof will bring illumination and a whole life will be opened

4) But life is but a prayer away

Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you;

I will make my words known to you.

24 Because I called and you refused,

The call now becomes a sad narrative

"here, take it!"

I stretched out my hand and no one paid attention;

25 And you neglected all my counsel

And did not want my reproof;

26 I will also laugh at your calamity;

"Your actions will now catch up to you"

I will mock when your dread comes,

27 When your dread comes like a storm

A hurricane is coming your way

And your calamity comes like a whirlwind,

When distress and anguish come upon you.

28 Then they will call on me, but I will not answer;

By this time its too late to avert the hurricane (Psalm 32)

They will seek me diligently but they will not find me,

What you could have avoided you now must experience.

- 29 Because they hated knowledge) And did not choose the fear) of the LORD.
- 30 "They would not accept my counsel,) They spurned all my reproof.)
- 31 "So they shall eat of the fruit of their own way
 experience
 "belly up"
 And be satiated with their own devices.
 "no more"
- 32 "For the waywardness of the naive will kill them,
 And the complacency of fools will destroy them.
- 33 "But he who listens to me shall live securely
 And will be at ease from the dread of evil."

"Why such Judgment?
 Because you made a choice."

You will experience
 the evil of your ways

This is what Satan means to do

The righteous will sleep like babies

A Principle:
 This will be
 true for all who
 Rebel against
 the word and
 wisdom of God