

## Proverbs 8:1-36

<sup>1</sup> Does not wisdom call, ——— *another voice calls... wisdom's*

And understanding lift up her voice?

*She calls Publically to all and any*

<sup>2</sup> On top of the heights beside the way,

Where the paths meet, she takes her stand;

<sup>3</sup> Beside the gates, at the opening to the city,

At the entrance of the doors, she cries out:

<sup>4</sup> "To you, O men, I call,

And my voice is to the sons of men.

*all that is required is the  
recognition of need*

<sup>5</sup> "O naive ones, understand prudence;

And, O fools, understand wisdom.

<sup>6</sup> "Listen, for I will speak noble things;

And the opening of my lips *will reveal* right things.

*Wisdom offers the noble  
the right  
truth*

<sup>7</sup> "For my mouth will utter truth;

And wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

*the truth that is holy  
and pure  
... not just mystic or rational*

<sup>8</sup> "All the utterances of my mouth are in righteousness;

There is nothing crooked or perverted in them.

<sup>9</sup> "They are all straightforward to him who understands,

And right to those who find knowledge.

*and truth is  
"right in front of you"  
or "straightforward"*

<sup>10</sup> "Take my instruction and not silver,

And knowledge rather than choicest gold.

*thus it is your Greatest Possession*

<sup>11</sup> "For wisdom is better than jewels;

And all desirable things cannot compare with her.

<sup>12</sup> "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,

And I find knowledge and discretion.

But it require choices

<sup>13</sup> "The fear of the LORD is to hate evil;

Pride and arrogance and the evil way

And the perverted mouth, I hate.

as wisdom originates in  
the fear of God  
the things God hates

<sup>14</sup> "Counsel is mine and sound wisdom;

I am understanding, power is mine.

<sup>15</sup> "By me kings reign,

And rulers decree justice.

<sup>16</sup> "By me princes rule, and nobles,

All who judge rightly.

Thus wisdom is found Among  
the Great

<sup>17</sup> "I love those who love me;

And those who diligently seek me will find me.

vv 17-21 along with the blessing of God

<sup>18</sup> "Riches and honor are with me,

Enduring wealth and righteousness.

<sup>19</sup> "My fruit is better than gold, even pure gold,

And my yield better than choicest silver.

<sup>20</sup> "I walk in the way of righteousness,

In the midst of the paths of justice,

<sup>21</sup> To endow those who love me with wealth,

That I may fill their treasuries.

<sup>22</sup> "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way,

The reason for All these blessings  
is that wisdom is an eternal  
thing ..the means of creation

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Before His works of old.

<sup>23</sup> "From everlasting I was established,

*it is the eternal standard of reality  
and how like ought to be  
lived - ∴  
The divine designer*

From the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth.

<sup>24</sup> "When there were no depths I was brought forth,

When there were no springs abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup> "Before the mountains were settled,

Before the hills I was brought forth;

<sup>26</sup> While He had not yet made the earth and the fields,

Nor the first dust of the world.

<sup>27</sup> "When He established the heavens, I was there,

When He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep, *the sphere of the earth  
or "gravity"*

<sup>28</sup> When He made firm the skies above,

When the springs of the deep became fixed,

<sup>29</sup> When He set for the sea its boundary

So that the water would not transgress His command,

When He marked out the foundations of the earth;

<sup>30</sup> Then I was beside Him, as a master workman; *the architect*

And I was daily *His* delight, *"it was good"*

Rejoicing always before Him,

<sup>31</sup> Rejoicing in the world, His earth,

*His greatest creation ... humanity  
- man -*

And *having* my delight in the sons of men.

<sup>32</sup> "Now therefore, O sons, listen to me,

For blessed are they who keep my ways.

<sup>33</sup> "Heed instruction and be wise,

And do not neglect it.

But it requires diligent  
teachability

<sup>34</sup> "Blessed is the man who listens to me,

Watching daily at my gates,

Discipline

Waiting at my doorposts.

hunger

<sup>35</sup> "For he who finds me finds life

And obtains favor from the LORD.

<sup>36</sup> "But he who sins against me injures himself;

All those who hate me love death."

with choices which are  
blessed  
or tragic