

“Wisdom Is Calling”
Proverbs 8:1-13

Solomon gives foundational truths about wisdom in Chapter 8

Outline by Eric Lane:

1. Where Wisdom Is to Be Found – 1-3

Wisdom is for everyone

Wisdom calls to us in creation – Psalm 19:1-4a

Many people choose not to hear its voice – Romans 1:18-22

If a person responds to “natural revelation”, God will make more known to them through God’s written Word.

Proverbs 1:23 (wisdom is speaking) – God’s wisdom brings God’s rebuke for our sin and calls us to repentance

God gives us His Spirit and makes His words known to us

2. To Whom God Speaks - 4-5

The call of wisdom goes out to all, but it is most needed by two types of people:

- Simple ones

- Fools

3. What Wisdom Says – 6-11

(1) Wisdom Says Things That Are Noble - 6a

(2) Wisdom Says Things That Are Right and True – 6b-9

Verse 9 – “They are all straight”

This is a summary of what verses 6, 7, 8 say about God’s words of wisdom:

- They are “right” (v. 6) – in line with Who God is and what He desires of us
- They are “truth” (v. 7)
- They are “righteous” (v. 8) – conform to the standard of the very nature of God
- They are “not crooked” (v. 8) – not radically skewed from their original design

“understands”=the one who applies their mind to the wisdom of God will gain understanding and insight into the issues of life

“knowledge”=not just facts (book knowledge) but insight into the true nature of people and things
cf. 2:5

(3) Wisdom Says Things That Are Enriching – 10-11

4. What Wisdom Cultivates – 12-13

(1) Prudence, Knowledge and Discretion – 12

“Prudence”=good sense

“Knowledge”=insight into the nature of people and things

“Discretion”=careful behavior that arises from clear thinking

(2) Godliness – 13

Conclusion:

There are 2 ways to pursue God’s wisdom (they work together; we need both):

- Go to Prayer – James 1:5
- Go to God’s Word – Psalm 119:97-104

“God’s wisdom is found in the perfect Word of God. The Bible stands at the crossroads of life and cries out to all, ‘Open to me, read me, study me, love me. Because in me you will find what is right, and true, and just. My words are without fault or error, and for the one who truly seeks, they are easy to understand. They are more valuable than any other treasure. Nothing can compare to the riches of the Word of God.’” Bob Beasley, *The Wisdom of Proverbs*, p. 58