

2023.11.08 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 8:1–5

“God's Clarity and Our Folly”

- 1 Does not wisdom cry out, And understanding lift up her voice?
- 2 She takes her stand on the top of the high hill,
Beside the way, where the paths meet.
- 3 She cries out by the gates, at the entry of the city,
At the entrance of the doors:
- 4 “To you, O men, I call,
And my voice *is* to the sons of men.
- 5 O you simple ones, understand prudence,
And you fools, be of an understanding heart.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from “the Proverb of the day.” In these five verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that difficulty perceiving God’s wisdom is not from a lack of clarity on His part but from an abundance of folly on ours.

(The following is a machine-generated transcription. Please be aware of—and patient with—transcribing errors. If there is something confusing or obviously erroneous, you are invited to listen to the audio recording via hopewellarp.org)

Proverbs 8, verse 1, through 5. These are god's words. Does not wisdom cry out. And understanding lift up her voice. She takes her stand on the Top of the high hill. Beside the way where the paths meet. She cries out by the gates. At the entry of the city.

At the entrance of the doors. To you. O men. I call And my voice is to the sons of men. Oh, you simple ones. Understand prudence, And you fools. Of an understanding heart. So far the reading of gods inspired and And they're into words. One of the things that we need to be corrected about, Almost immediately.

If we are going to be wise, There's the reason wisdom is so difficult. Wisdom is not difficult because god has not made it obvious. Wisdom is not difficult because god has not given even his word to men. In addition to making the truth about himself obvious in his world.

He has mercifully generously. Given his word. Wisdom is difficult because we are fools. And so, this is communicated. Uh, first in the Loudness prominence, publicity. With which wisdom is personified. In the first. Three verses. Wisdom cries out. Wisdom lifts up her voice. It's not like soft and difficult. Uh, to here.

It's difficult to miss. We're just very good at missing it. She takes her stand on the top of the high hill. Beside the way where the paths meet. So, the easiest place to see From the top of the height help. Everyone all around, can see? And the place where everyone goes.

At the main intersection. She cries out by the gates at the entrance of the city. That the entrance of the doors. So here. Obviously. Is the Another location. There are people who do stupid things with scripture. Like say. Oh, well, this wisdom crying out here or wisdom crying out there.

Aha, self-contradiction Now, they don't do that particularly with this first but they do similar things in other places. Where the lord is communicating the same thing in two different ways. Uh, but here. The similarities between the top of the high hill. On the one hand. Uh, the boy where The paths meet at the meat at a main intersection.

On the second hand, and then on the third hand, Um, at the gates, the doors of the city. It all makes the same point. God has made truth and wisdom obvious. And so there's the question. If it's so obvious. Why do we find it so hard? The answer is.

Because we are sons of Adam. Because we are simple ones. Because we are fools. And so, Wisdom. Addresses, those who have the difficulty in themselves. This is why the wisdom of men is foolish. Because those things that the spirit of god gives, Are really only discerned by those who are helped.

By the spirit of god. And so, we need to see ourselves as If we are in ourselves being simple fools, Ignorant fools. And we need to see ourselves in need of at the end of verse 5, And understanding heart. You don't get an understanding heart. Uh, initially by Achieving learning.

You have to be given and understanding heart by grace so that you are able to learn in the first place. So, here we have. The generosity and clarity of god. And the foolishness inability dependence upon grace, necessity of grace. For man. Amen, let's pray. Our gracious gardener heavenly father, we pray that you would give us Humility.

Before you. Uh, give us a proper thankfulness and acknowledgment. Of how clearly you have spoken, forgive us.

When we think or even speak. As if. Uh, you have made things. Mysterious and cloudly and cloudy. And obscure. When o, lord, the reality is That we are simple and we are fools. That we are fallen that we lack understanding hearts. And so we praise you and we repent.

Of how we have thought about your revelation. Both in the world and in your word. And we ask for the help of your spirit. That we might have understanding hearts within us. In order to Perceive that which you teach. In general. And special revelation. We asked these things in jesus name, amen.