

Wisdom's Career – and Christ

God's Revolutionary Wisdom (Part 41)

Proverbs 8:22-31

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²²“Yahweh possessed me at the beginning of His way,

Before His deeds of old.

²³“From eternity I was appointed,¹

From the start, before the earth.

²⁴“When there were no depths, I was given birth,

When there were no springs heavy with water.

²⁵“When the mountains were not yet settled,

Before the hills, I was given birth.

²⁶“While as yet He had not made the earth and the open fields,

Nor the start of the grains of the world's dust.

²⁷“When He readied the heavens, I was there;

When He decreed² a circle on the face of the deep.

²⁸“When He suspended³ the clouds above,

When the springs of the deep became strong.

²⁹“When He set for the sea His decree —

That the waters would not transgress His command;⁴

When He decreed⁵ the foundations of the earth.

³⁰“Then I was beside Him, a master-workman,

And I was delighted⁶ day *after* day,

Celebrating⁷ before Him at all times.

³¹“Celebrating⁸ in the world, His earth,

And my delight⁹ was with the sons of man.

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Introduction:

I. Lady Wisdom and the World (Proverbs 8:22-31)

A. Her Antiquity (vv. 22–26)

1. Relating to _____: _____ - _____ (vv. 22-24)

a. **Genesis** text

b. **Proverbs** text

c. Point:

2. Relating to _____: _____ - _____ (vv. 25-26)

a. **Genesis** text

b. **Proverbs** text

c. Point:

B. Her Activities (vv. 27–31)

1. _____ing (vv. 27-29)

a. The skies above (vv. 27-28a)

b. The deeps below (vv. 28b-29)

¹ Or “formed.”

² Or “inscribed”

³ Or “established,” or “made firm.”

⁴ Literally “mouth.”

⁵ Or “inscribed.”

⁶ Or “*His* delight”; literally “delights” (plural noun).

⁷ Or “rejoicing.”

⁸ Or “Rejoicing.”

⁹ Literally “delights.”

2. _____ing (vv. 30-31)
 - a. The creation of the world (v. 30)
 - b. The creation of _____ (v. 31)

B. Our Takeaway

1. Wisdom is
2. Wisdom is
3. Wisdom was

II. Lord Jesus and the Universe

A. Broad Hints

1. In the words of the OT
 - a. Genesis 1:1, 26
 - b. Micah 5:2
2. In the words of Jesus
 - a. “_____”
John 9:39
John 16:28
 - b. “_____”
John 10:36
 - c. “_____...”
John 17:5
John 17:24

B. Bold Truths: Jesus Is...

1. _____
John 1:1
John 8:58
2. _____
John 1:3
Colossians 1:16
3. _____
Colossians 1:16b
4. Sustainer
Colossians 1:17
5. _____
(Remember Pro 8:29)
Matthew 8:26–27
6. Director
Hebrews 1:3

C. Big Issue

1. *Lady Wisdom* tells us
2. *Jesus Christ* tells us
3. So here is real wisdom: