

**Wisdom**  
**Proverbs 1:20-33**

Introduction: We talk so much about obeying the Bible, but we often do not do much about it. We really ought to do more in actual practice because the Bible itself calls upon us to do so.

- I. Wisdom \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 20, 21)
- A. Wisdom identified
1. \_\_\_\_\_—viewed as if human
  2. Actually found fully in the person of \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Also found in the writings of the prophets and New Testament teachers
  4. True wisdom is recorded for us in the \_\_\_\_\_—the Bible
- B. Wisdom \_\_\_\_\_
1. Out in the \_\_\_\_\_: nothing necessary in divine wisdom is ever hidden
  2. Wisdom is where people \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. The \_\_\_\_\_ is clearer than we like to admit
    - b. Most people know more than they like to admit
- II. Wisdom \_\_\_\_\_ the hearers (vv. 22-31)
- A. Warning \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 22, 23)
1. How long?
    - a. Will the simple (those \_\_\_\_\_ through carelessness or indifference) love simplicity (their careless and indifferent lifestyle)
    - b. Will the scoffers (those who hold things in contempt and \_\_\_\_\_) delight in scoffing
    - c. Will fools (those who \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge because of its restraints) hate true Biblical knowledge
  2. Call to \_\_\_\_\_—"Turn and be helped"
    - a. Turn when reprov'd (put self under my instructive training)
    - b. Be helped—if you will \_\_\_\_\_
      - 1) I will pour out My spirit upon you
      - 2) I will make known My words unto you (If we turn to God He will give us what we need to know and do. The usual reason for our confusion is \_\_\_\_\_ to do right.)
- B. Warning \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 24-31)
1. \_\_\_\_\_ on the part of the obstinate hearer (vv. 24, 25)
    - a. I (Wisdom) have called and reached out
      - 1) By Teachers of Biblical Truth, by the Word of God, by example of obedient Believers
      - 2) God has tried to get His message across
        - a. I have been refused and disregarded
        - b. The general tendency, among those who \_\_\_\_\_ Biblical wisdom and instruction
  2. Wisdom's \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 26-28)
    - a. I will hold you in derision in time of \_\_\_\_\_. (This is not as crass as it seems. He traces the reaction of wisdom as the results of rejection begin to work themselves out. Notice the strong words.)
    - b. When they call in time of deep need, there is \_\_\_\_\_ answer because judgment is already falling

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 29-31)
  - a. Fools have made their \_\_\_\_\_ choices (calamity is the result of their own ways). We often blame God for what we have done
  - b. Fools have \_\_\_\_\_ attempts to help them
  - c. Fools will get back the results of their own foolish choices and perverse ways
    - 1) Both in this life and the life to \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2) Sowing and reaping prominent here

- III. Wisdom's \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 32, 33)
- A. \_\_\_\_\_ (those who disregard Biblical admonition and instruction)
    1. Destruction and ruin
      - a. Their own choices \_\_\_\_\_ them (destroy themselves)
      - b. Their own prosperity becomes their downfall (carelessness, unconcern, carnal security produced by \_\_\_\_\_ success)
      - c. \_\_\_\_\_ against God chief cause
    2. They end up where they were heading (in ruin and destruction)
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ men (those who regard Biblical admonition and instruction, trying to live by it)
    1. Security and spiritual \_\_\_\_\_
      - a. Listeners shall dwell safely (confidently)
      - b. Listeners shall have quiet from fear of evil (note stress on freedom from \_\_\_\_\_)
    2. They end up where God has been \_\_\_\_\_ them

Conclusion: Wisdom continues to cry out—only in stronger and fuller form—the Word of God. People, sometimes including Christians, continue to ignore the cries and appeals of wisdom. Each person here today will hear, heed and follow, or will you close your eyes and ears and go your own way? The ultimate outcome of your life is up to you. Throughout time and eternity you will reap the fruit of the decision you make now regarding wisdom—either good fruit, or evil fruit.