

## CHAPTER 8

### ***Proverbs 8:1 Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?***

Solomon, through inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote Proverbs with many figurative and poetic expressions, which gives it force and appeal, in addition to its wonderful content of wisdom for life.

Here we meet the figure of speech called personification, where the abstract quality of wisdom is given the nature of a person.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines the figure of speech this way: A personification is attribution of personal form, nature, or characteristics; the representation of a thing or abstraction as a person, as a rhetorical figure or species of metaphor.

Consider how we describe America's freedom as Lady Liberty or the material and animal earth as Mother Nature. Liberty is not really a lady, though we have the female form of the Statue of Liberty; and nature is not really a mother, though we often call it such.

We see wisdom personified as a woman in the early parts of Proverbs (***Proverbs 1:20-33; 2:4; 3:15-18; 4:5-13; 8:1-36; 9:1-5***).

Many spiritualize the woman and wisdom as the pre-incarnate Christ, or Wisdom of God. But the pre-incarnate Christ was God Himself, the Word of God.

The figure is a passionate woman pleading for young men to choose the life of wisdom. In the first nine chapters, there is competition between the "strange woman" and the "womanly wisdom".

One seeks to seduce the young man by lust and fornication, and the other tries to save him by wisdom and discretion. As whorish women use public places to prey on men, so wisdom cries out in public places to be heard by all (***Proverbs 1:20-21; 7:11-12; 8:2-4***).

**Every young man has two women pursuing him.** The question is, which woman will he love and follow to her house. One woman brings hell and death (***Proverbs 2:18; 7:27; 9:18***)! One woman brings favor and life (***Proverbs 9:1-5; 3:18; 4:13***).

Wisdom is not difficult to find and enjoy. She makes herself known and available by the revelation of God and work of His Spirit. She cries out to be heard. Why not embrace her as your own, son? She will bring you great gladness and favor all of your life.

**Wisdom is a quality God has and gives in abundance.** He has infinite wisdom (***Romans 11:33-***

***36***), He gives wisdom liberally to those who seek it (***James 1:5; 1Kings 3:12; 4:29-34***).

The Lord Jesus Christ, is the incarnate Son of God, possesses all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (***Colossians 2:3***).

**Do You Know Him?**

**Do You Love Him?**

**Do Serve Him?**

### ***Proverbs 8:2 She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.***

Wisdom is not hidden in obscurity. It is as visible as the noonday sun.

Wisdom does not whisper in dark, secret places. It cries out for a hearing in the middle of human activity. It is not hard to find.

Any man with a heart for it can easily discover it. It is not the limited privilege of the elite. It is offered freely and widely to any of the sons of men (***Proverbs 8:4***).

This Proverb, one of the most elegant pieces of literature in the world, is part of Holy Spirit's introduction to His personification of wisdom as a woman (***Proverbs 8:1-3***). The Holy Spirit will continue His personification into the next chapter (***Proverbs 9:1-12***).

Lady Wisdom is introduced, before describing her character and her benefits to men (***Proverbs 8:4-36***).

Having used three chapters to detail the methods and danger of the strange woman and her sexual seduction, the Holy Spirit presents another woman, Lady Wisdom. (***Proverbs 5-7***)

While whorish women desire darkness to cover their sins and lie in wait at corners, Lady Wisdom stands in the open, where human concourse takes all men. (***Proverbs 7:8-12***)

The invitation of whorish women should be rejected (***Proverbs 9:13-18***)!

The invitation of Lady Wisdom should be taken (***Proverbs 9:1-5***)!

God offers wisdom to all men on earth. It begins with fearing the LORD and knowing the Holy God (***Proverbs 1:7; 9:10***).

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard" (Psalm 19:1-3).*

*"Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" (Romans 1:19-20).*

### **Yet Men Do Not Fear The Lord!**

The universal language of creation calls for all men to repent and humble themselves before their Maker, which is the beginning of wisdom (*Psalm 19:1-6*).

**But that is not the only medium by which wisdom calls.** The written Word of God also offers wisdom to the simple, which makes it more precious than gold and sweeter than honey (*Psalm 19:7-11*).

Have you not heard parents and pastor calling you to wisdom as well? It is not far off in a difficult place. It is not whispering in the dark. It is out in the open and calling you loudly.

What hinders you to accept her invitation? Pursue her friendship? Forsake the foolish! Separate yourself from life's distractions (*Proverbs 18:1*)!

**If** you do not do so, she will laugh you to scorn one day (*Proverbs 1:20-33*).

Do you love death? *Proverbs 8:36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.*

***Proverbs 8:3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.***

### **You Are Blessed Today! You Are Meeting A Noble Lady!**

As you read this verse, Lady Wisdom is not hiding in some obscure place making it difficult for you to find her. She is crying loudly to get your attention in this paragraph.

**If** the two of you do not become close friends and companions, she will not lose, you will lose! You were born foolish and ignorant; she is trying to save you from a dysfunctional and painful life now and in eternity.

God through Solomon employed various means in the book of Proverbs to get your attention and teach you wisdom.

God used threats, promises, pain, reward, short proverbs, long parables, observations, rules, illustrations, analogies, comparisons, social phenomena,

lessons from the animal kingdom, the father's advice, the teachings of Agur, and even a letter from a royal mother to her son. You are blessed!

But here the Holy Spirit uses personification, the literary tool, representing an immaterial thing by a person, to present wisdom to you as a noble and wonderful woman, Lady Wisdom.

She introduces herself and appeals to you to hear her (*Proverbs 8:1-10*).

She describes her benefits for you (*Proverbs 8:11-21*).

She describes how God used her in creation of the universe (*Proverbs 8:22-31*).

She concludes by begging you to receive her or suffer a punished life (*Proverbs 8:32-36*).

You are blessed today! Can you grasp that the Creator God of heaven has sent written instructions for you to share, the knowledge, insight, prudence, truth, understanding, and wisdom that He has?

This is no vain religion, of ceremonies, chanting, ritual prayers, superstitions, manmade traditions, dark mysteries, offering buffalo entrails to the great spirit, bathing in the filthy Ganges river, kissing a meteorite in Mecca, or praying the rosary.

Lady Wisdom is before you! She wants you to see her! She cries for your attention at the doors and gates of the entrance to the city, where you travel every day.

Lady Wisdom pleads to help you (*Proverbs 8:1-5*).

Lady Wisdom offers excellent and right things (the only ones you will find in this sin cursed world) (*Proverbs 8:6*).

Lady Wisdom's every Word is truth and righteousness (*Proverbs 8:7-8*).

Lady Wisdom's instruction is easy to learn, and this wisdom, is better than wealth or anything else (*Proverbs 8:9-11*).

The natural creation teaches knowledge plainly in every language to all people (*Psalm 19:1-6*)!

But man has rejected the Creator's truth for his own idiotic hallucinations. They say, you and everything else, came from an explosion of cosmic gases in a purposeless universe; ocean slime chose to become tree frogs; and baboons taking self improvement classes, became your grandparents!

From total ignorance at birth, man rushes downward to the institutionalized insanity, of evolution and a world without wisdom. So God judges them (*Romans 1:18-32*)!

God sent knowledge, via His Word to man, about Himself, man's origin, man's future, and how to prosper in life and eternity (*Psalm 19:7-11; Isaiah 8:20; 2Timothy 3:16-17; 2Peter 1:16-21*).

Man in his rebellion has over time spurned God's Word. Man has burned its publishers. Foolish man has chained God's Word in churches, read it in Latin to those not knowing Latin.

Ignorantly, man has outlawed it in schools, ridiculed it for public office, removed it from courthouses, confused it by new versions, relegated it to the shelf for interesting but useless novels!

So God judges foolish men (*Proverbs 4:18-19; John 12:47-48*)!

God sent men to teach His Words and their proper sense to you. They are the ministers of Jesus Christ, the pastors of His church (*Jeremiah 3:15; 23:28-32; Acts 8:30-35; Ephesians 4:11-14; 1Timothy 3:16*).

So then, the world fed God's people to lions, pulled them apart on the rack, burned them at the stake through Roman Catholic inquisitions, and banished them, and still scorns them today!

Even most Christians have rejected them, for the new popular and smooth operators, that give them entertainment and fables instead of sound doctrine (*2Timothy 3:1-7; 4:1-4*).

Today, most men reject Lady Wisdom, whom they clearly see in creation, Scripture, and a Godly ministry!

What have you done to answer her call? What have you done to respond to her invitation? What have you done to take her offer?

Do you rejoice at creation, knowing it is the handiwork of a Creator?

Do you love and study the precious and true Words of God in the Bible?

Do you attend and support His Church faithfully? A Church where a called man preaches God's Words without compromise or distraction?

You are blessed! Lady Wisdom met you at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors. She found you today. She invited you. What will you do with her?

**If** you receive her, she will bless you in time and eternity with incredible advantages and blessings.

**If** you reject her, she can and will mock you as life and eternity implode upon you. The choice is yours; the consequences are God's! It is better to be broken by

repentance than to be ground to powder due to rebellion (*Matthew 21:44*).

Consider this Reformers Unanimous principle: Principle for Prosperity #9 "We lose our freedom of choice after we have chosen our actions. The consequences of our choices are inevitable, incalculable and up to God". *Proverbs 5:22-23, 20:17, 9:17-18*

***Proverbs 8:4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.***

Is Lady Wisdom sexist? Does she despise women? She addresses her hearers in this Proverb by three masculine nouns, men, sons, and man. She offers wisdom by an introduction (*Proverbs 8:1-11*).

Lady Wisdom offers a listing of its virtues and rewards (*Proverbs 8:12-21*).

Lady Wisdom offers the use, that God made of wisdom in the creation of the world, and willing to help men (*Proverbs 8:22-31*).

Lady Wisdom also offers a sober conclusion (*Proverbs 8:32-36*).

Solomon personified wisdom as a woman, like the personifications of Lady Liberty, Father Time, Mother Nature, and Uncle Sam.

Personification is a beautiful and powerful figure of speech, and Solomon used it extensively as one of his inspired tools to exalt wisdom (*Proverbs 1:20-33; 2:1-5; 3:13-18; 4:5-13; 7:4-5; 8:1-36; 9:1-12*).

Both men and women, and sons and daughters, need wisdom. But Lady Wisdom clearly states her target audience as men and the sons of man.

This agrees with Solomon's goal in his introduction and his many other appeals to his son (*Proverbs 1:1-6, 8; 7:1; 19:27; 27:11*).

Agur and King Lemuel's mother also wrote to men (*Proverbs 30:1; 31:1*).

The only references to women are indirect, though women can surely learn wisdom from them (*Proverbs 11:16, 22; 14:1*).

Was Solomon biased against women? Did he despise females in his nation? He described his efforts to teach his people by Proverbs, but he does not identify women (*Ecclesiastes 12:9-12*).

When women are addressed, it is how they affect men, or how men are to relate to them (*Proverbs 2:16-20; 5:3-13; 12:4; 18:22; 21:9, 19; 23:27; 30:19, 23; 31:3*).

Even the description of the virtuous woman was written to help a man find a great wife (*Proverbs 31:10-12, 30-31*).

Was Solomon sexist? No, God inspired him to wisely focus on the boys and men of Israel. He had to prepare his son to rule the nation, so there are many references to him.

Solomon knew God's order for husbands to lead and guide wives (*Genesis 3:16; 18:19; Joshua 24:15; 1Corinthians 14:34-35*).

Solomon knew God's order for fathers to teach children (*Psalms 78:1-8; Isaiah 38:19; Joel 1:1-3; Ephesians 6:4*).

Solomon knew that great societies have great men (*Isaiah 3:1-4, 12; 1Timothy 2:11-14; 2Timothy 3:6-7*).

Solomon knew the frustration of women trying to live wisely, who had married foolish men (*1Samuel 25:3, 25; 1Peter 3:6*).

What is the lesson? The best way to help a nation, Church, or home is to focus on boys and men, for they are tomorrow's leaders in these and other spheres.

**Most Churches Should Emphasize  
Training Men And Boys  
Rather Than A Foolish Theology  
Of The Women's Liberation Movement**

Lady Wisdom knew better, and she focused on the boys and men; she knew with wise and godly fathers and husbands, that women would have better lives and families, than any other way.

Young man, you are important to God and Lady Wisdom. Commit yourself today (*Proverbs 4:5-13*)!

***Proverbs 8:5 O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.***

Wisdom is calling you! Lady Wisdom, begs you to consider her choice goods. She offers understanding and wisdom to the simple and foolish.

Do you hear Lady Wisdom? Or are you too busy? Or is your life too noisy to hear her voice?

Maybe you are too proud and set in your ways to know you are brutishly ignorant? You disregard her offer at your own peril!

If you think this too harsh, consider the Giver of wisdom will grind you senseless under His feet, If you refuse His generous blessing (*Matthew 21:44*).

God will allow calamities into your life, and He will fill the heavens with laughter, when you tremble in fear and beg for His help (*Proverbs 1:20-32; Psalm 2:4; 37:13*).

But it will be too late! He will mock your troubles and your fears! Is this too harsh?

Solomon continues his personification of wisdom in this chapter. See the comments on *Proverbs 8:1*.

Wisdom, the ability to rightly judge, is presented as a woman here and in other early parts of this book. It has been said, "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned!" It is our prudence to soberly consider the gracious offer of Lady Wisdom.

In this particular verse, Lady Wisdom exhorts simple and foolish men to take the wisdom and understanding she offers. Implied is the rhetorical question, Why do you want to continue in the stupidity of your ignorance (*Proverbs 1:22; Exodus 16:28*)? Why?

Every parent thinks this thought regarding their children, Parents watch their children ignore instruction and rush into trouble. Every pastor, thinks this about his members, and pastors watch members do the same.

So our Father and the Holy Spirit's choice, to write this book, Solomon, calls for us to hear His instruction and learn wisdom.

Are you offended at being called simple and foolish? It shouldn't. You came into this world messing on yourself, and you will go out doing the same. And unless you take God's merciful offer of wisdom, you are not much better at this very moment.

If wisdom is the ability to rightly judge, do you have it?

If understanding is accurate discernment, do you have it?

There is only one way to know. Are your thoughts and actions in perfect agreement with God's written Word?

Scripture alone defines wisdom, and men's thoughts to the contrary are insane (*Psalms 19:7; 119:130; Isaiah 8:20; 1Timothy 6:3-5*).

You know nothing at all by nature: you must acquire wisdom by instruction; and there is no better source of instruction than these very Proverbs (*Proverbs 1:1-4*).

**Do You Fear And Crave God's Words?**

Scripture addresses every area of your life, sex, employment, speech, money, eating, children, exercise, driving, thoughts, hair, television, clothing, friends, etc.

If you think or act contrary to what is written in God's Word, you have not advanced beyond the diapers, that

recently protected you, and your thoughts are the braying of a donkey (*Job 11:12; 2Peter 2:12*).

Why be a fool? Take the offered wisdom and understanding today! How? Humble yourself before His Word, repent of your foolishness, repudiate your sins, admit your ignorance, and conform every thought, word, and action to His holy Word.

***Proverbs 8:6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.***

**Lady Wisdom  
Is The Sweetest Sound On Earth.  
Have You Heard Her?**

Lady Wisdom calls to you (*Proverbs 8:1-5*).

Lady Wisdom speaks only of excellent and right things (*Proverbs 8:6*).

Lady Wisdom loves truth and hates wickedness (*Proverbs 8:7*).

Lady Wisdom's every Word is righteous, and she never speaks frowardly or perversely (*Proverbs 8:8*).

Lady Wisdom's lessons are all plain and correct to those who fear and love God (*Proverbs 8:9*).

Solomon personified wisdom as a lady, who invites you to receive her and the wonderful blessings she brings (*Proverbs Pr 8:1-10*).

Solomon continued the personification by detailing the great things that accompany her (*Proverbs 8:11-21*).

Solomon exalted her by showing her eternal existence with God (*Proverbs 8:22-31*).

Solomon concluded by extending her invitation again (*Proverbs 8:32-36*).

**Job** felt that the Words of God's mouth, the revelation of pure wisdom, were more precious to him, than his necessary food (*Job 23:12*).

**David** found those same Words more valuable than much fine gold, and sweeter than honey and the honeycomb (*Psalms 19:10*).

Though a king, he claimed them as his heritage forever, because they rejoiced his heart (*Psalms 119:111*).

**Jeremiah** the prophet also found them to be the joy and rejoicing of his heart (*Jeremiah 15:16*).

**Peter** once followed Jesus into a high mountain with James and John. There he saw Jesus glorified and

talking with Moses and Elijah. And God the Father thundered from heaven to keep the attention and focus on His beloved Son. (*Matthew 17:1-9*).

What an experience! Peter heard God's Words from heaven in the presence of earthly and heavenly witnesses! But he declared later that the Scriptures are more sure (*2Peter 1:16-21*)!

Peter exhorted, his readers to do well, by taking heed to the Words recorded in the Bible!

**How excellent are the Words of the Bible?**  
Words of the Bible, tell about the origin of the heaven and the earth, all things in them, and our first parents!

Words of the Bible, tell about sin and the origin of death, which no man can explain.

Words of the Bible, tell about a Creator God that befriends men by His own sovereign gracious choice.

Words of the Bible, tell how to please God and obtain His blessings in life.

Words of the Bible, tell what wonderful things are waiting in the next life for those that obey Him.

The secrets of the universe are opened and explained to humble Bible readers (*1Corinthians 2:6-16*)!

The Bible tells of the first sin with a promise attached of coming redemption by the woman's Son (*Genesis 3:15*)!

The Word of God, tells about Isaac finding Rebekah, Jacob loving Rachel, Joseph ruling Egypt, Moses leading Israel out of Egypt, David killing Goliath, Jesus being born to a virgin named Mary, His death on the cross for the sins of the world, and His resurrection from the grave and ascension into heaven. These things are a great mystery (*1Timothy 3:16*)!

**These Things Are Entirely Unknown  
By The World's Educators  
And Philosophers And Scientists!**

The Bible is the only true source of ancient history.

The Bible has the greatest poetry from the best human heart in the Psalms.

The Bible has the finest wisdom from the wisest King in the pithy sayings of Proverbs.

The Bible summarizes the greatest philosophical experiments ever in book of *Ecclesiastes*, and it presents the most passionate romance in the *Song of Solomon*.

The Gospels describe the transcendent transaction of God saving men and women from rebellion and condemnation to be His sons and daughters!

Would you rather hear some of this world's filth? How about Carl Sagan's egotistical ravings about origins?

Do you prefer the hallucinations of Charles Darwin? Will you warm yourself with a romantic song from Elton John about his lover Daniel?

Maybe you prefer Michael Jackson promising to be there for you? Maybe we should seek among Rome's pantheon of gods for a story that compares to the Bible?

Does knowing that those gods, were the results of ignorance and drinking too much wine, dull your interest?

Do you desire right things? Wisdom has them for you! She only speaks right things!

The Word of God teaches the value of human life by demanding capital punishment for murder (**Genesis 9:4-7**)!

The Word of God, condemns bitterness or treachery, of a husband toward his wife and expects him to be overwhelmed, by her lovemaking and childbearing (**Proverbs 5:19; Colossians 3:19; Malachi 2:10-16**).

The Word of God, condemns gluttony, but commends feasting as an act of worship to God (**Deuteronomy 14:26**).

The Word of God, teaches men to work hard, wives to submit, children to obey, masters to be just and equal, servants to not answer back, citizens to pay taxes, and rulers to remember their Ruler!

The Word of God, endorses gracious speech, kindness to animals, support for the poor, saving money, careful sanitation, modest clothing on women, and honor to old parents.

The Word of God, condemns odious women, religious hypocrisy, sexual defrauding, backbiting and talebearing, abortion, gambling, religious moneymaking, and sarcastic jesting.

The Word of God, defines love in the most exquisite and thorough sentence ever composed (**1Corinthians 13:4-7**).

The Word of God, personifies wisdom, as a delightful woman in an appealing and powerful way (**Proverbs 8:1-36**).

The Word of God, describes and details the loftiest ideal of womanhood (**Proverbs 31:10-31**).

The Word of God proves, explains, and promises the resurrection of dead bodies (**1Corinthians 15:1-58**).

The Word of God tells of a wretched sinner that found total mercy and forgiveness at Jesus' feet (**Luke 7:36-50**).

But above all The Word of God, tells about the most glorious, successful, and kind Prince the world has never imagined, even the Lord Jesus Christ, the beloved King and Savior of the world (**Psalms 45:1-17; Song of Solomon 5:9-16; 1Timothy 6:13-16; Revelation 5:1-14; 19:11-16**).

From the beginning of the Bible to the end, the Scriptures bear testimony to the most glorious Man ever, Jesus the Son of God (**Genesis 3:15; John 5:39; 1John 4:1-6; 5:5-13; Revelation 22:20-21**).

What are you doing with Lady Wisdom? Is your Bible collecting dust on the nightstand? Is it a pain for you to struggle through a chapter a day?

**If** you resent the wisdom of God's Word, you must love death (**Proverbs 8:36**).

**If** you love her, you will find her and much more (**Proverbs 8:11, 17-18**).

You are blessed to have read this Proverb today, for you are offered excellent things and right things kept secret for many generations (**Matthew 13:16-17**).

**Proverbs 8:7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.**

Lady Wisdom does not believe in free speech! She only talks about excellent things and right things (**Proverbs 8:6**).

Lady Wisdom speaks the truth and hates wicked words (**Proverbs 8:7**).

Every Word Lady Wisdom utters is righteous, and she never says anything corrupt or perverse (**Proverbs 8:8**).

Wisdom is gloriously pure, without deceit or lies, totally unlike any other source of information.

**If** you are tired of the vain and profane rants of liars and perverts, then lay hold on The Word of God.

This chapter of Proverbs is a lengthy personification of wisdom as a woman. Solomon used this literary device, to exalt wisdom and present it, as personally and powerfully as possible.

The lesson is to grasp: the importance of wisdom, the benefits from having it, and the easy availability for those who want it.

The Proverb before you describes the nature of wisdom as loving, only truth and hating wicked thoughts.

All men are fools by nature (*Proverbs 22:15; Psalm 14:1-3; Titus 3:3*).

All men are liars by nature (*Psalm 58:3; John 8:44; Ephesians 2:1-3*).

All men are corrupt and perverse by nature (*Romans 3:9-18; 8:7-8; 1Corinthians 2:14*).

Therefore, when they open their mouths, out comes a flood of sewage (*Proverbs 15:2, 28; Psalm 59:5-7; Ecclesiastes 10:12-14*).

### **This Is The Way Of Man!**

The only cure is wisdom, which begins by, fearing God and grows by learning His Words (*Proverbs 9:10; Psalm 19:7*).

Evolutionists babble arrogantly for hours about a big bang they never witnessed, nor is there any evidence of it (*1Timothy 6:20-21*).

Americans cackle profanely on cue, from comedians spewing one-line inane jokes (*Ephesians 5:3-7*).

College students, pompously debate issues about which they know less than nothing (*Proverbs 13:16; 17:24; 18:2*).

Politicians promise things, that not one sane person knows is true, nor can be or will be (*2Samuel 15:1-6*).

Rappers, calling themselves artists, chatter like baboons about twisted sex and murder.

Benjamin Spock pontificated, about training a new generation of anarchists.

Muslims chant toward a black meteorite in Mecca and plan the next jihad.

Tree huggers, cry about owls losing nests to loggers, while they abort human babies.

Courts rule, that two men can have a marriage but outlaw, bestiality to protect animals.

Professors, worry about noise pollution irritating dolphins, and global warming but argue that capital punishment does not deter murderers. Preachers, style their hair and bleach their teeth, as they turn from truth to fables (*2Timothy 4:3-4*).

These carnal liars, promise freedom to hearers, while they are slaves to sin (*2Peter 2:18-20*).

Hypocrites, talk sweetly and shake hands, but they are full of hatred (*Proverbs 26:24-26; Psalm 144:7-8, 11*).

Whorish women, flatter men into beds of death and hell (*Proverbs 7:21-27*).

Foolish children, curse their parents (*Proverbs 20:20*).

Odious wives, debate their husbands (*Proverbs 19:13; 27:15-16*).

When are you going to get sick of free speech? How many more lies will it take, for you to demand truth in everything you hear?

### **Men Have No Right To Say What They Wish! They Have A Responsibility To Say The Truth!**

The right to free speech is from hell, where the father of lies, is concocting the next speeches by the ACLU, PETA, and the UN, to further undermine truth in the world and captivate the millions following them to hell.

But every Word of God is pure (*Proverbs 30:6*).

The Bible tells the truth about origins (*Genesis 1:1; Hebrews 11:3*).

The Bible repudiates jesting, as it demands sobriety (*Titus 2:2, 6*).

With glorious simplicity, the Bible exalts loving marriages, happy homes, spiritual churches, mighty nations, and prosperous businesses.

The Bible, cuts through the deceit and errors of men, to exalt pure truth (*Psalm 119:98-100, 113, 128; Isaiah 8:20; 1Timothy 6:3-5*).

Wise men, will read, consider, and apply the Word of God to their lives (*Joshua 1:7-9; Job 23:12; Psalm 1:1-3; 2Timothy 3:16-17; 2Peter 1:19-21*).

Wisdom can teach you the knowledge and skill of sound speech (*Proverbs 16:23*).

Wisdom, can give you the certain, Words of truth to answer those who ask questions (*Proverbs 22:17-21*).

Wisdom, will fill your heart with pleasant things for a perpetual treasure (*Psalms 19:10-11; 119:72, 111*).

Wisdom, can teach you the pureness of heart that produces gracious speech to win the love of kings (*Proverbs 22:11*).

Wisdom, will guide you to speaking the right word at the right time (*Proverbs 17:27; 24:26; 25:11*).

**Why Would You Ever Consider  
Remaining A Fool  
(Proverbs 8:1-5, 32-36; 9:1-12)**

Wisdom is offered to you today: in the visible creation, in the Proverb before you, and in the instruction of this commentary.

Every one of Lady Wisdom's Words, is pure truth. She will never deceive you. Love her and she will make you great (*Proverbs 8:17-21*).

Wisdom is the principal thing; get it (*Proverbs 4:5-9*)!

And where is it found? In the Words of the living God that make up the King James Version of the Bible!

***Proverbs 8:8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.***

Lady Wisdom, never says anything wrong, unreasonable, or contradictory.

Solomon here taught the perfection of God's wisdom through his continued personification of wisdom as a desirable woman (*Proverbs 8:1-7*).

The perfect wisdom is described in Scripture. The wisdom of natural men is only folly. The wisdom of holy men is tainted with folly.

There is only one source of wisdom that is absolutely free from error, the Word of God.

This is in stark contrast, to all the thinking, speaking, and writing of educators, philosophers, scientists, reporters, theologians, and pastors.

You may read every Word of Scripture with complete confidence, for every Word is totally righteous and without error of any kind.

**If** you are tired of wrong propositions, wrong conclusions, and wrong applications, then you need the Words of Lady Wisdom. You need the Bible.

**If** you are sick of men contradicting one another and their own selves, causing universal confusion, ignorance, and strife, then you need the solid foundation of the perfect Words of Scripture (*Isaiah 8:20*).

It is wisdom to trust every Word in the Bible and hate every false way (*Psalms 119:128*).

It is your duty to find the Word of God, read it, and believe it to obtain its wisdom.

No matter what subject is addressed, the truth and wisdom of Scripture is absolutely pure from corrupt thinking and absolutely final in authority.

***... Let God Be True,  
And Every Man A Liar ...!  
(Romans 3:4)***

Since the Bible limits sex to one man and one woman in marriage: Bible believers, condemn polygamy, polyandry, fornication, adultery, sodomy, bestiality, and every other sexual deviation.

Bible believers, condemn changing cultural standards that are merely mankind's rebellion against God's ordinances.

Bible believers, can clearly behold, the nations that have strictly observed His limitations have far excelled the nations compromising one or more of them.

The Bible commends eating meat, so we are not vegetarians.

The Bible tells us to defend our nation, so we are not pacifists.

The Bible exalts burial, so we do not cremate the dead.

The Bible requires, a burial in baptism, so we reject infant sprinkling.

**If** the Bible's child training methods contradict those of modern child psychologists, Bible believers, ignore them and fully trust their Creator God, Who created children and inspired the Bible.

**If** it is no longer fashionable for wives to reverence their husbands, we simply recognize that fashion is dictated by modern efforts to pervert God's standards.

**The World Under Satan's Control  
Must Find Fault With The Bible!**

**If** the Word Of God is absolutely true then their thoughts and programs are false!

For example, their educational system would collapse, for all the opinions of educators and philosophers would be worthless. This damning result would overthrow governments, religions, social programs, etc.

So they are committed at all times to criticize and ridicule Scripture. You should not be surprised. Their rabid hatred of a Creator God and an absolute standard of truth and wisdom requires them to do all they can to undermine the integrity of the Bible and ridicule anyone who reads and believes it.

They must find and publish what they consider inconsistencies, absurdities, and contradictions to exalt their own thinking over the Bible.

Apparent contradictions are caused by inadequate study, lazy readers or God haters that presume errors, without searching for solutions.

It is a matter of faith. The Bible believer trusts God and His Word. He knows there is a perfect answer.

The skeptic presumes God failed in inspiration or preservation. These different approaches have huge consequences. The skeptic will be blinded; the believer will be blessed (*Psalms 119:18; Ezekiel 14:7-9*).

**If** we have difficulty with the command to pluck out an eye, Bible believers study it anyway, to find that Jesus intended sexual self-denial (*Matthew 5:28-30*).

When the Bible says neglecting corporal punishment is hatred, Bible believers submit to His rules and conform our thoughts to God's concept of parental love (*Proverbs 3:11-12; 13:24*).

**If** it is good to be both single and married, we rightly divide Scripture to find the simple solution (*Genesis 2:18; 1Corinthians 7:8; 2Timothy 2:15*).

The great shame is many Bible skeptics claim to be Christians! They are commentators, textual critics, seminary professors, and pastors.

In order to protect their jobs, they must find fault with the Bible, so the little people will have to come to them to find what the Bible should have said in a given verse.

They dedicate their lives to correcting the Bible, altering the Bible, and republishing the Bible with a new set of words and sentences.

Consider their best efforts, at revising the Bible, the NASV and the NIV. Both versions read that Elhanan killed Goliath in *2Samuel 21:19*, instead of David. The NASV teaches a begotten god in *John 1:18*.

Consider their most subtle counterfeit, the NKJV. It denies its own Old Testament, by changing "seed" to "descendants" in the promises to Abraham (*Galatians 3:16* compare *Genesis 13:15-16; 22:15-18*). These manmade books are froward and perverse!

Only the King James Bible may be relied upon as the Words of wisdom, for it alone is free from these internal errors and contradictory statements.

Jesus said, "Scripture cannot be broken" (*John 10:35*); but all modern versions can easily be broken.

It is our duty to find the Scriptures, more sure than God's voice from heaven (*2Peter 1:16-21*).

It is our duty, to find, believe, and obey the Scriptures that have nothing froward or perverse in them.

***Proverbs 8:9 They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.***

Some say, "The Bible is too difficult!" Others say, "The Bible contradicts itself!"

Many conclude, "Anything can be taught from the Bible. It is impossible to know the true interpretation." The devil laughs with glee at such absurd remarks.

Lady Wisdom teaches that the Words of wisdom are plain and right, to those with understanding and knowledge! **If** you have a problem with the Bible, you have the problem, not the Bible!

Solomon used personification in the eighth chapter of Proverbs. The feminine pronouns refer to Lady Wisdom, a woman representing wisdom in Solomon's appeal for men to reject ignorance and folly and embrace understanding and knowledge.

The Proverb at hand is part of her introduction, as she claims to speak excellent and right things (*Proverbs 8:6*), truth (*Proverbs 8:7*), and righteous Words that are not at all contradictory or corrupt (*Proverbs 8:8*).

A little understanding and knowledge, fearing the Lord and trembling before His Word, will open the Word of God to you (*Proverbs 1:7; 9:10; Psalm 25:14; Isaiah 66:2; Luke 8:18*).

The Words become plain and right, when you study the Bible humbly by its rules of interpretation.

**If** you approach it arrogantly or critically, it is written to confuse and destroy you (*Ezekiel 14:1-11; 1Corinthians 1:19-20; 2:13-15; 2Thessalonians 2:9-12; 2Timothy 2:15; 2Peter 3:16*)!

The Bible is very plain and right, **If** you are born again (*John 3:3; Romans 3:11*).

**If** you are enlightened by the Holy Spirit (*Ephesians 1:17-18*).

**If** you fear God (*Proverbs 15:33*). The Bible is plain and right.

**If** you delight in the Lord (*Nehemiah 8:6-8; Psalm 37:4*). The Bible is plain and right.

**If** you obey what you learn (*John 7:17*). The Bible is plain and right.

**If** you pray for wisdom (*Psalms 119:18; James 1:5*). The Bible is plain and right.

**If** you work for it (*Proverbs 2:1-9; 18:1; 1Timothy 4:13-15*). The Bible is plain and right.

The Bible is plain and right, **If** you will take correction (*Proverbs 4:13; 26:12; 1Corinthians 3:18-19*).

**If** you have a godly motive (*Psalms 119:11; Luke 10:38-42*).

**If** you use God-given teachers (*Malachi 2:7; Acts 8:30-31*).

The Bible, God's book of wisdom, reveals secrets of the universe that greatly affect human existence; but most men have no use for it. The Bible is closed to them (*1Corinthians 2:6-15; 2Corinthians 4:3-4*).

### **God Reveals Things To His Children** (*Matthew 11:25-27*)

God's children have no regard for intelligence, education, or the opinions of any or all men. They believe every Word to be absolute truth, and they despise any other ideas (*Psalms 119:128*).

Consider. Solomon plainly wrote the righteous rule that corporal punishment is the only way to properly train children (*Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 20:30; 22:6,15; 23:13-14; 26:3; 29:15*).

But PTA and PETA mothers, drunk with the drivel of Drs. Spock, Seuss, and Dobson, reject the Bible as a primitive manual for cavemen that knew nothing about loving children. They spend their lives saying the Bible is impossible to understand and immorally cruel to children, but the verses are plain and right to God's children.

Lutherans, knowing full well the bread still existed (because they could still touch it, taste it, smell it, and see it), invented consubstantiation, the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus coexist with the bread in their version of the Mass!

Presbyterians, also superstitious sacramentalists coming from Rome, invented the notion that Jesus is really, truly, and spiritually in the bread, though not present in body, blood, soul, and divinity.

The children of God, with just a little understanding and knowledge, know that Jesus spoke metaphorically, just as you do when holding up a picture of your mother and saying, "This is my mother." You only mean that the piece of Kodak paper represents your mother. Jesus gave a simple memorial supper to His true followers.

There is no sacrifice offered again in any way, shape, or form. The Supper is only to remember Him by using bread and juice to represent and signify His torn body and shed blood. It is not a sacrament; and it does not involve the altering of any substance, at all, in any way!

The Bible is the only true book on earth. It alone has the Words of wisdom from heaven, which Solomon

sought to tell you about through Lady Wisdom in this Proverb.

**If** you embrace her, she will bless you; **If** you reject her, you must love death (*Proverbs 8:35-36*).

This wonderful book can do you no good, unless you acquire the understanding and knowledge that opens its treasures. Humble yourself before God, repent of your pride and sins, and beg Him for wisdom. He will make the Words plain and right to you.

### ***Proverbs 8:10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.***

Lady Wisdom, speaks and she commends her instruction and knowledge, as better than silver and gold. Great efforts are made to acquire money during a lifetime, but men make very little effort in comparison to obtain wisdom and understanding. What are the priorities in your life geared toward? Instruction and knowledge, or toward income?

This comparison is made often in Proverbs. Solomon saw that most men were anxious and diligent in the pursuit of money, and he more than any man, realized that wisdom is greater than any financial asset or accomplishment (*Proverbs 4:7; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14*).

Both he and his father David exalted wisdom above riches (*Proverbs 3:13-14; 8:11, 19; 16:16; Psalm 119:72, 127*).

America is a carnal and materialistic society. The rich are viewed as successful, the higher the income, the better the man, most believe.

Men spend years preparing for a particular profession, and they work many more hours than necessary to seek riches and success. But they neglect wisdom, which could save their lives from pain and trouble.

Money is a good thing to have, as it can eliminate many of life's small irritations.

Through the Holy Spirit, Solomon wrote, "*Money answereth all things*" (*Ecclesiastes 10:19*).

But it is inferior to wisdom. For He also wrote, "*For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it*" (*Ecclesiastes 7:12*).

**Instruction and knowledge are found in the Word of God.** Do you value the Bible more than financial success? Does this show in your desire to read and study it?

David said of the Scriptures, *"More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward"* (**Psalm 19:10-11**).

Do you love Scripture like he did? Men are happy to work overtime. Are you as happy when the pastor preaches overtime? Successful men go beyond expectations and competitors in performing their jobs.

Do you read and study more than the bare minimum and more than what your peers are doing? Diligent men never miss a day of work. Are you as faithful in reading the Bible? Examine yourself.

There are 168 hours in a week. There are 1440 minutes in a day. You know how many of them are spent pursuing income. How many are spent pursuing wisdom?

You cannot study the Bible even close to the hours you must work, unless you are in the ministry. But how many minutes or hours in a week do you give the fear of the Lord and the pursuit of wisdom? Finding wisdom takes the diligence of hunting for hid treasure (**Proverbs 2:1-5**).

Lady Wisdom loves those who love her (**Proverbs 8:17**).

Can she tell that you love her? Or do you appear to be in love with mammon, the world's god of money and success? You cannot love both (**Matthew 6:24; 1Timothy 6:6-10; James 4:4**).

Set your heart on wisdom and God's Scriptures as your heritage and joy instead of the things of this life (**Psalm 119:111**).

*"Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding,"* The Holy Spirit through Solomon wrote this (**Proverbs 23:23**).

You buy these things by giving up other activities and pursuits of your life. You give up the carnal ambitions of the world to put more emphasis on wisdom. Jesus commended wise men, who sold all for His kingdom (**Matthew 13:44-46**).

What **If** you gain the whole world, but lose your own soul (**Matthew 16:26**)?

Consider this well, for this is the equation! **If** your priorities are out of line, the consequences are costly!

***Proverbs 8:11 For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.***

Why did you get up today? What is your highest ambition for life? Whatever you are pursuing, it is inferior to wisdom, for all the things you can desire cannot be compared to wisdom.

Why waste your life chasing vanity? There are great riches in wisdom. Make wisdom your highest ambition and most important goal (**Proverbs 4:7; 16:16; 23:23**)!

**What is wisdom?** It is the power of right judgment. It is the ability to know what action pleases God and men in any situation. It is saying and doing the right thing every time. It is recognizing truth and error, no matter the efforts made to confuse or disguise them. It should be the pursuit of all men, but it is sought and obtained by only a few.

### **Most Men Are Obsessed With Foolish Distractions That Will Destroy Them In This Life And The Next!**

All the things men desire and spend their lives chasing could be listed and condemned, but exposing the three most popular will easily condemn the rest.

These three common ambitions of men are: education, financial success, and physical health; God thinks all three are foolish and vain (**Jeremiah 9:23-24**).

From early on, many children are programmed to think education is life's most important goal. Getting good grades, going to college, and getting an advanced degree from a prestigious university are viewed as grand and glorious achievements. But God laughs at this (**1Corinthians 1:19-21; 3:18-20; 1Timothy 6:20-21**)!

These educated fools acquire no wisdom, the fear of God and truth of the Bible. Divorces, depression, discontentment, drugs, and family dysfunction expose their folly. An illiterate farmer that fears God is far better!

Others plan to be professionally successful and acquire wealth. They want to be rich. They dream and slave to live in a fine home in an exclusive area. They want to drive the best automobiles, eat at the best restaurants, send their children to the best schools, and vacation in the most luxurious resorts.

Money creates as many problems as it solves (**Ecclesiastes 5:10-17**).

Wealth pursuit ruins the souls of men (**1Timothy 6:6-10; Luke 12:13-21**).

Wealth pursuit corrupts character and you can take none of it with you at death! (**Proverbs 17:23; 18:23; 19:6**)

An even more foolish pursuit is health, physical fitness, and bodily appearance, which are all losing battles until you die and wake up naked before God (**1Timothy 4:7-9**)!

There is no discharge in this war (*Ecclesiastes 8:8*)!

In spite of all efforts, vitamins, organic foods, health clubs, personal trainers, and alternative medicine, mankind has not added a single year to human life expectancy in the last 3000 years (*Psalms 90:10*).

Instead of seeking to live longer, men should have used the days they did live to seek wisdom (*Psalms 90:12*).

### **What Is Your Ambition? What Goal Do You Have For Your Life?**

If it is one of these three pursuits that Scripture and nature expose as vanity, you are wasting your life and the air on this planet.

If it is something less than these three lofty goals, you have made a terrible mistake. Solomon, possessing the greatest combination, of wealth, wisdom, and power ever, experimented with more than you can even imagine. What was his conclusion? Fear God and keep his commandments (*Ecclesiastes 12:13-14*)!

Learning to have the Lord as your number one priority daily is the most valuable goal you will ever experience when you are a born again child of God.

Godliness with contentment is great gain (*1 Timothy 6:6*).

Godliness is pleasing God by your thoughts, words, and speech, the essence of true wisdom that Solomon exalted in this Proverb.

Contentment is happiness and satisfaction with yourself and your circumstances, no matter what they are. Together they are the key to a wonderful life.

If you neglect or reject either, it would be better for you not to have been born. Wisdom is better than rubies, and there is nothing else in life even worth comparing to it! Seek it today!

### ***Proverbs 8:12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.***

Prudent creativity, exploratory knowledge, innovative solutions, and inventive genius are God's gifts; and they are given to men where wisdom is exalted.

When wisdom is promoted, the fear of the Lord and love of Scripture; wonderful innovations and witty inventions will follow. Solomon by this short Proverb further promotes wisdom to men.

Every time you use new technology, benefit from a new procedure, or are shown a new solution, remember to

thank the gracious God for the "witty invention" and exalt the wisdom that discovered it.

Lady Wisdom is the kind source of prudence and knowledge in the advancement of men. She delights in serving and helping the sons of men (*Proverbs 8:31*).

Wisdom applied is prudence. Wisdom leads to adapting new methods. Wisdom leads to accomplish old tasks in an easier, more economical, in a more efficient way.

The advancement of any society is dependent on the degree of wisdom and blessing they have from God.

Wisdom seeks superior solutions to difficulties others accept as unavoidable. Wisdom is profitable to direct (*Ecclesiastes 10:10*).

A fool glories in bicep size from beating trees down with a dull ax; but a wise man uses a file to sharpen his ax, which allows him to cut trees down in a fraction of the time and effort of the fool.

Wisdom leads to prudence and witty inventions! Obviously, some men and societies are perpetual fools!

Farming is not the result of Neanderthal half-monkeys experimenting by trial and error over many years, it is the gift of God's wisdom (*Isaiah 28:23-29*).

There are still men in certain parts of the world who have not yet thought of planting and harvesting. They are content to chase rabbits with boomerangs or shoot monkeys with blowguns.

The wise and orderly planting, fertilizing, weeding, watering, harvesting, and processing of the various food grains is a gift from heaven. Read this passage of Scripture, and rejoice in the LORD!

Do you glorify God for washing machines, computers, ice cream, and airplanes? Are you thankful for the wisdom of credit cards, accurate weights and measures, stable banking, and a legal system of presumed innocence?

Do you rejoice in the Lord for interstate highways, antibiotics, the Internet, microwave ovens, and cheap ice? You should!

The ultimate prudence and creative solution is the plan of salvation (*Isaiah 52:13; 1 Corinthians 1:24, 30*).

How can a Holy God justify sinners and maintain His perfect justice?

With infinite wisdom, He sent Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, to die as a substitute, and to rise from the dead! The angels desire to look into this incredible transaction (*1 Peter 1:10-12*).

***Proverbs 8:13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.***

Fear and hate are good! They are essential to success with God and men! Fearing God requires hating sin.

The fear of the LORD, is a reverential desire to please Him, is measured by your hatred of the things He hates.

Four sins are listed here for you to hate, **If** you intend to truly please God and be wise. Wisdom speaks here of her hatred for these four sins:

1. Pride - inordinate self-esteem
2. Arrogance - undue claims of self importance
3. Evil way - hurtful thoughts deeds and actions
4. Froward mouth - perverse speaking

The fear of the LORD is the greatest duty and goal of life. Solomon made this inspired conclusion after testing every possible reason for living with extensive experiments (*Ecclesiastes 5:7; 8:12; 12:13*).

It is the first and greatest pursuit of godly men. You cannot love God rightly until you fear Him, for loving Him is His commandment (*Deuteronomy 6:1-5; 10:12*).

No man fears God by nature (*Psalms 36:1; Romans 3:18*).

It is the gift of God in a regenerated heart, it is our duty to stir it up and put it into practice. It is the great prerequisite for wisdom, understanding, and knowledge (*Proverbs 1:7; 9:10; Psalm 111:10*), and it brings the great blessings of God (*Psalms 112:1; 115:13; 128:1; 145:19; 147:11; Luke 1:50*).

Our effeminate and perverse generation condemns fear and hate. Yet they fear Bible preaching and truth, for it proves their guilt; and they hate those who preach and live it, for they would limit their wicked activities!

But their opinions do not matter compared to the wisdom of the Creator and His inspired Word. Fear and hate are still good in righteous matters.

The fear of the LORD is a reverent desire to please God, which includes hating the things He hates.

The God of the Bible hates sin (*Proverbs 6:16-19*).

His saints are to hate sin as well. Fear and hate are good! So hate evil with God (*Psalms 97:10; Amos 5:15; Romans 12:9*)!

Wisdom hates pride, which is: exalted thinking about yourself, leading to an attitude of superiority over and contempt for others. Inordinate self-esteem adored by this generation.

God cast Satan out of heaven for pride (*1 Timothy 3:6*). God will deal personally with any man with a proud spirit, for we are nothing before Him and without Him (*Psalms 39:5; 62:9*).

Wisdom hates arrogance, which is: aggressive pride in dealing with others. Pride is your attitude about yourself and others; arrogance is a haughty, condescending, conceited, and presumptuous treatment of others.

It is the difference between being puffed up and vaunting yourself in Paul's definition of love (*1 Corinthians 13:5; Romans 12:16*).

Wisdom hates an evil lifestyle, which is: to avoid sinful living and wicked habits.

We are to avoid ungodly men and their deeds (*Psalms 1:1; 5:4-5; 101:3-8; 1 John 2:16*).

We are to love God's directions for each area of our lives and we are to hate every other idea (*Psalms 119:128*).

Our Lord Jesus was honored greatly for hating evil (*Psalms 45:7; Hebrews 1:9*).

Wisdom hates a froward mouth, which is: perverse, obnoxious, and wicked speech. Our words should feed (edify) and help others (*Proverbs 10:21; 15:4; 16:24*).

God hates a froward and lying tongue (*Proverbs 4:24; 6:12,17; 10:31; 12:19; 21:6*).

Solomon dedicated many Proverbs to sound speech, as it is a common area of sin (*Proverbs 10:19; 12:18; 15:1-2, 28; 17:27-28*).

Do you hate these four things? Are all four of them out of your life? Wisdom will escape you, as long as you harbor any one of these specified sins.

The true fear of the LORD will hate these things and tear every aspect of them out of your life (*Psalms 101:2-3*).

Do not claim to fear the LORD, if you hold on to even a single one of these sins. To continue in your sins is to despise the LORD, and you shall bear your punishment! (*Proverbs 14:2*)

The great men and women in the earth are those who fear the LORD. He is their God, and He will bless them abundantly (*Psalms 25:12-15; 128:1-6*).

Our Lord feared God, and His prayers were heard (*Hebrews 5:7-9*).

Let us follow His holy and perfect example!

***Proverbs 8:14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.***

What makes nations great? Since all men descend from Adam and Eve and are of the same blood, why are differences among nations so obvious (*Genesis 3:20; Acts 17:26*)?

How are some nations known for counsel, sound wisdom, understanding, and strength? The answer is very simple and has more impact on national power and prosperity than all the factors that men imagine combined.

It is the degree of God's wisdom in a nation. And where is that wisdom found? In the Bible, the inspired revelation from God!

The eighth chapter of Proverbs is an extended personification of wisdom as a woman. Lady Wisdom introduces herself (*Proverbs 8:1-11*).

Lady Wisdom lists the blessings of wisdom (*Proverbs 8:12-21*).

Lady Wisdom describes her presence with God in the creation of the universe (*Proverbs 8:22-31*).

Lady Wisdom concludes (*Proverbs 8:32-36*).

It is an error of interpretation to miss the context of this book and the figure of speech here and think Solomon wrote a mystical sermon about Jesus Christ. It helps to see the Holy Spirit's similar personifications of wisdom in other places (*Proverbs 1:20-33; 3:13-20; 4:13; 9:1-12*).

The context of this particular Proverb is the wealth and power of nations, for Lady Wisdom continued on with descriptions of political prosperity and success.

Lady Wisdom described her blessing of justice for kings, princes, nobles, and judges of the earth (*Proverbs 8:15-16*).

The counsel, sound wisdom, understanding, and strength here are the knowledge, inventions, advancements, enlightenment, and power that some nations have and others do not have.

**Men Have Wondered For Millennia  
At The Greatness Of Some Nations  
The Ignorance And Poverty Of Others.**

Adam Smith (1723-1790) thought he had identified some important factors, and his book, "An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations," is still considered an important thesis to this day.

However, the decrees and providence of God are the primary reasons for the differences in created beings (*Psalms 75:6-7; Isaiah 10:5-15; 45:9-10; Jeremiah 18:1-10; Amos 3:2; Daniel 2:21; 4:17; Romans 9:21-24; 1 Corinthians 4:7; Revelation 17:17*).

But there are also practical reasons: When a nation chooses against God's Word, He will destroy that nation (*Leviticus 18:24-30; 22:20-26; 26:14-39; Deuteronomy 28:15-68*).

When a nation fears God and the Bible, He will bless that nation (*Leviticus 26:1-13, 40-46; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Psalms 33:12-22; 89:15-18; 144:11-15*).

The difference between Israel and Egypt is remarkable, as God protected and prospered His people, while they plundered the land of their evil oppressors! Then they occupied the cities, drank from the wells, and used the vineyards of the seven nations of Canaan (*Joshua 24:11-13*)!

The LORD God annihilated seven nations and blessed another to take their place based on obedience to His Words. And to think that such political wisdom is not taught in any university in the world!

The United States of America developed almost overnight from a few poor settlers on a wild continent to the wisest and most powerful nation on earth for one basic reason, the Word of God was preached and obeyed in it more than any other nation since Israel under Moses or righteous kings like David or Hezekiah.

The pagan Indians, which could not read, write, calculate, build, or imagine a wheel, could only watch the progress. Before that there was England, where God's Word was published, read, and practiced widely.

These two nations were miracles after the Dark Ages: they had greater counsel in their homes and public deliberations, they had greater wisdom in their courts and schools, they had greater understanding in their government and laws, and strength in their economies and militaries than any other nation.

The sun never set on the British Empire, which originated on a small island of the sea; and the USA turned a wilderness into the most free, prosperous, and peaceful nation, which could when called upon fight wars on multi-fronts without fear of defeat.

**Now, with both nations in full-blown decline, the reason is just as obvious:**

Both nations have forsaken the God of their fathers and His Word.

Both nations legislate and promote wickedness from abortion to same sex marriages, from labor unions to bankruptcy protection, from pagan holidays to excluding prayer from schools, from cesspool

entertainment to Godless education, and from neutered authority to confused civil rights.

Both nations have most of their churches, dead with ritual, alive with charismatic nonsense, or compromising as fast as they can to attract the unregenerate and worldly.

Both nations religiously are in the throes of the perilous times of the last days (**2Timothy 3:1 - 4:5**).

The reason that the collapse has not fully occurred yet, is for the righteous remnant still in them and their prayers (**Genesis 18:23-33; Jeremiah 29:4-7; 1Timothy 2:1-2**).

For further enlightenment from this inspired rule of wisdom and political prosperity, compare the nations of the earth in any generation.

Measure any nation's general religious practice, by faithfulness to God's Word, and then quantify their overall counsel, sound wisdom, understanding, and strength. How do Catholic nations compare to Protestant nations? How do Muslim nations compare to Christian nations? Just a thought!

What about those nations practicing Buddhism, Hinduism, animism, ancestor worship, voodoo, and so forth? Another thought!

You can personally grow in counsel, sound wisdom, understanding, and strength by taking heed to God's Word yourself (**Psalms 1:1-6; 19:7-11; 119:1-176**).

You can have the certain Words of truth to give to those who ask you any question (**Proverbs 22:17-21; 1 Pet 3:15**).

The Word of God is His gift of wisdom to His children: it is your gravest duty and privilege to read it, meditate upon it, memorize it, promote it, defend it, and obey it.

The Word of God is the only light in a dark world (**Psalms 119:128; Isaiah 8:20; 1Timothy 6:3-5; 2Peter 1:19-21**).

It can and will make you wise, **If** you will read it and apply faithful preaching of it.

***Proverbs 8:15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.***

Wisdom speaks. She is the first person pronoun here. Solomon is in the middle of a personification of wisdom (**Proverbs 8:1-36**).

Lady Wisdom is teaching that good kings and princes must have her, as the righteous execution of their offices depends upon her.

A king without wisdom is an oppressor, for he needs wisdom to justly guide his rule of a kingdom (**Proverbs 28:16**).

Many kings have reigned without wisdom, but they were not good kings; many princes have decreed laws, but they were not good or righteous laws.

The Holy Spirit through Solomon is writing about godly and righteous kings, like David, Solomon's father. When he says it is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness, He is only describing good kings, for many kings have been very wicked. He writes of true wisdom for godly kings. (**Proverbs 16:12**)

Our Proverb has an ellipsis, <sup>missing words implied by the context</sup> easily understood by readers. The missing word is supplied in the second clause, "Justice." Solomon in the first clause is not teaching about just any kind of king; he is writing of good kings who rule justly and rightly by wisdom and discretion. Good kings must have wisdom.

Solomon proved himself such a king by his ruling that a baby be divided in two with a sword, for only great wisdom and discretion could solve the harlots' dilemma. (**1Kings 3:16-28**).

And Solomon had sought this understanding carefully in the beginning of his career, for he had been taught the importance of true knowledge and counsel (**1Kings 3:7-9**).

Wisdom is so important for ruling that a poor child with it, is better than a rich old king without it (**Ecclesiastes 4:13**).

Wisdom can make up for limitations, so seek it (**James 1:5**)! And this applies to every husband, father, master, magistrate, and pastor who wants to lead well.

Wisdom teaches kings the importance of many things: punishing the wicked (**Proverbs 20:8, 26**), mercy and truth (**Proverbs 20:28**), faithfully judging the poor (**Proverbs 29:14; 31:8-9; 24:11-12**), good men with gracious speech (**Proverbs 14:35; 16:13; 22:11**), and searching out matters (**Proverbs 25:2**).

Wisdom teaches kings to avoid many things: gifts of bribery (**Proverbs 29:4**), wine and strong drink (**Proverbs 31:4-5**), gluttony (**Ecclesiastes 10:16-17**), lies (**Proverbs 17:7; 29:12**), and wicked counselors (**Proverbs 25:5**).

There is no king like the Lord Jesus, Who executes judgment and justice in the earth, and earned the title, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS** (**Jeremiah 23:5-6**).

He is called Faithful and True (**Revelation 19:11**), for He rules by His great treasures of wisdom and knowledge (**Colossians 2:3**).

David at death prophesied, of this Son, he had not yet met, One Who would rule justly over men in the fear of the Lord (*2Samuel 23:1-5*). Do you know Him?

***Proverbs 8:16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.***

Here is a lesson in political science. Princes, nobles, and judges all need wisdom to fulfill their offices equitably and righteously. A very similar Proverb precedes this one, which shows by repetition God's great emphasis on the importance of wisdom for rulers (*Proverbs 8:15*).

#### **The Practical Lessons Are These:**

**If** great rulers need wisdom, then you need it more.

**If** wisdom serves the throne so well, then wisdom is truly a very great thing for you to have, so get it!

Who is represented by the first person, objective case, personal pronoun "me"? Whenever reading the eighth chapter of Proverbs, remember that the entire chapter is a personification of wisdom as a woman, Lady Wisdom (*Proverbs 8:1-3*).

Solomon pursued this literary form in making wisdom as desirable and personal as possible, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. We do the same with Lady Liberty, Uncle Sam, and Mother Nature.

The Proverb is theoretical and practical, not historical or literal. Not all princes, nobles, and judges are wise. In fact, most are not. Many executive, legislative, and judicial decisions are foolish: contrary to even basic common sense.

The theoretical lesson is that great rulers use wisdom in order to do their jobs so well. The practical lessons were stated earlier: you should esteem wisdom and pursue it, because it is precious, and you need it.

All civil offices require wisdom, a qualification not even understood today.

Jethro told Moses, *"Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them"* (*Exodus 18:21*).

Jehoshaphat charged the Levites and chief rulers at their inauguration, saying, *"Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart"* (*2Chronicles 19:9*).

What is wisdom? Simply put, it is the power of right judgment!

Wisdom is the choices and decisions that balance mercy and truth, that benefits the entire nation, and are perfectly righteous in the sight of God!

Where does wisdom come from? The fear of the Lord (*Proverbs 1:7; 9:10; Job 28:28; Psalm 111:10*)!

How is the fear of the Lord applied to the political processes of a nation? By obeying the inspired and preserved Words of God (*Deuteronomy 17:18-20; Psalms 19:7; 119:23, 98-100, 128, 161; Isaiah 8:20; 2Timothy 3:16-17*)!

Does that mean only Christian rulers following the Bible can truly be great and noble? Absolutely! It is the fear of God and the Word of God that makes rulers and nations great.

The degree that the Word of God is promoted, preached, and obeyed in a nation, is the degree to which that nation will be great as measured by freedom, justice, morality, and peace.

David, one of the greatest and noblest kings, wrote, *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD"* (*Psalm 33:12*).

Nations rejecting God will be turned into hell (*Psalm 9:17*).

Here is what Moses declared about just a small part of the Old Testament: *Deuteronomy 4:5-8 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. "Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. "For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for? "And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?*

Are all princes, nobles, and judges wise? Hardly. God told King Nebuchadnezzar, the greatest monarch ever, that He often puts the basest of men in civil offices (*Daniel 4:17*).

While they and their offices are to be honored, as being ordained by God, yet there are few honorable among them (*Romans 13:1-7*).

Consider the greatest crime ever, the corrupt trial and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. It was arranged, approved, and executed by a combination of Jewish religious leaders and two Roman appointees, Pilate and Herod.

When a nation rejects God, as America has today, God takes away all their great men, so they are left with children and women oppressing them until total disastrous outcomes are realized (*Isaiah 3:1-5, 12*).

When a nation sees its mighty men, men of war, great judges, prudent men, honorable men, counselors, skilled craftsmen, and eloquent orators disappearing, God is at work!

Watching a presidential debate should be all you need to know we are there! Unless and until America repents and returns to God, she is going down, down, down!

What is the purpose of Proverbs Chapter 8? To exalt wisdom by its great service to God and men in order to provoke you to embrace it with all your heart and strength (*Proverbs 8:1-11, 32-36*)!

In this particular Proverb, wisdom is exalted by its usefulness to great and noble rulers. For rulers to be glorious, discharging their duties with benevolence, fairness, and prudence, they need wisdom.

That high value and usefulness should motivate your desire for it.

**If** wisdom is necessary for kings, princes, nobles, and judges to rule well, how much effort should you make in pursuing it yourself?

**If** wisdom is that great, it should be the chief goal of your life (*Proverbs 4:7; 18:1*).

So, where is it found? In the fear of God and obedience to the inspired and preserved Words of God! Are these priorities in your life?

**If** you love wisdom and seek her early, you will easily find her (*Proverbs 8:17*)! So start today!

There is only one truly wise King, Prince, and Judge, the Lord Jesus Christ: He is the blessed and only Potentate, King of kings and Lord of lords (*1 Timothy 6:13-16*).

He is coming soon to judge the earth, right all wrongs, correct all errors, end all lies, punish all evildoers, and reward the righteous with eternal life.

He presently sits at God's right hand and is dashing the nations into political fragments (*Psalms 2:1-12; Revelation 2:26-27; 12:5; 19:11-16*).

**The Lord God Omnipotent  
Reigneth! Hallelujah!**

***Proverbs 8:17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.***

Lady Wisdom promises love to those who will love her, and she promises to be easily found by those who will seek her early.

**If** you love wisdom, she will love you in return and bless your life.

**If** you seek wisdom, you will find her easily, as she is not far from any man (*Proverbs 1:20-23; 8:1-5*).

So, what is your problem? Love wisdom and seek her now!

As in much of chapters 8 and 9, Solomon personifies wisdom as a lady offering affection and friendship to men.

Contrasting Lady Wisdom with the strange woman, Solomon creates a powerful image of the two women seeking the souls of men.

Compare *Proverbs 9:4* and *Proverbs 9:16* to see similar invitations of companionship, but leading to very different results.

Lady Wisdom in this text makes herself available to all who will love and seek her.

What is wisdom? The power of right judgment! What is its basis? The fear of the Lord! Where is wisdom most clearly defined and explained? In the Word of God!

**If** a man loves the Word of God and seeks it early, he will most certainly find knowledge and understanding.

Lady Wisdom does not owe her affection or blessing to any man. Since men rejected wisdom in the Garden of Eden, they have no ability or right to wisdom, and the asinine opinions now reigning among educated men on all subjects prove their depravity.

Here is an offer, a sincere offer. But it is only recognized and obeyed by regenerated saints.

What do you love? Does it always and faithfully love you back? How rewarding is what you love, returning love? And will it preserve you both in this life and next?

Mutual love with Lady Wisdom is your secret to success here and hereafter! Why would you love or seek anything else?

Paul counted all things as loss and dung in comparison with divine wisdom, which is most fully expressed in the knowledge of Christ Jesus the Lord.

### **Wisdom Demands Your Love!**

Wise men will separate themselves from the foolish pursuits of life to focus on acquiring wisdom (*Proverbs 18:1*).

Unless you have, a great passion for wisdom, you will search for it in vain (*Proverbs 2:1-5*).

David said, "O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day" (*Psalm 119:97*). Anything less than this will not work!

If you neglect and despise wisdom, then you must love death, for that is the sure consequence (*Proverbs 8:36*).

#### **Wisdom Demands That You Seek Her Early.**

This means early in life, before you learn too much of man's foolishness or mess up your life with your own foolishness.

Solomon wrote, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth" (*Ecclesiastes 12:1*).

Childhood and youth are vanity, so it is the best time to reject folly and seek wisdom (*Ecclesiastes 11:10*).

#### ***Proverbs 8:18 Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.***

#### **Wisdom The Way For Wealth And For Good Reputation For Nations And Persons.**

Folly, the opposite of wisdom, generally leads to poverty and trouble, as many Proverbs and human experience prove.

But there is even more: true wisdom also leads to the eternal wealth of riches, in glory and the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

At first glance, this Proverb seems simple. But its difficulty is in dividing the blessings rightly (*2Timothy 2:15*).

**Are the riches natural or spiritual?** To avoid doctrinal shame, we must divide it with great care and true submission to the Holy Spirit and His Word.

Consider the context from three vantage points.

1. The whole book of Proverbs is primarily spiritual wisdom for natural life here. This is apparent.
2. The eighth chapter is a personification of wisdom and its benefits (*Proverbs 8:1-9, 32-34*).
3. The surrounding context is wisdom's blessings on nations and governments (*Proverbs 8:10-21*).

The preceding verse encourages us to seek wisdom early, in life, in each day, in each situation, and we will be blessed.

The following verse indicates that the most substantial riches under consideration are of greater value than financial riches. Wisdom will bring success in this life and the world to come, for it is the true fear of God (*Proverbs 8:12-14*).

Wisdom does bring natural success to the nations and men seeking her. The success she brings is of an enduring sort based on righteousness.

When Israel was wise, they were rich, very rich (*Deuteronomy 28:1-14; 1Kings 10:27*).

When Israel sinned foolishly, they were reduced to great poverty (*Deuteronomy 28:15-68; 1Kings 11:9-13*).

This is one of the basic lessons of this book of wisdom (*Proverbs 10:4, 22; 11:24; 12:24; 19:15; 20:13; 21:17*).

Adam Smith only saw surface aspects of success in "The Wealth of Nations." For God had declared 3000 years earlier, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance" (*Psalm 33:12*).

And He also wrote, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (*Psalm 9:17*).

Wise political theory would include initial and thorough understanding of the God of nations!

America was great, and still has greatness, for one simple reason, God's blessing. A large part of America, now much smaller, feared Him and sought Bible wisdom.

"Witty inventions" (*Proverbs 8:12*), "strength" (*Proverbs 8:14*), "justice" (*Proverbs 8:15*), "judges" (*Proverbs 8:16*), "judgment" (*Proverbs 8:20*), "substance" (*Proverbs 8:21*), and "treasures" (*Proverbs 8:21*) are all blessings of wisdom on this great country.

#### **Our Proverb Adds Riches, Honor, Durable Riches, And Righteousness!**

There are exceptions. Wicked men may get rich, as Nebuchadnezzar and worldly dictators; but these riches are not durable or righteous. They are God's judgment, "the prosperity of fools" (*Proverbs 1:32; Psalm 17:14*).

Wise men are sometimes made poor, like Job and Jesus, for God is providentially, doing other things in their lives (*Job 1:1-12; Philippians 2:5-8*).

Therefore, riches are not an absolute proof of wisdom, nor does wisdom always lead to riches. But the general rule is true, wisdom brings wealth and honor.

This general rule for nations and men is the primary thrust of the book, the chapter, and our Proverb.

Yet, spiritual riches of a durable nature extend beyond this life. They are superior to wealth, and they ought to be sought diligently (*Matthew 6:19-21, 33; 13:44-46*).

True wisdom leads God's children to a wonderful life now and eternal life to come (*Psalm 73:23-24; Mark 10:29-31*).

Whether rich or poor financially, glory shall soon be revealed of such splendor that nothing here can be compared to it (*Romans 8:18; 2Corinthians 4:17-18*).

***Proverbs 8:19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.***

Is anything better than money? After all, money can answer most issues (*Ecclesiastes 7:12; 10:19*).

They say you cannot buy love, but love is fickle and often disappointing.

Is anything better than money? Yes! Wisdom's effects on a life are better than fine gold or choice silver. No amount of money can buy wisdom (*Job 28:15-19*).

Wisdom is a gift from God to those who ask and seek for it. Do you put forth the effort to obtain this precious asset?

The average man works forty hours a week; but with travel time to and from his job and required breaks, he can easily hit fifty hours or more. **If** he is ambitious or paid overtime, he may push the total to sixty, eighty, or even more hours.

But what does this effort and zeal gain him? Any bed still brings sleep. Most any food still brings pleasure and health. What will he take with him when he dies? Has his extreme labor been in vain?

Men research for hours to find a better job, a new business plan, or investments yielding greater returns.

Men go to school for many years to qualify for lucrative professions. They apply themselves day and night to enhance their careers or build their businesses. But in the end, they have no wisdom, and they die like a dog. They leave behind lonely wives and dysfunctional children. They fret while alive, and they die frustrated.

Wisdom is the power of right judgment. It knows what is good in every situation. It understands life and knows God's will.

### **Wisdom Sees The Lies And Errors Of Men!**

Wisdom knows what is acceptable for any decision. It discerns the snares of false thinking and traps of deceivers.

Wisdom glories in the truth about God, the universe, the purpose of man, and the right response to any predicament.

Wisdom knows the way to success and favor with God and men.

But how many men seek wisdom as much as they seek money or wealth? Very few!

The devil, the world, and their vain hearts have sold them a lie! They run furiously and painfully on the treadmill of life, only to be thrown off into hell at the end. This Proverb is simple, wisdom's effects on a life are more valuable than wealth.

Solomon, who had both, knew. He said wisdom was more valuable (*Proverbs 3:14-15; 8:10-11; 16:16; Job 28:15-19; Ecclesiastes 7:12; Psalm 119:14, 72, 127*).

What will you do today to obtain it? Wisdom is fearing God and keeping His commandments (*Proverbs 1:7; 8:13; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14*).

God's fear is found by humbling yourself, confessing your sins, and seeking His face. His commandments are in His scriptures, the Word of God.

What will you do today, to seek the fear of God and learn the Bible? Will you give wisdom 1% of your day, or just 15 minutes?

***Proverbs 8:20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:***

Lady Wisdom is an eager guide, that will take you through life. This guide never fails. Every follower has had a successful life. Even the Creator God of heaven used Wisdom.

**If** you follow Wisdom, you will find the way of righteousness, doing what is right in God's sight.

**If** you will learn the paths of judgment, discerning things prudently and responding correctly and fairly.

Who is this guide? Lady Wisdom! Solomon loved to personify wisdom as a woman (*Proverbs 8:1-36*).

Solomon used this powerful figure often (*Proverbs 1:20-33; 3:13-18; 4:5-13; 7:4; 9:1-12*).

What are her benefits? A happy and successful life! There is nothing else to be compared to her (*Proverbs 3:16-18; 4:5-7; 8:12-21*).

Lady Wisdom is worth any price (*Proverbs 3:13-15; 8:10-11; 16:16*).

Lady Wisdom will teach you to understand every situation and choose the right and true response.

**How Expensive Is She?**

## FREE!

Hear her offer (*Proverbs 1:20-23; 9:1-5*)! The only cost is to trade in your foolish notions and apply a little effort to find and accept her (*Proverbs 18:1; 2:1-6*).

Is she willing and eager to help me? Indeed! She does not understand why you have taken so long to inquire about her (*Proverbs 1:22-23; 8:1-6; 9:1-6*)!

Lady Wisdom is concerned that you are listening to Folly (*Proverbs 9:13-18*)?

Did God really follow her? Indeed, for He has been wise from the beginning! He had her before any act of creation, and He created all things by her (*Proverbs 3:19-20; 8:22-31; Jeremiah 10:12*)!

What happens if I ignore her? You will suffer in pain and misery (*Proverbs 1:24-32; 13:14*)!

You must love death to ignore a free offer for a happy and successful life (*Proverbs 8:36*).

Where can I find her? She is not far!

Lady Wisdom is seen in the creation (*Psalms 19:1-6; Romans 1:20-23*).

Lady Wisdom is most fully found in the Word of God, especially in the Holy Spirit's Proverbs (*Proverbs 1:1-6; Psalms 19:7-11; 119:130; Ecclesiastes 12:8-12; Isaiah 8:20*).

Lady Wisdom is taught by God's ministers.

### How do I get started?

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (*Proverbs 1:7; 8:13; 9:10; Job 28:1-28*)!

Humble yourself before God, meditate on God, love God, and obey God.

Where are others who love Lady Wisdom and follow her? They are found in the true Churches of Jesus Christ, where the Bible is preached and old-fashioned wisdom is taught (*2 Timothy 3:16-17; James 3:17-18; Jude 1:4*).

Do not settle for contemporary churches that have left Bible preaching for fables and entertainment (*2 Timothy 3:1-7; 4:3-4*).

Look for a Church where every Word of God is esteemed very high and is thundered from the pulpit.

***Proverbs 8:21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.***

Poverty is a choice. The love of wisdom brings substantial treasures to men, families, and nations. This is a rule of political economy established by the God of heaven. It is as sure as gravity and the four seasons.

You can deny the rule, ignore the rule, or resent the rule, but it is still true. The only harm done will be to yourself. Wisdom can bring riches (*Proverbs 8:18*).

God brings trials in men's lives, but that does not alter the rule. He may test His saints with financial loss or poverty for periods of time, as in the case of Job; but the rule still works every time, all other things being equal.

Folly brings pain and poverty to men and nations; wisdom brings peace and prosperity to men and nations (*Psalms 33:12; 144:15*).

This Proverb is part of Solomon's lengthy personification of wisdom as a woman (*Proverbs 8:1-36*).

Lady Wisdom calls for men to receive her (*Proverbs 8:1-11*).

Lady Wisdom lists all the benefits of wisdom (*Proverbs 8:12-21*).

Lady Wisdom describes her close relationship to God in the creation of the world (*Proverbs 8:22-31*).

Lady Wisdom warns men that success or disaster depends on how they treat her (*Proverbs 8:32-36*).

Wisdom directs men to labor and invest prudently to secure financial success, and it protects them from mistakes that destroy wealth (*Proverbs 24:3-6*).

God supernaturally blesses those who fear Him and put their trust in Him (*Proverbs 22:4*). Wisdom can bring riches.

**There are two principles or forces at work with this Proverb: Consider the first principle.** Wisdom has rules for success. Hard work is better than a new business or investment strategy (*Proverbs 14:23; 28:19*).

Savings is crucial for acquiring capital for further income (*Proverbs 6:8; 14:4*).

Self-denial in spending is necessary to save (*Proverbs 21:17, 20*).

Unnecessary contingent liabilities are to be avoided (*Proverbs 6:1-5; 22:26-27*).

Pessimism is better than optimism (*Proverbs 14:15; 19:2*).

Wisdom is better than strength (*Ecclesiastes 6:16; 10:10, 15*).

Of course, foolish men and nations reject these rules to wallow in squalor. Laziness brings poverty (*Proverbs 10:4; 12:24; Titus 1:12*).

Arrogance is financially destructive (*Proverbs 26:12, 16*).

Foolish men have excuses for being a sluggard are worthless (*Proverbs 22:13; 26:13*).

Foolish men are vulnerable to every get-rich-quick scheme (*Proverbs 12:11; 13:11*).

Foolish men resent authority, they chafe at working for others (*Proverbs 17:2; 27:18*).

Foolish men take on unnecessary debt (*Proverbs 11:15; 22:7*).

**The second principle.** God blesses those who love and obey Him.

**If** you seek God's things first, He will take care of the rest (*Haggai 1:5-11; Matthew 6:33*).

**If** you confess your sins, He will prosper you (*Proverbs 28:13*).

God blessed Joseph and Daniel in spite of terrible circumstances. But He promised to destroy nations forgetting Him (*Psalms 9:17; 50:22*).

When you honor God and live a godly life, He will multiply your income, increase your assets, reduce your expenses, and protect against losses, supernaturally!

These great blessings are not taught in any business school anywhere, and they cannot be obtained without full submission to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Consider this! **If** you throw your money away to His causes, you can be blessed quickly (*Proverbs 3:9-10; 11:24-27; 19:17; Luke 6:38*)!

The most substantial treasures are invisible. They are the spiritual and eternal riches in Jesus Christ. Moses gave up the pleasures and treasures of Egypt to get those riches (*Hebrews 11:24-26*).

True riches include the light and truth of the gospel, which can save a man from the dark ignorance and superstition of this world.

True riches include the personal presence of the Spirit of God, while the world wanders in a selfish and devilish stupor.

True riches include the eternal inheritance of God Himself and a glorious eternity in heaven for His children.

***Proverbs 8:22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.***

How wonderful is wisdom? The LORD had it all in eternity! Solomon is pursuing his lengthy personification of wisdom as a virtuous woman (*Proverbs 8:1 - 9:5*).

Lady Wisdom is the first person, objective pronoun "me." Before God created anything, when He inhabited eternity alone, the LORD owned all the wisdom of the universe.

At this point in personifying wisdom, Solomon provokes us to value wisdom most highly by virtue of God's choice and use of it from eternity and in the creation of all things (*Proverbs 8:22-31*).

**If** wisdom is so gloriously advantageous and wonderful that Jehovah Himself chose and used wisdom, how much more should the sons of men esteem wisdom? This is the lesson!

What is personification? A person that represents an abstract concept. We call freedom Lady Liberty, natural events Mother Nature, national defense Uncle Sam, and aging, Father Time. Solomon used a lady for wisdom (*Proverbs 1:20-33; 2:4; 3:15-18; 4:5-13; 8:1-36; 9:1-5*).

What is wisdom? It is the power of right judgment. It is the ability to discern any matter or situation and know the perfect solution. When understood as a spiritual virtue of God and saints, its analysis and solutions always maximize the glory of God and His Holiness.

When the King James Bible uses LORD in capital letters, it means Jehovah, I AM THAT I AM. This infinite and independent Spirit, Creator of all, eternally possessed all wisdom. He owes no one for it, for who has been His counselor (*Romans 11:33-36*)?

Jesus of Nazareth, God's Son by Mary, grew in wisdom as He matured. Such Words speak distinctly and only of His human nature. (*Luke 2:52*)

In His divine nature, He is Jehovah Himself, in Whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (*Colossians 2:3*).

The Lord did not experiment, by trial and error, when He created; He had infinite wisdom before He created. Everything was very good (*Genesis 1:31*).

The Lord sees the past, present, and future equally. There are no contingencies to Him.

The Lord understands everything forever.

Pagan gods do not have even the five natural senses, let alone wisdom (*Psalms 115:1-8; 135:1-21*)!

Pagan worshippers may have five senses, but are just as ignorant (*Isaiah 44:18-20*)!

If Jehovah chose to possess all wisdom, are you pursuing it in your choices (*Proverbs 4:7; 16:16*)? Wisdom is surely worth the effort (*Proverbs 8:11; Job 28:12-19*)!

The Word of God and teachers of His Word are God's method of providing wisdom to you (*Deuteronomy 4:6; Psalm 119:98-100; Malachi 2:7; 2Timothy 3:15-17*).

***Proverbs 8:23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.***

The amount of wisdom in the world is not growing. Wisdom does not change. Wisdom did not evolve. Wisdom is not the result of discovery or experimentation.

Men are not improving in wisdom with education and time. Wisdom is not developed in university think tanks. Wisdom is not accumulated in libraries.

**Men Are Losing Contact With Wisdom.  
The Future Of Our Race Is At Stake!**

Wisdom is the ability to rightly judge a situation and choose the correct action. Wisdom, perfect understanding of all things, with God (*Proverbs 8:22-31*).

God possessed wisdom in the beginning, the same eternal beginning when He created all we know (*Genesis 1:1*).

**Any Wisdom Available To Men  
Is By Revelation From God Only!**

Wisdom is not discovered by human effort! Wisdom begins with the fear of the LORD (*Proverbs 1:7; 9:10*).

Wisdom speaks here in the first person. Solomon is in the midst of a lengthy personification of wisdom as a lady (*Proverbs 8:1 - 9:12*).

Lady Wisdom is appealing to the sons of men to consider her superior gifts. Lady Wisdom offers her virtues to avoid the foolish and damning attractions of the strange woman (*Proverbs 9:13-18*).

Every man makes a choice, to accept the offer of eternal wisdom from God, or choose depraved folly instead.

We live in the midst of an information explosion. The Internet, and its mountains of data, is only a mouse click away.

More money is being spent on education, and children are sent to institutions of higher learning for more years, than ever before.

Private and public research, of even the most bizarre and obscure subjects, are increasing constantly.

But what did Paul say about such knowledge and learning? He warned Timothy to keep the wisdom given to him by preaching and to avoid the profane and vain babblings and oppositions of false science, which cause men to err from truth (*1Timothy 6:20-21*).

What a fit warning! And he also warned him, that grave danger was coming, in a generation that would be always learning without any ability, to ever understand truth (*2Timothy 3:1-7*).

Men are not getting smarter and smarter. The invention of automobiles and other advances are deceiving. For at the very same time the race is morally imploding.

Educated men, miss even the sexual purpose of the woman. God has effectively given man a lobotomy and set him loose in the candy store of a lunatic mind (*Romans 1:18-32*).

Our classrooms are filled with tongue-pierced, hair-dyed, rag-wearing, and weed-smoking pubescent children.

An older version of their evolved species, monitors the sharing of dreams and imaginations. They ridicule parents, mock pastors, rebel against government, and call for a new way of things. And they call this education! They call this learning!

The fixed body of wisdom the LORD possesses has been offered to the human race. It is found in the Holy Word of God alone.

But of course, with all their Internet accumulations and university ravings, they despise the only wisdom available! In fact, to make sure their hallucinations are not questioned or refuted, they have outlawed the Bible in school! How intelligent!

If you appreciate the right definition and source of wisdom, then carefully read *Job 28:12-28*.

Let a truly wise man instruct you! When you are done, there will be only one response to the depraved and profane claims to advancing knowledge in our generation, "But the emperor is naked!"

The Lord Jesus Christ possesses all the eternal wisdom of God (*Colossians 2:3*).

The Lord Jesus Christ has always possessed all of wisdom.

The Lord Jesus Christ never changes, He is not growing in wisdom (*Hebrews 13:8*).

The Lord Jesus Christ is allowing this world to show its true colors, depraved rebellion against God and hatred for wisdom.

The Lord Jesus Christ is coming to incinerate all of it (*2Thessalonians 1:7-10; 1Timothy 6:13-16; Revelation 20:9*).

***Proverbs 8:24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.***

Once upon a time there was no water, no oceans, seas, lakes, or pools. It was before God created the heaven and the earth (*Genesis 1:1-2*).

No man has ever seen such a universe, and the only record we have of it is the written revelation in the Word of God. But even when there was no water, before God created the heaven and earth, wisdom already existed.

The pronouns throughout this eighth chapter reference Lady Wisdom, as Solomon describes wisdom in lofty and beautiful terms. She offers herself to men (*Proverbs 8:1-11*),

Lady Wisdom, lists her rewards to men (*Proverbs 8:12-21*).

Lady Wisdom, describes her origin with God before any creation (*Proverbs 8:22-31*).

Lady Wisdom, closes with a further appeal and invitation to men (*Proverbs 8:32-36*).

The LORD created all water (*Genesis 1:1-8*).

The Word of God often presents Him as the Creator of the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all that in them is (*Exodus 20:11; Psalm 146:6; Jonah 1:9; Acts 4:24; 14:15; Revelation 10:6; 14:7*).

The LORD is the Ruler of the seas and uses them to accomplish His holy purposes (*Psalm 77:19; Isaiah 43:16; Amos 5:8; 9:6; Jonah 1:4*).

Do you feel pressure on your ears at the deep end of a swimming pool, 10 feet from the surface? Have you tried scuba diving and felt the pressure at 100 feet? The

submarines of World War II could not survive 500 feet; and modern nuclear submarines are not made to operate below 1500 feet. Yet the Mariana Trench in the Pacific is 35,800 feet deep! A mile deeper than Mount Everest is high! The LORD is His name, fear Him (*Amos 5:8; 9:6*)!

Consider the Asian tsunami of 2004. An undersea earthquake of magnitude 9.0 in the Indian Ocean sent a sea surge 1-2 feet high racing in all directions at 600 mph! When it reached shore it slowed to about 35 mph, but it grew in height to as much as 50 feet! A wall of water! It killed as far away as Port Elizabeth in South Africa, 5000 miles from the epicenter! Over 225,000 lost their lives, and 2,000,000 were made homeless.

The seas are considered as primitive and ancient as anything on earth. Even evolutionists hallucinate about primordial slime coming together in the dark depths eons ago to make butterflies, elephants, hummingbirds, and your baboon ancestors! They are blinded fools!

What is the lesson here? Though we consider the seas to be very ancient, there was something earlier! Before there was water, there was wisdom! Before the dark seas existed, God possessed wisdom!

If wisdom, the power of right judgment, is more ancient than the seas and fountains of the earth, you should seek it with all your might!

***Proverbs 8:25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:***

How old is wisdom? Older than the hills! Before God created the mountains and formed the hills, He had infinite wisdom, which: He used in forming the earth (*Proverbs 8:22-23*).

God offers this very wisdom freely to man for his success in life (*Proverbs 8:10-21*).

No matter how old you consider the mountains or hills, God had infinite wisdom long before they were made.

Solomon's extended personification of wisdom as a woman. She is identified in the first verse by the feminine pronoun "her"; and the last verse has two occurrences of the personal pronoun "me" (*Proverbs 8:1, 36*).

The chapter has an introduction, a description of the benefits of wisdom (*Proverbs 8:1-21*). The LORD's ownership of wisdom from eternity and a concluding appeal to men (*Proverbs 8:22-36*).

The English language has an idiom, "Older than the hills." It is a colloquialism for very old.

The size, stability, and strength of mountains and hills imply their ancient origin and great permanence, so men have compared things to the age of hills to emphasize their oldness. God has done the same in His inspired Scriptures (*Job 15:7-8; 38:4-11; Psalms 90:2; 102:25-28; Hebrews 1:10*).

God glorified wisdom to you in this Proverb by declaring His possession of it before He formed the mountains and hills, and when He created the earth.

The Words, "*Before the hills was I brought forth,*" do not describe the eternal generation of the Son of God. By two counts, this verse does not teach the eternal sonship of Jesus Christ at all.

Eternal Sonship is a manmade heresy, invented by a theological speculator named Origen (185-254 AD), to make the Bible more compatible with Greek philosophy. He first corrupted *John 1:1* to teach that the Word of God is merely "*a god.*" Jesus is Jehovah!

He is the Mighty God, God made flesh, Immanuel, God with us (*Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; Matthew 1:23; John 1:1, 14; 8:58*).

He is not a begotten god by the pagan theory of eternal generation, regardless of what the Watchtower Society teaches, the N.A.S.B. declares in *John 1:18*, and the Catholic-Protestant creeds say. Jesus was not eternally generated: His divine nature is Jehovah, I AM THAT I AM! Jesus was not eternally generated: His human nature was generated in time in Mary (*Luke 1:31-35; Galatians 4:4*).

The second reason this Proverb does not teach such nonsense is because of its obvious personification of wisdom as a woman. Is the Son of God a woman?

Solomon described God's use of wisdom in creation, under the figure of a woman. Why? To enhance wisdom's appeal to you by this inspired use of a powerful literary tool. **If** wisdom was essential to God in creation, you surely need it!

***Proverbs 8:26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.***

God always has had wisdom. His counsel uses complete knowledge and total understanding. God has never learned anything or been taught by any other.

We are creatures of this earth: we measure existence and reality by terra firma. But the LORD had all wisdom before He made the dry ground, the fields, or Mount Everest and all matter from nothing.

Solomon is in the middle of personifying wisdom as a woman, who described and offered her benefits to men (*Proverbs 8:1 - 9:12*).

The immediate context of this Proverb is God's possession of Wisdom before His great works of creation (*Proverbs 8:22-31*).

The specific creative act of our Proverb is forming the dry ground, both fields and mountains.

The earth was originally a ball of water, there was not one cell of animal life of any sort to evolve in the slightest degree. It was dark, because there was no sun, which He created on the fourth day (*Proverbs 8:24; Genesis 1:2*).

On the first day, God created light; He created sky and air on the second day, dry land on the third. And He called dry land Earth (*Genesis 1:3-13*).

Before the third day, God already possessed infinite wisdom, as our Proverb declares. And He used it to create the majestic earth!

Isaiah elaborated on the evidence of His great wisdom and understanding from His creation of the dry ground and mountains. He wrote: "*Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him? With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding? Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.*" *Isaiah 40:12-15*

God made Mount Everest from the dust of the earth! It stands 29,035 feet, or 5 1/2 miles, above sea level. Many commercial airplane flights do not go that high! Around 4000 have tried to climb it; near 700 have made it; and 142 died trying.

What will you do with this great God's offer to give you of His wisdom? What is wisdom? It is the power of right judgment, the knowledge and understanding to grasp any situation and know what to do.

Wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord (*Proverbs 1:7; 9:10*), and the details of wisdom are provided in the written Word of God (*Psalms 19:7; 119:98-100*).

**If** you neglect His offer, you must love death, because He will mock when your calamities come (*Proverbs 8:36; 1:24-32*).

***Proverbs 8:27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:***

Who thought the earth was flat? The children of God have always known the earth was round. When the God formed the earth's atmosphere, and when He wrapped it around the ball of water hanging in space, wisdom was there with Him!

Lady Wisdom offers you wisdom today by this Proverb and the rest of God's Word. Will you accept her gracious offer (***Proverbs 8:1-5, 32-36; 9:1-12?***)

How wonderful is wisdom? After Lady Wisdom's introduction and invitation (***Proverbs 8:1-5***), she describes the excellence and truth of wisdom (***Proverbs 8:6-11***), she describes the benefits that flow to those having it (***Proverbs 8:12-21***), she describes the presence and use of wisdom by God in the creation of the heavens and earth (***Proverbs 8:22-31***). She then concludes with a further invitation (***Proverbs 8:32-36***).

Wisdom is the most precious thing you can obtain in life aside from the Lord's Salvation (***Proverbs 3:13-20; 4:5-13; 8:10-11***).

This Proverb exalts wisdom by showing its presence and use by God in the creation of the heavens and His use of them to circle and encompass the watery globe. God created the heavens, the earth, and light on the first day (***Genesis 1:1-5; Exodus 20:11; 31:17***).

God created the earth's atmosphere on the second day, which is the firmament of heaven that separated the water above the sky from the water that covered the earth (***Genesis 1:6-8***).

God created the universe. The interstellar and interplanetary spaces and the spherical globe of the earth were formed first (***Genesis 1:1***).

God at this point the earth was a formless ball covered with water hanging in the total darkness of space (***Genesis 1:2***). Then God added light, without light sources for three days, to complete the first day (***Genesis 1:3-5, 14-19***).

God created the earth's atmosphere. He separated waters on the earth's surface by an expanse called heaven, which we call atmosphere, in which birds and planes fly (***Genesis 1:6-8, 20***).

God gathered the waters on the earth and under this atmosphere into seas on the third day (***Genesis 1:9***).

The waters above the atmosphere remained there for the 1656 years before rain (***Genesis 2:5-6; 7:4; Hebrews 11:7***).

It was not until the flood that rain appeared; it was not until after the flood that rainbows appeared (***Genesis 7:11-12; 9:12-15***).

The Lord compassed, or encircled, the earth with this atmospheric heaven as part of His creative work on the second day. Included in these first two days of creation was the ordination of gravity to hold the waters and the atmosphere around the earth.

Though the earth spins at 1000 mph, the atmosphere that compasses the earth moves right along with the earth, so you are not blown away! From the vantage point of spacecraft, you can see the aqua blue ball suspended by nothing in the firmament of heaven. Give God the glory for His marvelous wisdom!

The Word "*compass*" in this Proverb describes the circle, circumference, curve, arc, ring, or round shape of the atmospheric heaven that God wrapped around the ball we call earth. He set a compass, or a circle, over the watery earth before there was land (***Proverbs 8:29; Genesis 1:3-5***).

Through Solomon the Holy Spirit wrote these Words 1000 years before Christ. He knew the earth was round by God's inspired revelation to him. Isaiah, writing by inspiration about 700 years before Christ, also referred to the circular or round shape of the earth (***Isaiah 40:22***).

Eratosthenes (276-195 B.C.), a Greek mathematician who knew the earth was round, calculated its correct circumference and the tilt of its axis. Nicolas Copernicus (1473-1543), who knew the earth was round, developed and promoted proofs for heliocentricism, the earth moves around the sun.

The Pope spanked Galileo (1564-1642) for endorsing such absurdities. But Newton (1643-1727) confirmed how a ball could keep us all feeling upright with gravity. But they were just refining old news!

**What is the lesson of the Proverb?**

**If** wisdom was with God in His creation of the heavens and the atmospheric curtain around the earth, then it is important enough for you!

**If** God used wisdom to create the heavens and earth, then it would be a great thing to have for your decision-making!

Are you committed to pursue wisdom? Is it more important to you than anything else? When was the last time you read the Bible? Heard a real sermon?

All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are in the Lord Jesus Christ, for He is God in the flesh, the fullness of the Godhead in a human body (***Colossians 2:3, 9***).

God created all things, and without Him was not anything made that was made (*John 1:3; Ephesians 3:9; Hebrews 1:2*)!

God has all wisdom and knowledge as a perfect King, Priest, Savior, and coming Judge. Humble yourself before Him this day! Beg Him for mercy and wisdom!

***Proverbs 8:28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:***

How old is wisdom? How important is wisdom to God? How important should it be to you?

These questions are answered in this Proverb. God of heaven and earth had wisdom in the beginning, before He created the clouds in the sky and the fountains in the oceans. He used wisdom to create these things (*Proverbs 3:19-20*). We should value it highly! Proverbs chapter eight is a long personification of wisdom. The Holy Spirit introduced Lady Wisdom and described her offer to men (*Proverbs 8:1-11*).

The Holy Spirit then listed many of her benefits (*Proverbs 8:12-21*).

The Holy Spirit then reviewed His possession of wisdom before the creation of the world (*Proverbs 8:22-31*).

And finally the Holy Spirit repeated, the offer of wisdom and warns of death, on those refusing (*Proverbs 8:32-36*).

If the LORD had wisdom in the beginning and used it to create the world, then surely it deserves your attention.

You spend many hours, much effort, and lots of expense pursuing other things, why not wisdom? How many minutes and how much effort have you spent recently trying to acquire wisdom? It is time to get serious about your life!

God established the clouds above, and wisdom was with Him then. Do you grasp the wisdom of the water cycle and the many tons of water suspended in clouds? *"He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them" (Job 26:8).*

*"Look unto the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds which are higher than thou" (Job 35:5).*

*"Behold, God is great, and we know him not, neither can the number of his years be searched out. For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof: Which the clouds do drop and distil upon man abundantly. Also can any*

*understand the spreadings of the clouds. . . .?" (Job 36:26-29).*

*"Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?" (Job 37:16).*

*"All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again" (Ecclesiastes 1:7).*

*"Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee? Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are? Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven ..." (Job 38:34-38).*

Consider a heavy rainfall of 4 inches. This is 2.5 gallons per square foot, approaching 21 pounds in weight. For an acre, this becomes about 109,000 gallons; 905,000 pounds; or 452 tons of water! No wonder Job said, *"He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them" (Job 26:8)*! God established the clouds above! But what **If** the same rain falls on the average U.S. county, which is 800 square miles, or 512,000 square acres? Then the number of gallons becomes 56 billion! And the weight of that water is 463 billion pounds, or 232 million tons!

**If** just clouds over your head can hold this kind of weight, then you need some of the wisdom God used in creating them!

God strengthened the fountains of the deep, which are ocean springs. **If** you did not know there are springs and fountains in the ocean, the Word of God has said so for 3500 years (*Proverbs 8:28; Job 38:16; Genesis 8:2*).

It was only in 1977 that deep-sea geologists found hydrothermal vents in the earth's crust blasting forth hot mineral water far below the surface.

God had wisdom in the beginning. He always had wisdom. He used His wisdom to create the heavens and the earth.

How will you live the rest of your life? By the traditions of your parents? By the habits of your childhood? By trial and error? By your peers? By the learned experts who warn about an ice age one generation and global warming the next?

Wisdom is offered to you. Rudimentary knowledge of God may be learned from viewing and considering His creation (*Psalms 19:1-7; Romans 1:19-21*).

Great wisdom and understanding can be acquired from God's inspired Scriptures, the Bible (*Psalms 19:7-11; 2Timothy 3:16-17*).

When did you last read them? When did you last hear them preached?

***Proverbs 8:29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:***

Men love the seashore. They can stand on a ribbon of sand and view the immense oceans that cover two-thirds of the earth's surface.

Though the depth, breadth, and power of the seas are great, and though the sand is only a few inches higher than the water, there is no danger. Jehovah laid the strip of sand on a foundation of earth, and He commanded the waters of oceans and seas to not go beyond it. And He used wisdom in this great design!

Solomon personified wisdom as a means of teaching the importance of knowledge and understanding (***Proverbs 8:1-36; 9:1-12***).

Lady Wisdom introduced herself (***Proverbs 8:1-11***), she showed her features and rewards (***Proverbs 8:12-21***), she described her presence with God in the creation of the world (***Proverbs 8:22-31***), she exhorted men to receive her for blessing on their lives (***Proverbs 8:32-36***).

Lady Wisdom by this Proverb, informed us that God had her in His creation of the oceans (***Proverbs 8:27-31***).

The oceans and seas are one of earth's greatest wonders. The Bible tells us exactly how they came to be. "*And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.... And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good*" (***Genesis 1:2, 9-10***).

The LORD expects you to be impressed with the oceans and His boundaries for them. He told Job about locking the waters in place with doors and bars (***Job 38:8-11***)!

The LORD inspired David to write about the waters being heaped up with a boundary they cannot pass (***Psalms 33:7; 104:9***)!

God spoke through the prophet Jeremiah that men should fear Him for His fantastic marvel of binding the oceans with a ribbon of sand, which they cannot pass over, no matter how much they toss and roar (***Jeremiah 5:22***)!

Oceans and seas cover 71% of the earth. The Pacific Ocean is 17 times the size of the United States! The Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean is deeper than Mount Everest is tall, by over a mile! In spite of hurricanes, typhoons, tidal waves, and tsunamis, beaches and shores are where they were last year! God gave a decree to the oceans and seas, and they cannot cross His boundaries. Neither can wicked men (***Psalms 65:7; 76:10***)!

The lesson is simple. **If** the Creator of heaven and earth, the LORD, rejoiced with wisdom before He formed the seas and the dry land, shouldn't you?

Wisdom is certainly something you ought to pursue with all your might. **If** the Creator possessed it, then how much more should His creatures seek it (***Proverbs 3:13-18; 4:5-13; 8:32-36***)?

***Proverbs 8:30 Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;***

The LORD of the Bible, has infinite wisdom in Himself, from eternity. There is not, and never was, any limit to His understanding.

We call His infinite wisdom, omniscience. Lady Wisdom, personifying wisdom in this chapter, was always with Him, for He was always the only wise God (***1 Timothy 1:17; Jude 1:25***).

There are seven pronouns here, representing two persons, one male, one female. First, the LORD is represented by "him," "him," "his," and "him." We see this easily from the preceding context, which speaks of the LORD possessing wisdom from the beginning (***Proverbs 8:22***) right down to using wisdom to decree limits on the sea (***Proverbs 8:29***).

Then we see Lady Wisdom, which is Solomon's personification of wisdom, who is referenced throughout this chapter by female pronouns. In our Proverb, wisdom is identified by "I," "one," and "I." Consider also "her" in ***Proverbs 8:1***, "she" in ***Proverbs 8:2***, "she" in ***Proverbs 8:3***, and right on down to "me" twice in ***Proverbs 8:36***.

God inspired Solomon, as one of the methods of teaching wisdom, to personify wisdom as a woman, whom we should choose to hear and follow rather than the strange woman. Each reader must make a choice which woman he will follow and befriend.

Solomon frequently uses this figure of speech (***Proverbs 1:20-33; 2:4; 3:15-18; 4:5-13; 8:1-36; 9:1-5***). See the comments on ***Proverbs 8:1***.

Our Proverb is often perverted to teach that Jesus is a begotten God, a secondary God generated by the Father.

Heretics crept into the church 150 years after the apostles and taught that the deity of Jesus was derived from His Father. They held that Jehovah begat a Son in eternity by a mysterious process of generation.

You can read this horrible blasphemy in **John 1:18** of the NASV. Jehovah's Witnesses, blasphemous heretics that they are, love such a doctrine, for Jesus is only a subordinate god to them. Jesus is not a begotten God at all.

Jesus is the mighty God (**Isaiah 9:6**).

Jesus is Jehovah. Jesus is I AM THAT I AM.

Jesus is the Everlasting Father (**Isaiah 9:6**).

Jesus is the Word of God made flesh (**John 1:1, 14**).

Jehovah never begat a God or a Son in His divine nature. Jehovah had a Son named Jesus, when He brought His power over the virgin Mary; it is this miraculous birth that makes Him the Son of God (**Luke 1:35**).

Only after this birth, this incarnation of deity in humanity, did God have a Son (**John 1:14, 18**).

This is the great mystery of godliness, and we shall live and die by it (**1 Timothy 3:16**).

The most important message of the New Testament is that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God, and it is this precise doctrine we believe and defend. A derived, begotten, generated, or otherwise inferior deity from eternity is not the Son of God.

The divine nature of Jesus was and is undivided, un-begotten, un-originated, and un-generated! He was and is the Word of God, without origin, begetting, generation, or any other manmade hallucination. He is Jehovah! Jesus is not an eternal Son! He is the eternal God! He became the Son of God by His glorious incarnation in the womb of Mary (**Luke 1:35**).

These heretics ignorantly reject the personification of wisdom in this chapter and other places. Our Proverb is not speaking of God having a little boy playing before Him in eternity! Lady Wisdom is speaking, and she is figuratively describing herself as always having been with the LORD of heaven and earth. Read **Proverbs 8:21** again. Here it is: "*The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.*"

**If** our Proverb is describing the divine nature of Jesus in eternity, as these false teachers say, then the divine nature of Jesus is female! For wisdom is a woman by personification throughout this chapter and the other places where Solomon uses the figure. **If** Jesus is presented here, then Jesus was just a spectator at creation (**Proverbs 8:27**)!

Enough with their heresy! What can we learn profitable for our souls? The infinite God delights in wisdom, and He has always delighted in wisdom, which is the power of judging rightly in any situation. From His Holy example, we should pursue and rejoice in wisdom as much as He does.

Lady Wisdom rejoiced to see men created, and delights in serving them (**Proverbs 8:31**).

Hearing Lady Wisdom, watching for her, and keeping her ways will bring blessing (**Proverbs 8:32, 34**).

**If** we pursue wisdom, we will find life and obtain the favor of the LORD of glory (**Proverbs 8:35**).

What have you done this day to hear wisdom, to watch for her, to keep her ways? Do you delight in knowing her?

Life, blessing, and the favor of the LORD are waiting! What is more important to you than these wonderful things? **If** wisdom is important enough to delight God, then why not you?

All the treasures of wisdom are found in our Lord Jesus Christ (**Colossians 2:3**).

Though our Proverb does not teach it, after the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ in Mary's womb, God our Father did delight greatly in His only begotten Son, the man Christ Jesus (**Isaiah 42:1**).

The Father publicly declared so at His baptism and at His transfiguration (**Matthew 3:17; 17:5**). Do you delight in the Son of God?

***Proverbs 8:31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.***

God owns wisdom! It is His possession. He has had it from eternity. God has never existed without wisdom, and wisdom has never existed without God. Angels, devils, and men acquire and learn wisdom slowly, but not the Lord.

God's greatest display of wisdom is toward men: by His creation of them, by His providence toward them, by His incarnation in one of them, by His salvation of some of them, and by His revelation to them.

**God  
Exalts Wisdom For You  
By This Proverb!**

**Wisdom  
Is Worth Your Attention!**

Proverbs chapter eight is a personification of wisdom as a woman. The personal pronouns, from "her" in the first verse to "me" in the last verse, are Lady Wisdom (*Proverbs 8:1, 36*).

Lady Wisdom introduces herself (*Proverbs 8:1-11*); she describes the benefits of living by wisdom (*Proverbs 8:12-21*); she tells of being with God before and during the creation of the world (*Proverbs 8:22-31*); she finally concludes by exhorting men to consider her great value (*Proverbs 8:32-36*).

Pay attention! Happiness and success in life with God and men depend on you finding wisdom.

Analyze the Words of this Proverb. For this section (*Proverbs 8:22-31*), Lady Wisdom described being with God before and during the world's creation. She spoke of Him forming mountains, oceans, heavens, clouds, and waves.

But then she turned her attention from material things to the habitable part of the earth and the sons of men dwelling there. God's great wisdom is revealed in His works toward humanity: creation, providence, incarnation, salvation, and revelation.

#### **Five works exalt wisdom very high:**

**First, God created man.** How? By His eternal and infinite wisdom! Look at a baby's fingernails and eyelashes. Testosterone turns a boy into a man, and estrogen a girl into a woman, though they eat the same food! When you walk. But then watch a gymnast!

Man analyzes, thinks, loves, and makes decisions like no other creature on earth. Watch lovers stare into the windows of each other's soul. Man is uniquely special! He was designed by the wisdom of God!

**Second, God providentially takes care of man.** How? By eternal and infinite wisdom! He sends sunshine to kiss your skin and rain to prosper fields. That field can grow bread for heart health, wine for heart gladness, and oil for your face.

God is the greatest matchmaker in history, arranging for you to meet your spouse. When you needed a job, He caused a firm to hire you! When you and your neighbor pray for opposite needs, He gives the perfect answer! He assisted the inventor and gifted the doctor long before you needed the new medical procedure to save your life! Preserved by the wisdom of God!

**Third, God was incarnated in a human body and nature.** How? By eternal and infinite wisdom! Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God by a miraculous birth from a virgin.

The Son of God is the perfect embodiment of God and man. All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are in Him.

The Son of God is perfect in the sight of God and men. He is Life incarnate! He is Truth incarnate! No man ever spoke like Him; no man ever lived like Him. The sun was darkened, and an earthquake shook the earth, when this glorious Divine Man died.

The Son of God rose from the dead by glorious power, He is the King of kings and Lord of lords in heaven at this very moment.

### **God Infinite Wisdom Human Flesh Manifested In Jesus Christ!**

**Fourth, God saves men from sin.** How? By His eternal and infinite wisdom! The just and Holy God, Who must punish every sin and sinner, designed a way to justify sinners and remain just Himself.

He created a human body by a virgin birth, which He could inhabit and punish to take the place of sinful man.

God killed His virgin born and perfect Son, so He could adopt His depraved enemies as sons! And He raised His Son from the dead, so that His Son and those that trust His Son's cleansing blood, can rejoice together for eternity!

God regenerates their souls and will glorify their bodies to make them wholly fit for heaven! The wisdom and power in this work is preached through the Gospel! Saved by the wisdom of God!

**Fifth, God revealed Himself to men.** How? By eternal and infinite wisdom! He wrote the Bible, the ultimate book of wisdom, by inspiring chosen men to record the true history of the earth, the fall and desperate need of man, the infinite glory and nature of God, and complete wisdom for living happy and successful lives.

Nowhere else can man find perfect advice and solutions for love, marriage, perfect fulfillment, child training, job performance, financial management, family relations, political science, church practice, social welfare, relating to God, how to die, etc., etc. The Bible is God's wisdom revealed!

God used wisdom and displayed wisdom in your creation, in your preservation, in the incarnation of Jesus Christ, in your salvation, in that we became His redeemed sons, and in the revelation of truth and wisdom in the Bible. Is wisdom worthy of your attention? Indeed! What are you doing to pursue the wisdom of God? It is found in the Words written in the Bible, and God-chosen men teach it in His churches. Great blessings wait for those who seek it; great judgment waits for those who ignore or reject it (*Proverbs 8:32-36*).

***Proverbs 8:32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.***

Do you care about your future? Before you is an appeal to consider a matter, for your future prosperity depends on it.

Do you resent being called a child, if it is Lady Wisdom speaking? You should not, for without her wisdom you are more ignorant than a child.

Those who listen to her and keep her advice will be blessed with happiness and success. When you see "*therefore*" in a sentence, you should always ask the question, "What is the 'therefore,' there for?"

It is used to draw conclusions from what has already been written, and it is your interpretive duty to find the connection. In this case, Lady Wisdom is summarizing your need for wisdom by the benefits she has already listed.

Solomon personified wisdom as a woman in ***Proverbs 8*** to get your attention with beautiful and direct language.

Lady Wisdom first introduced herself, her purpose, and the incredible value of wisdom (***Proverbs 8:1-10***).

She then listed numerous benefits of wisdom for individuals and nations (***Proverbs 8:11-21***).

She described how God had wisdom before the creation of the world (***Proverbs 8:22-31***).

She summarized her appeal with a conclusion (***Proverbs 8:32-36***).

How well do you hearken, or listen? Some sit quietly and Words go in one ear or eye and out the other. They love to daydream or doze. They leave a book or teacher without learning a thing, and their lives never improve. Others strain for every Word, and they go away considering soberly (***Proverbs 2:1-9; Ps 1:1-3; Acts 17:11; 1Thessalonians 5:21***).

Hearing and thinking about something means little. You must change your life by what you hear in order for it to profit you. This is crucial! Every Proverb, sermon, or passage of Scripture should affect your life. Only those who obey it will succeed (***James 1:21-25; Matthew 7:21-27***).

**God's Wisdom  
Only Benefits  
Those Who Keep It.**

*"More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in*

*keeping of them there is great reward" (Psalm 19:10-11).*

*"But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (James 1:25).*

Jesus of Nazareth, the wise man greater than Solomon, said, "*Take heed therefore how ye hear" (Luke 8:18; 11:31)*. Why? Because God severely judges those who reject His offer of wisdom, He will take away what understanding you think you have, and He will laugh as you face the calamities of life without it (***Proverbs 1:20-32***). You must love death (***Proverbs 8:36***)!

Jesus warned of three primary threats to learning wisdom:

1. You do not pray, prepare, concentrate, or review what is taught.
2. You are too fearful and weak to stand against the persecution and resistance of others.
3. You are too infatuated with this world's baubles, and its cares choke out any progress in your life (***Luke 18:11-14***).

***Proverbs 8:33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.***

Here is some of the best advice ever! These nine Words teach profound wisdom! Your character, your reputation, your present situation in life, and your future expectations are dependent on how well you have kept, and will keep, this simple Proverb.

The defining trait of a wise man is his ability to follow this basic three-part rule!

Solomon used an extended personification of wisdom at this point in ***Proverbs 8:1 - 9:12***.

Lady Wisdom addressed children in her kind appeal for them to be wise and obtain her great blessings (***Proverbs 8:32***).

The advice is so short, so simple, and so basic that most will ignore it. They think there cannot be wisdom in so few words. They are wrong!

Lady Wisdom first said, "***Hear instruction.***"

Fundamental to all learning is the ability and choice to listen to another. Arriving in this world totally ignorant, the only knowledge you will acquire must be from others. Not many, like to be told they know nothing, and must learn how to think and act. But wise men crave this very activity (***Proverbs 1:5; 9:9; 12:1***).

Wise children appreciate and enjoy listening to their parents, for they consider that their parents probably know far more than they know (*Job 32:6-7*).

Wise parents listen to their parents, for they still know more!

Wise saints will crave the house of God, where they can hear God's Word opened and explained for the profit of their souls. Paul commended hearers in Berea for their nobility in hearing his preaching with a ready mind (*Acts 17:11*).

Yet the Bible clearly describes different levels of hearing. Herod Antipater heard John the Baptist gladly, but he also cut off his head (*Mark 6:16-28*)!

Jesus told His hearers to take heed how they heard in order to bear fruit (*Luke 8:18*). And in *Mark 4:24... take heed what ye hear*.

Lady Wisdom then added, "*And be wise.*" How do you respond to what you hear from parents, pastors, and teachers? Do you reject your own thoughts to accept and adopt what you hear?

Lady Wisdom requires true wisdom, which learns from others (*Proverbs 6:6; 19:20; Psalm 2:10; 94:8*).

Arrogance that rejects instruction is very foolish and dangerous (*Proverbs 3:7; 26:5, 12*).

Then she said, "*And refuse it not.*" A bristling response to correction, instruction, or warnings proves a foolish heart. Do not reject it! Listen submissively. Do not turn away from a teacher, even if he says something you dislike. Paul taught, "*Despise not prophesyings,*" meaning for his hearers to love, seek, and accept preaching (*1Thessalonians 5:20*).

Do you love preaching, rejecting your ideas, and accepting instruction? It is the measure of your wisdom; it tells your future peace and prosperity (*Proverbs 1:20-33; 8:34-36; 10:17; 29:1*).

***Proverbs 8:34 Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.***

Do you crave wisdom? Before rushing on, consider the question. Do you crave, really crave, wisdom? Favor from heaven depends on it.

Are you eager to hear wisdom taught? Do you seek wisdom every day? Do you wait with excited anticipation for any opportunity to learn? Eager seekers are blessed with life and favor of the LORD (*Proverbs 8:35*)!

Most of this chapter and the next contain a lengthy personification of wisdom, where Solomon uses Lady

Wisdom to appeal to men to obtain knowledge and understanding. Lady Wisdom is in this Proverb three times, the "*me,*" the "*my,*" and the "*my.*" She warmly invites men to her house, **If** they want to learn wisdom (*Proverbs 8:1-7; 9:1-5*).

There are rewards for those who seek and find wisdom, the blessing of life and favor of the LORD (*Proverbs 8:35*).

*"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding ..."* (*Proverbs 3:13-18*).

What a glorious proposition! What hinders you today from hearing wisdom? Do you watch for her every day? Are you waiting at the posts of her doors? She loves those who love her, and those who seek her early will find her (*Proverbs 8:17*).

Most men are too lazy and stubborn. Jesus called them wayside hearers (*Mark 4:15*).

Most men do not prepare or apply themselves, and Satan quickly snatches away any wisdom.

It requires tenacious preparation and listening to learn by hearing (*Proverbs 22:17*).

A lazy approach to preaching or written instruction will never work. Much teaching falls on deaf ears and blind eyes.

Most men today cannot endure sound doctrine (*2Timothy 4:3-4*).

Other men are too comfortable. Jesus called them stony ground hearers (*Mark 4:16-17*).

They may get excited to hear truth, but they quickly wilt when encountering any opposition. They value friendship and peace more than truth and wisdom.

These timid compromisers have no real commitment to truth, and the cost of discipleship is too much for them (*Matthew 10:34-39; John 8:31; 12:43-43; Acts 14:22; 2Timothy 3:5, 12*).

Other men love the world. Jesus called them thorny ground hearers (*Mark 4:18-19*).

They appreciate hearing truth, but they are more interested in money and pleasure. They are absorbed with a profession, hobby, or amusements: they cannot find the time or effort to zealously pursue wisdom.

The love of money and pleasure ruins them (*1Timothy 4:7-8; 6:6-10; 2Timothy 3:4; 4:10; James 4:4; 1John 2:15-17*). Remember Lot's wife and Demas!

These three kinds of hearers, the greater part of all men never receive the Lord's blessings. They miss the life

He offers; they miss His divine favor; and they do not grow in wisdom.

In fact, God takes from them the knowledge and wisdom they think they have (**Luke 8:18; Mark 4:24**)!

In God's economy, the rich get richer, and the poor get poorer (**Matthew 25:28**)!

God leaves lazy hearers bankrupt, to remain in the congregation of the dead (**Proverbs 21:16**).

### **But There Are Good Ground Hearers!**

They hear wisdom gladly, and they bear fruit and obtain the LORD's favor.

They are committed and diligent, as our proverb describes.

They were called noble in Berea (**Acts 17:11**), and Solomon described them as single-minded (**Proverbs 18:1**).

They approach hearing like hunting for treasure, with great zeal (**Proverbs 2:1-5**)!

There are only a few of them, but they are the LORD's jewels (**Malachi 3:16-18; Matthew 7:14**).

What is the lesson? Jesus stated, "Take heed therefore how ye hear" (**Luke 8:18**).

### **How You Hear Has Consequences!**

If you are a wayside, stony ground, or thorny ground hearer, He will strip you of the knowledge and blessing you think you have.

If you are a good ground hearer, He will give you more knowledge and blessing. *"Take heed therefore how ye hear."* Crave wisdom; seek her daily; apply yourself; eagerly await every opportunity.

David craved wisdom. *"More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward"* (**Psalms 19:10-11**).

And again, *"Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart"* (**Psalms 119:111**).

And again, *"I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil"* (**Psalms 119:162**).

Wisdom and truth, the Gospel of the of Jesus Christ, are valuable things. Many prophets and righteous men desired to see and hear the gospel, but they did not (**Matthew 13:16-17**).

Noble men will sell all they have to buy it (**Proverbs 23:23; Matthew 13:44-46**).

Lady Wisdom offers are freely given, but you had better not squander her invitation, for she will leave you helpless, when your calamities come (**Proverbs 1:20-33**).

### **Where Do You Meet Lady Wisdom?**

She is between the covers of a King James Bible. How do you read Scripture, out of duty or eager anticipation?

She is heard from the pulpits of Bible preaching Churches with faithful pastors. How do you hear, with painful endurance or enthusiastic appreciation?

She is here in these few comments on this Proverb. Do you speed read or carefully meditate? *"Take heed therefore how ye hear."*

*"Blessed is the man that heareth me."* Are you a prepared and ready hearer, like the noble Bereans, when wisdom is preached (**Acts 17:11**)?

Blessed is the man watching *"daily at my gates."* Do you seek wisdom each day of your life, or only on Sundays (**Psalms 1:2**)?

Blessed is the man that waits *"at the posts of my doors."* Do you eagerly anticipate each opportunity when Lady Wisdom may appear to offer further understanding (**Acts 10:33**)?

The LORD will be found by any man, who will search for Him with his whole heart (**Jeremiah 29:13**).

Do you seek Him with your whole heart? It is the man who delights in the LORD, who receives the desires of his heart (**Psalms 37:4**).

Do you fervently delight in Him? And what of His wisdom? (**Psalms 1:2**)

Do you crave wisdom? Before leaving the proverb, Consider the question.

Do you crave wisdom? Your future blessings depend on it.

### **Proverbs 8:35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.**

Lady Wisdom offers life and the favor of the LORD. What more could you want? She brings life and God's blessing. This is the abundant life; this is the best life; this is eternal life.

But where will you look for her? Are you going to look where she can be found? Will you find her?

Lady Wisdom certainly is not hiding, for she is standing in open places appealing to men of all ages and stations in life (*Proverbs 8:1-5*).

Lady Wisdom encourages us to love her and seek her early, when we are young (*Proverbs 8:17*).

**If** it is too late to be young and seek wisdom, then start now!

Solomon presents true wisdom and understanding as a woman, much like we represent our nation's freedom and the weather as Lady Liberty and Mother Nature, respectively.

Your treatment of wisdom will have great consequences in your life, for good or evil.

**If** you seek wisdom diligently, you will be blessed (*Proverbs 8:34*).

**If** you neglect or resent wisdom, you must love death and want the destruction of your own soul (*Proverbs 8:36*).

Any man and every man would say he wants an abundant life. They would also say, at worst, that the favor of the LORD could not hurt. They spend all their effort, time, and resources on vain things that do not improve life; and these things vex their spirits. Yet how many men seriously apply themselves to wisdom? Very few (*Matthew 7:13-14*)!

Wisdom will lead you to life! It will be a satisfying and successful life of joy, peace, and contentment (*Proverbs 3:13-18*).

Wisdom will bring the favor of God, the blessings of protection, prosperity, and personal fellowship with Him. It is based in the fear of the LORD (*Proverbs 1:7; 9:10; Ecclesiastes 12:13*).

Wisdom brings His great reward (*Psalms 112:1-3; 128:1-6*).

Where will you look for wisdom? She is not hard to find, but she is not where the world congregates. They glory in their country clubs, nightclubs, social clubs, and educational fraternities, but there is no wisdom in these places.

Wisdom is found in the Word of God, a Bible-preaching Church, and in the company of wise men (*Proverbs 13:20; Psalm 119:104; Colossians 1:28*).

Wisdom must be sought diligently! It does not rub off on the slothful; it is not absorbed by the lazy; it cannot be picked up like candy. It must be pursued with serious zeal, or it will not be found (*Proverbs 2:1-6; 18:1*).

Reading the Bible is not enough; attending the right Church is not enough; and neither will talking with

wise men be enough. You must conscientiously and persistently seek it with your whole heart and desire. **If** you do, she will be found!

The greatest life and favor of God is found in Jesus Christ. He said, "*I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly*" (*John 10:10*).

Fellowship with God and fullness of joy are the marks of this great life (*John 15:11; 1John 1:3-4*).

This life evolves into everlasting life being an eternal heir of God with Christ (*Romans 8:17*).

***Proverbs 8:36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.***

Do it my way, or die! This is the ultimatum of Lady Wisdom! She freely offered you wisdom, which is more precious than anything on earth (*Proverbs 8:1-11*).

She listed fabulous blessings that accompany wisdom (*Proverbs 8:12-21*).

She described her eternal existence with God and role in creation (*Proverbs 8:22-31*).

**If** you refuse her, you are choosing a slow and painful death for yourself (*Proverbs 1:24-33*).

She has no mercy for those rejecting her (*Proverbs 8:33; 9:12; 29:1*).

Proverbs chapter eight is a lengthy personification of wisdom as a woman. It is a beautiful and powerful figure of speech, but it belies the ferocious severity of this woman **If** you spurn her!

Calamities will surely come in your life **If** you reject wisdom, and she will laugh and mock at your pain and trouble (*Proverbs 1:26-27*)!

She will ignore your cries, when you are drowning in anguish, distress, and fear, while destruction feeds on your soul and life!

She is not unjustly cruel; fools are wickedly profane! **If** an offer of wisdom is rejected, then the brute beast that despised it deserves to suffer. There is nothing unjust here.

Since wisdom is the principal matter of life and eternity, rejecting it is arrogant suicide. Those that sin against wisdom by choosing their own ideas are wronging their own souls. Those that hate wisdom and scorn her correction and instruction must love a painful death.

Wisdom is the only way to live a happy, prosperous, safe, and successful life. **If** you rebel against it, you must love the dysfunctional lives that torture the souls of most today. Dysfunction is epidemic; divorce, drugs, debt, disobedient children, disease, depression, and drunkenness are rampant. Lady Wisdom offers the cure.

Neither God, nor wisdom, nor the Bible is a take-it-or-leave-it matter! There is no option for agreeing to disagree with the God of heaven (*Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; John 4:24*).

There is no option to accept parts of the Word of God and reject others (*Psalms 119:128; 1 Timothy 6:3-5*).

Mankind's pathways have two branches: the small minority following the strait and narrow way to life, and the large majority following the wide and broad way to destruction (*Matthew 7:13-14*).

God is infinitely sovereign over your life. He is the Potter; you are the clay (*Isaiah 45:9-10; Romans 9:20-21*).

God does according to His will in heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; no one can resist or question Him (*Daniel 4:35*).

God has made all things for Himself (*Proverbs 16:4; Revelation 4:11*).

God created you with an eternal soul, that you cannot turn off, He did it without even asking you! He did not ask you for approval for even one circumstance of your life! You need to humble yourself before Him!

He revealed Himself in creation, so that all men are without excuse for not worshipping and thanking Him (*Psalms 19:1-6; Acts 14:17; Romans 1:18-20*).

Because man thinks himself to be wise, their hearts are hardened and God blinds their minds to defile themselves with sodomy and other abominable and inconvenient sins (*Romans 1:21-32*).

Do you know this God of the Bible (*Isaiah 45:5-7; Acts 17:23*)?

God changes not, and He never will (*Hebrews 12:28-29; 13:8*)!

**The World  
Has Entered Its Final Stages  
Of Existence!**

The perilous times of the last days have brought an effeminate and compromising brand of Christianity (*2 Timothy 3:1-7*).

These carnal and worldly Christians despise Bible preaching. They much prefer fables and entertainment.

**If** they can wear cutoffs and flip-flops and sip Starbucks coffee while skimming 10-15 different Bible versions on a big screen (*2 Timothy 4:3-4*).

These modern frauds despise the Words of the living God. They want to hear smooth things, just like all truth rejecters (*Isaiah 30:8-11*).

They want Jesus rap, Christian rock, and heavenly funk rather than sound doctrine.

They want purpose driven drivel and seeker sensitive sap rather than, "*Thus saith the Lord.*"

How did the Lord Jesus Christ state the same sentiments to the Jews that killed Him, "*For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation*" (*Luke 19:43-44*).

And God fulfilled this perfectly, to the letter, in 70AD with the Roman armies under Titus.

God has revealed Himself to you in creation.

Lady Wisdom has spoken to you from the book of Proverbs.

The Bible is the only source of righteousness, truth, and wisdom in the world; and its primary message is the supreme authority of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

What is His message for those who reject Him? ***If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha! Let him be cursed at the coming of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 16:22)! Seek Him today!***