

Proverbs 08 - The Embodiment of Wisdom: Jesus Christ

II. Solomon's 12 lessons of wisdom to his son(s) (Prov 1:8—9:18)

(11) Lesson 11: Avoid the adulterous woman and embrace the woman of wisdom (Prov 7:1—8:31)

- (B) Embrace Lady wisdom (8:1-31)
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- (B) Embrace Lady wisdom (8:1-31)
 - (a) Her call (8:1-4)

1 Does not wisdom call, And understanding raise her voice?

1 Does not wisdom call, And understanding lift up her voice?

1 Isn't wisdom calling out; isn't understanding raising her voice?

1 Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?

2 On top of the heights beside the way, Where the paths meet, she takes her stand;

2 On top of the heights beside the way, Where the paths meet, she takes her stand;

2 On top of the highest places along the road she stands where the roads meet.

2 She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.

3 Beside the gates, at the opening to the city, At the entrance of the doors, she cries out:

3 Beside the gates, at the opening to the city, At the entrance of the doors, she cries out:

3 Beside the gates, at the city entrance— at the entrance to the portals she cries aloud:

3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.

4 "To you, people, I call, And my voice is to mankind.

4 "To you, O men, I call, And my voice is to the sons of men.

4 "I'm calling to you, men! What I have to say pertains to all mankind!
4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.

(b) Her virtues (8:5-11)

5 "You naive ones, understand prudence; And, you fools, understand wisdom!
5 "O naive ones, understand prudence; And, O fools, understand wisdom.
5 Understand prudence, you naïve people; and gain an understanding heart, you foolish ones.
5 O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.

6 "Listen, for I will speak noble things; And the opening of my lips *will reveal* right things.
6 "Listen, for I will speak noble things; And the opening of my lips *will reveal* right things.
6 Listen, because I have noble things to say, and what I have to say will reveal what is right.
6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.

7 "For my mouth will proclaim truth; And wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
7 "For my mouth will utter truth; And wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
7 For my mouth speaks the truth— wickedness is detestable to me.
7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

8 "All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; There is nothing crooked or perverted in them.
8 "All the utterances of my mouth are in righteousness; There is nothing crooked or perverted in them.
8 Everything I have to say is just; there isn't anything corrupt or perverse in my speech.
8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.

9 "They are all straightforward to him who understands, And right to those who find knowledge.
9 "They are all straightforward to him who understands, And right to those who find knowledge.
9 Everything I say is sensible to someone who understands, and correct to those who have acquired knowledge.
9 They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

10 "Accept my instruction and not silver, And knowledge rather than choice gold.
10 "Take my instruction and not silver, And knowledge rather than choicest gold.

10 Grab hold of my instruction in lieu of money and knowledge instead of the finest gold,
10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

11 "For wisdom is better than jewels; And all desirable things cannot compare with her.
11 "For wisdom is better than jewels; And all desirable things cannot compare with her.
11 because wisdom is better than precious gems and nothing you desire can compare to it."
11 For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

(c) Her rewards (8:12-21)

12 "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And I find knowledge *and* discretion.
12 "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And I find knowledge *and* discretion.
12 "I, wisdom, am related to prudence. I know how to be discreet.
12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

13 "The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride, arrogance, the evil way, And the perverted mouth, I hate.

13 "The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverted mouth, I hate.

13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil. Pride, arrogance, an evil lifestyle, and perverted speech I despise.

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

14 "Advice is mine and sound wisdom; I am understanding, power is mine.

14 "Counsel is mine and sound wisdom; I am understanding, power is mine.

14 Counsel belongs to me, along with sound judgment. I am understanding. Power belongs to me.

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

15 "By me kings reign, And rulers decree justice.

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15 Kings reign by me, and rulers dispense justice through me.

15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

16 "By me princes rule, and nobles, All who judge rightly.

16 "By me princes rule, and nobles, All who judge rightly.

16 By me leaders rule, as do noble officials and all who govern justly.

16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

17 "I love those who love me; And those who diligently seek me will find me.

17 "I love those who love me; And those who diligently seek me will find me.

17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me will find me.

17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

18 "Riches and honor are with me, Enduring wealth and righteousness.

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18 Wealth and honor accompany me, as do enduring wealth and righteousness.

18 Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.

19 "My fruit is better than gold, even pure gold; And my yield *better* than choice silver.

19 "My fruit is better than gold, even pure gold, And my yield *better* than choicest silver.

19 My fruit is better than gold, better than even refined gold, and my benefit surpasses the purest silver.

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

20 "I walk in the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of justice,

20 "I walk in the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of justice,

20 I walk on the way of righteousness, along paths that are just,

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

21 To endow those who love me with wealth, That I may fill their treasuries.

21 To endow those who love me with wealth, That I may fill their treasuries.

21 I bequeath wealth to those who love me, and I will fill their treasuries."

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

(d) Her role in creation (8:22-31)

22 "The LORD created me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old.

22 "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old.

22 "The LORD made me as he began his planning, before his ancient activity commenced.

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

23 "From eternity I was established, From the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth.

23 "From everlasting I was established, From the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth.

23 From eternity I was appointed, from the beginning, from before there was land.

23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

24 "When there were no ocean depths, I was born, When there were no springs abounding with water.

24 "When there were no depths I was brought forth, When there were no springs abounding with water.

24 When there were no ocean depths, I brought them to birth at a time when there were no springs.

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

25 "Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills, I was born;

25 "Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills I was brought forth;

25 Before the mountains were shaped, before there were hills, I was bringing them to birth.

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

26 While He had not yet made the earth and the fields, Nor the first dust of the world.

26 While He had not yet made the earth and the fields, Nor the first dust of the world.

26 Even though he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the world's first grains of dust,

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

27 "When He established the heavens, I was there; When He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep,

27 "When He established the heavens, I was there, When He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep,

27 when he crafted the heavens, I was there— when he marked out a circle on the face of the deep,

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

28 When He made firm the skies above, When the springs of the deep became fixed,

28 When He made firm the skies above, When the springs of the deep became fixed,

28 when he made the clouds from above, when the springs of the depths were established,

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

29 When He set a boundary for the sea So that the water would not violate His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth;

29 When He set for the sea its boundary So that the water would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth;

29 when he set a boundary for the sea so the waters would not exceed his limits, when he marked out the foundations of the earth.

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:

30 Then I was beside Him, as a master workman; And I was *His* delight daily, Rejoicing always before Him,

30 Then I was beside Him, as a master workman; And I was daily *His* delight, Rejoicing always before Him,

30 Then I was with him, his master craftsman— I was his delight daily, continuously rejoicing in his presence,

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

31 Rejoicing in the world, His earth, And *having* my delight in the sons of mankind.

31 Rejoicing in the world, His earth, And *having* my delight in the sons of men.

31 rejoicing in his inhabited world and taking delight in mankind."

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

(12) Lesson 12: Embrace the feast of wisdom and reject the feast of folly (Prov 8:32—9:18)

(A) Opening exhortation (8:32-36)

32 "Now then, sons, listen to me, For blessed are those who keep my ways.

32 "Now therefore, O sons, listen to me, For blessed are they who keep my ways.

32 "So listen to me, children! Blessed are those who obey me.

32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.

33 "Listen to instruction and be wise, And do not neglect *it*.

33 "Heed instruction and be wise, And do not neglect *it*.

33 Listen to instruction and be wise. Don't ignore it.

33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

34 "Blessed is the person who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at my doorposts.

34 "Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at my doorposts.

34 Blessed is the person who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at my doorways—

34 Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

35 "For one who finds me finds life, And obtains favor from the LORD.

35 "For he who finds me finds life And obtains favor from the LORD.

35 because those who find me find life and gain favor from the LORD.

35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.

36 "But one who sins against me injures himself; All those who hate me love death."

36 "But he who sins against me injures himself; All those who hate me love death."

36 But whoever sins against me destroys himself; everyone who hates me loves death."

36 But he that sinneth against me wrongs his own soul: all they that hate me love death.