

Wisdom Personified
(Proverbs 8)

I. Introduction:

- A. Wisdom in fiction
- B. Wisdom in fact

II. Exposition: Proverbs 8

- A. The Profit of Wisdom (8:1-21)
 - 1. The call of wisdom (vv. 1-4)
 - Public not Private
 - Inclusive not exclusive
 - 2. The character of wisdom (vv. 5-11)
 - Truth not lies
 - Righteousness not wickedness
 - 3. The counsel of wisdom (vv. 12-16)
 - Moral not just mental
 - 4. The compensation of wisdom (vv. 17-21)
 - Seekers – Finders
 - Eternal enrichment above earthly riches
- B. The Power of Wisdom (8:22-31)
 - 1. The creation and wisdom (vv. 22-29)
 - Proverbs 3:19
 - Psalm 90:2; 136:5
 - Jeremiah 10:12
 - 2. The craftsmanship of wisdom (vv. 30-31)
 - Genesis 1:31

- C. The Prizing of Wisdom (8:32-36)
 - 1. The challenge wisdom presents (vv. 32-34)
 - Invitation ... Blessing ... Invitation ...
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 - 2. The consequence wisdom states (vv. 35-36)
 - Life and favor or injury and death!
 - Matthew 12:30
 - Joshua 24:15

III. Conclusion: Jesus and Wisdom

- I Corinthians 1:24, 30
- Colossians 2:3
- James 3:13-18

Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

- 1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
- 2. Wisdom is not just mental knowledge but moral application. In what ways does our culture miss this? In what ways are you applying wisdom in how you live your life?
- 3. How is wisdom of greater value than riches? Can you give specific examples from your own life?
- 4. How is the wisdom of God evident in creation?
- 5. How highly do you value wisdom? How is that evident in your personal life?
- 6. What stuck out to you from the conclusion?
- 7. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will..." (What is your action point?)