

## Proverbs 8

**Opening Prayer:** Lord God, I praise you for your love and grace. Thank you for loving me enough to teach and correct me. I seek your wisdom because it leads me in paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. I delight in your presence and love your word that washes me clean. Lord, speak to me this morning. May your word be a compass and a light for my feet today and always. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Comments/Insights:** In reading Proverbs 8 today, several verses were illuminated. Wisdom calls out to ALL of us in verse 4. ***“Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.”*** Wisdom's voice is raised to all mankind -- every one of us. Are we listening **intently** for wisdom? **GOD'S WAYS ARE HIGHER THAN OUR WAYS.** The benefits of God's wisdom are the simple understanding/wisdom and fools gain an understanding heart (vs. 5-6)

Lord, open my ears to your will. If I am simple or foolish in an area of my life, help me to gain understanding. Help me to seek YOUR wisdom with ALL MY HEART. Your wisdom is more precious than rubies, and NOTHING I desire can compare with you God. (vs. 11). In verse 13, wisdom is to fear the Lord and to hate evil. ***<sup>13</sup>The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the forward mouth, do I hate.*** God hates evil and pride in our hearts and the words we speak show our pride to others. The good news is that those who love God and **EARNESTLY** seek His wisdom will find it.

Finally in Verses 35-36 God says that whoever finds me (godly wisdom) finds LIFE and receives FAVOR from the Lord. But whoever sins and hates godly wisdom, loves death.”

**Basic Scripture Truth:** When we are open to wisdom's call we listen and hear. We ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand what our instructions are. And then we respond through obedience. The choice is ours -- life and favor or harm and spiritual death.

**Application to my Life:** Lord, help me to order my steps in your word. Give me your wisdom. Help me to bring your kingdom to earth so that others will see Jesus in my life. When I hear YOUR wisdom and obey by following your instructions, the blood of Jesus is applied to the situation (like in Passover). Evil passes over me.

**Closing Prayer:** Father God, thank you for being with me this morning. Thank you for your Holy Spirit who has revealed so much to me. Help me to listen more intently. Give me ears to hear YOUR wisdom and to respond in obedience to the truths you have revealed to me. I commit my day to you and ask that you work through me for your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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