



Proverbs 8

Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? 2 On the heights beside the way at the crossroads she takes her stand;
3 beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: 4
“To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. 5 O simple ones, learn
prudence. O fools, learn sense.6 Hear, for I will speak noble things,
and from my lips will come what is right,7 for my mouth will utter truth;
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.8 All the words of my mouth are
righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.9 They are all straight to him
who understands, and right to those who find knowledge.10 Take my instruction
instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold,
11 for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with
her.12 “I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion.13 The
fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and
perverted speech I hate.14 I have counsel and sound wisdom;
I have insight; I have strength.15 By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is
just;16 by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly.[a]17 I love those who
love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.18 Riches and honor are with me,
enduring wealth and righteousness.19 My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and
my yield than choice silver.20 I walk in the way of righteousness,
in the paths of justice,21 granting an inheritance to those who love me,
and filling their treasuries.22 “The Lord possessed[b] me at the beginning of his
work,[c]the first of his acts of old.23 Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.24 When there were no depths I was
brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.25 Before the
mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,26 before he had
made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world.
27 When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face
of the deep, 28 when he made firm the skies above, when he established[d] the
fountains of the deep,29 when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters
might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,30 then I was beside him, like a
master workman, and I was daily his[e] delight, rejoicing before him always,
31 rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.
32 “And now, O sons, listen to me: blessed are those who keep my ways.
33 Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it.34 Blessed is the one who
listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors.
35 For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord,
36 but he who fails to find me injures himself; all who hate me love death.”

Prayer Journal

Devotion

The book of Proverbs is a book of poetry. Proverbs 8 in particular is a beautiful poem about wisdom. Not our wisdom, but the wisdom of Christ. The wisdom that he pours out when he teaches us and the wisdom of how he saves us. When we know about Christ we are wiser about life and salvation in Heaven. Verses 17-21 teaches us to value wisdom above gold and silver, in other words above the earthly things that have no meaning in Heaven. This wisdom is what drives our faith. The faith that is yearning for more because of the good news the Gospel brings us. The wisdom we seek is the same wisdom our students seek. As adults we sometimes get caught up in knowing right from wrong and worrying about the little details of our days. Wisdom for a child about Christ is so much simpler, and can create so much joy. Children exude joy more than we as adults do. They have the love of God in their hearts and for those moments when they are small that's all the wisdom they need. It's simple just to know they are loved and cared for by their Heavenly Father. The piece of wisdom that God loves them is enough for a child and really that's the foundation we as adults have too. We have a God who loves us dearly. It doesn't need to be complex, because its a simple wisdom that matures through faith and understanding.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for blessing us with wisdom of who you are through the bible. The wisdom you pour out is greater than anything we can find on earth. Your words guide us and teach us daily how to love and serve those around us. Help us to remember the foundation of wisdom we were given as a child knowing that we have a Father who loves us dearly.