

Knowing Wisdom

Proverbs 8

Knowing true wisdom is knowing God.

A. The Cry Of Wisdom (8:1-4)

1. The cry is here now (8:1)

2. The cry is where wisdom is needed most (8:2-3)

3. The cry is to those who need it the most (8:4)

B. The Call in The Cry (8:5-9)

1. Do not remain in your present state (8:5)

2. Look at what I offer (8:6-8)

3. Wisdom requires a willing heart (8:9)

2 Corinthians 3:12-16

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C. The Comparison in The Call (8:10-13)

- 1. Wisdom's worth is better than wealth (8:10-11)**
- 2. Wisdom's way is right rather than wrong (8:12)**
- 3. Wisdom's will is the same as God's will (8:13)**

D. The Consequences In The Call (8:14-21)

- 1. The basis (8:14)**
- 2. The benefits (8:15-21)**
 - a. Wisdom to lead (8:15-16)**
 - b. Wisdom to discover (8:17)**
 - c. Wisdom's wealth (8:18-19)**
 - d. Wisdom's way (8:20-21)**

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E. Wisdom's Congruency With Christ (8:22-31)

John 1:1-3, 1 Corinthians 1:24, 30

1. In the beginning of eternity (8:22-26)

2. In the creation of the universe (8:27-31)

F. The Commands Of Wisdom (8:32-36)

1. Hear me (8:32-34)

2. Find me (8:35)

3. Follow me (8:36)

Ephesians 1:17

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

A Tale Of Two Feasts

Proverbs 9

Wisdom is the ONLY choice

I. Communing With Wisdom (9:1-6)

A. In a house prepared (9:1)

Proverbs 9:1

Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

John 14:3

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

I. Communing With Wisdom (9:1-6)

B. To a banquet prepared (9:2)

Proverbs 9:2

**She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine;
she hath also furnished her table.**

I. Communing With Wisdom (9:1-6)

C. A call conveyed (9:3-6)

Proverbs 9:3-6

3 She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,

4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.

6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

1. Wisdom has emissaries (v 3)

2. A call for all (vv 4-5)

3. The necessities to heed the call (v 6)

Luke 14:15-24

15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse.

The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

Luke 14:15-24 - continued

19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

Luke 14:15-24 - continued

22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

II. Choices to Consider (9:7-12)

A. To speak wisely (9:7-9)

Proverbs 9:7-9

**7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame:
and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a
blot.**

**8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise
man, and he will love thee.**

**9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet
wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.**

1. To those who will listen (vv 7-8)

2. To those who know their limitations (v 9)

III. Choices to Consider (9:7-12)

B. To seek the God of wisdom (9:10-11)

Proverbs 9:10-11

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

C. To be wise (9:12)

Proverbs 9:12

If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.

III. Communing With A Counterfeit (9:13-18)

Proverbs 9:13-18

13 A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing.

14 For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,

15 To call passengers who go right on their ways:

16 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.

18 But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.

III. Communing With A Counterfeit (9:13-18)

A. False wisdom (9:13)

B. False honor (9:14)

C. False calling (9:15)

D. Fake promises (9:16-18)

1. Believed by the simple (v 16)

2. Belied by the prospects (v 17)

3. Beware of the consequence (v 18)

1 John 4:1

**Beloved, believe not every spirit,
but try the spirits whether they are
of God: because many false
prophets are gone out into the
world.**