



Proverbs 8

Wisdom

Wisdom takes her stand on the top of high places by the way and at the cross-paths. Beside the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors, she cried aloud.

Unto the sons of man.

Understand prudence and understand sense. Hear, for I will speak excellent things, and the opening of my lips shall be right things.

My palate shall meditate on the truth, and wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing tortuous or perverse in them. They are all plain to him that understand, and right to them that find knowledge.

Receiving my instruction for wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things that may be desired are not equal to it. Wisdom dwell with prudence and find the knowledge which cometh of reflection.

The **fear of Jehovah** is to hate evil; pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way and the forward mouth do I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am intelligent; I have strength.

By me kings reign, and rulers make just decrees; by me princes rule, and nobles, all the judges of the earth. I love those that love me; and they that seek me early shall find me. Riches and honor are with me; durable wealth and righteousness.

My fruit is better than find gold, yea, than pure gold; and my revenue than choice silver. I walk in the path of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: that I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasuries.

Jehovah possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from eternity, from the beginning, before the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth; while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the beginning of the dust of the world.

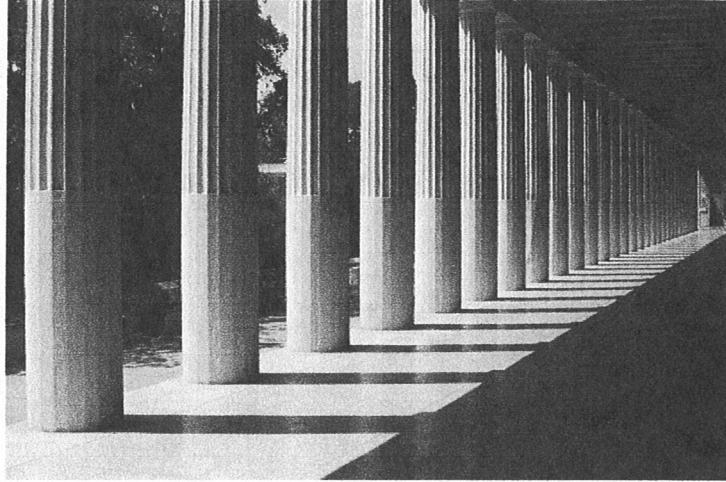
When He prepared the heavens, I was there. When he ordained the circle upon the face of the deep; when he established the skies above, when the fountains of the deep became strong; when he imposed on the sea his decree that the waters should not pass his commandment, when he appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by him nursling, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth, and my delights were with the sons of men.

Hear instructions and be wise and refuse it not. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and obtaineth favor of Jehovah; but he that sinneth against me doeth violence to his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

Doth not Wisdom cry? And understanding give forth her voice?

Wisdom	Understanding
On top of high places by the way	Understand prudence
At the coming in at the doors	Understand sense
All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing tortuous or perverse in them.	Hear- my palate shall meditate on truth and wickedness is an abomination to by lips.
They are all plain to him that understand, and right to them that find knowledge.	Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold: for wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things that may be desired are not equal to it.

Wisdom dwell prudence and find the knowledge which cometh of reflection.	The fear of Jehovah is to hate evil; pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way and the forward mouth do I hate.
Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom. I am intelligent; I have strength.	By me kings reign, and rulers make just decrees; by me princes' rule, and nobles, all the judges of the earth.
I love those that love me, and they that seek me early shall find me. Riches and honor are with me; durable wealth and righteousness.	My fruit is better than fine gold, yea, than pure gold; and my revenue than choice silver. I walk in the path of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: that I may cause those that love me to inherit substance, and I will fill their treasures.
Jehovah possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from eternity; from the beginning, before the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth; while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the beginning of the dust of the world.	When he established the skies above, when the fountains of the deep became strong; when he imposed on the sea his decree that the waters should not pass his commandment, when he appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by him nursing, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth, and my delights were with the sons of men. Hearken unto me and blessed are they that keep my ways.
Hear instructions and be wise and refuse it not.	Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.
Whoso findeth me findeth life, and obtaineth favor of Jehovah.	But he that sinneth against me doeth violence to his own soul: all they that hate me love death.



Pillars of Wisdom

Pillar One- Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults. A mocker is a person who treats someone or something with contempt, often with the intent to humiliate or demean, by limiting flaws or mistakes.

Pillar Two- Whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse. To rebuke is to express sharp, stern disapproval or to reprimand someone for their actions or words.

Pillar Three- Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you.

Pillar Four- Rebuke the wise and they will love you.

Pillar Five- Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still. To instruct means to teach a person a skill or subject, provide authoritative information or

advice, or give a command or order to someone to do something.

Pillar Six- Teach the righteous and they will add to their learning. Direct, discuss, and delegate. The directing style promotes learning through listening and following directions. The discussing style promotes learning through interaction. The teacher encourages critical thinking and lively discussion by asking students to respond to challenging questions. The teacher is a facilitator guiding the discussion to a logical conclusion. Students learn to have opinions and to back them up with facts and data. The delegating style promotes learning through empowerment. With this style, the teacher assigns tasks that students work on independently, either individually or in groups. Summary; direct-tell students what to do. Discuss- ask questions and listen. Delegate- empower students.

Pillar Seven- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Fear of the Lord, instruction, knowledge, understanding, discretion, counsel, and reproof are the seven pillars of Wisdom.

Completeness and Perfection.

Stability and Strength.

Qualities of wisdom.

Spiritual Characteristics.

Symbolic Meanings.

Connection to the New Testament.

Pillar Eight- Through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life.

Wisdom- the ability or result of an ability to think and act utilizing knowledge, experience, understanding, common sense, and insight.

Accumulated knowledge, erudition, or enlightenment. Four kinds of Wisdom: Earthly Wisdom (common sense), Sensual/Intellectual Wisdom (acquiring knowledge and reasoning), Devilish/Demonic Wisdom (harmful and destructive), and Divine/Godly Wisdom (from

above, leading to peace and communal flourishing).

Pillar Nine- If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you, if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer. Heavenly Wisdom is pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. These pillars encompass: the fear of the Lord, knowledge, understanding, **prudence** (the quality of being careful and showing good judgment in practical matters, especially by avoiding unnecessary risks and considering the future consequences of actions.), counsel or correction, instruction, and discretion.

God provides Wisdom to those who ask for it, and the beginning of true wisdom is the “fear of the LORD” (reverence for God). God’s wisdom is pure, peaceable, and leads to a future and hope, whereas other forms of wisdom can be deceitful. To find this divine wisdom, one should ask God and seek it through His word, as it is a precious gift that leads

to good judgment and understanding, preserving life and standing strong in difficult times.



Folly is an unruly woman; she is simple and knows nothing. She sits at the door of her house, on a seat at the highest point of the city, calling out to those who pass by who go straight on their way. To those who have no sense she says, "Stolen water is sweet, food eaten in secret is delicious". But little do they know that the dead are there, that her guests are deep in the realm of the dead.