

Series: Wisdom in an Age of Folly: Proverbs 1-9

Text: Proverbs 3:13-35

**HI: Blessed are those who hold to wisdom, for theirs is the kingdom of God**

Title: Hold On

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#### **II. The Lord’s wisdom is greater than our imagination**

##### **READ Job 38:1-7**

**38** *Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:*

<sup>2</sup> *“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?*

<sup>3</sup> *Dress for action like a man;*

*I will question you, and you make it known to me.*

<sup>4</sup> *“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?*

*Tell me, if you have understanding.*

<sup>5</sup> *Who determined its measurements—surely you know!*

*Or who stretched the line upon it?*

<sup>6</sup> *On what were its bases sunk,*

*or who laid its cornerstone,*

<sup>7</sup> *when the morning stars sang together*

*and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

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*“Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of your produce.”*

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