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Shalom, and welcome to via after yisrayl A Hebrew phrase which means you shall love Israel. We hope you'll stay with us for the next 30 minutes as our teacher Dr. Baruch shares his expository teaching from the Bible. Dr. Baruch is the senior lecturer at the Zyra Avraham Institute based in Israel. Although all courses are taught in Hebrew at the institute, Dr. Baruch is pleased to share this weekly address in English. To find out more about our work in Israel. Please visit us on the web at love Israel dot o RG That's one word love Israel dot o RG. Now, here's Baroque with today's lesson.

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We have seen that wisdom is foundational in the book of Proverbs, and is when we esteem wisdom, seek it pursue it in order that we can utilize it in our life, then we're going to see that our life is going to have a godly order. So if you're not experiencing that godly order, seek the wisdom of God. And part of seeking God's wisdom is affirming to him. That what he reveals you what he shows you what he teaches you, that you are going to take hold of, and that you are going to apply that to your life so that you can accomplish his purposes, his desires to get your Bible and look with me to the book of Proverbs, and chapter eight, the book of Proverbs, and chapter eight. Now, we began this chapter last week, and we completed the first half. And now we're ready for verse 18. And again, the emphasis in these verses is wisdom. That we need to value wisdom, cherish it, utilize it, pursue it, seek it, in order that by it that our life can be ordered in a way that is pleasing to God. So notice what he says in verse 18. He says, wealth and honor are with me. So Solomon is speaking, and he's speaking about wisdom. And he says concerning wisdom, that wealth and honor is with me, meaning they are with wisdom. And not just that it says, hone a tech. Now, a tech comes from a word, which has to do with enduring something of long ago, that same word is used for the Old City of Jerusalem. It's used as a way of relating things that are long in the past, the word for antique is also derived from this. So it's talking about something that is old, something that is valuable, something that is precious, and he says here in this scripture, that that wealth, and the word here has to do with amassing resources, usually financial resources, or that which is of value. He says this enduring this old this ancient wealth, and righteousness. So when we look at these four things that are said, and look at them again, through wisdom, when we find wisdom, we find wealth, we find honor, we find that that ancient resource, that ancient provision, and then finally, also righteousness. So we see that wisdom leads us to blessings in this world, but also a change whereby through wisdom, we can demonstrate righteousness. And then keep reading verse 19. Or he says, Good, is my fruit and again, who's speaking? Yes, Solomon is speaking, but he's speaking about wisdom. Wisdom is the subject of these verses. So he says, Good is

my fruit meaning the fruit of wisdom, and it's good, literally, we could say it is better than gold, and even better than find gold. And then it says, my yield, and this is a word of outcome. It's a word that presupposes effort and activity and work. And therefore when we utilize wisdom, it's good to produce something and what is that? It produces? That which is more preferable, which is better than and then we have the word for for a chosen silver that is

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Silver, that is desirable that which would be chosen by, by individuals. So again, wisdom has great value, and we need to esteem it. And if we esteem it, we're going to utilize it. And therefore through that, we're going to obtain that which is more precious, more valuable than, than any wealth that this world can offer. Now, when we move into the next verse, verse 20, we see something else, through wisdom. It places me that is wisdom places me in a direction, and a pathway on a way. And notice what he says here, look at verse 20.

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In the way of righteousness, I will walk in the midst of the pathways of justice. So we see here wisdom, wisdom leads us into righteousness, and justice, those two words appear there. Now realize in the Greek language, there's only one word and many other languages, they don't have a distinction between righteousness and justice. But biblically, in the Hebrew language, there are two different words just like in English. So again, he speaks about how that wisdom is going to position us on that way of righteousness. And he says, Through wisdom, I will walk on that way of righteousness. And in the midst of these pathways of justice, we see a connection between righteousness and justice. When we are not executing justice, there's not going to be the manifestation of righteousness. Look down to verse 21. Now, verse 21, it's somewhat difficult to understand because of a language. In fact, in this second part of chapter eight, the language is difficult. He says here,

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to inherit, and then the word after the next one, which would be the third word is word, yes, which means there is. So he speaking about that there is an inheritance for who, the ones who love me. Now, notice, those who love wisdom are going to value wisdom, esteem, will wisdom, utilize wisdom, and what's going to be the outcome of that he says, and their treasures. And this is a word for really a treasury, he says, I will fill so those places that we have,

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storing our treasures, those places the same through wisdom, I'm going to fill up. So again, we find how wisdom when it's utilized for the right purposes, it brings about a degree of wealth, a degree of prosperity, there is an outcome, there's a yield from behaving in accordance with the wisdom of God, verse 22, and again, I want to remind us, the subject here is wisdom. He says, The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his way. So we find here that the way of God which is related to the will of God is always connected to wisdom, what God did, he did in his wisdom, and therefore he says here, verse 22, the Lord possessed me at the beginning of his way. And then he says, before his activity, from then meaning from the beginning of his activity, and even before that wisdom was present, God did everything with wisdom. And therefore and the the takeaway for us is this. If we're going to experience God's activity in our life, we need to take hold of wisdom. There is not going to be God's work, the the

edification of God in our life, unless we are utilizing wisdom. And therefore what the scripture is teaching us is that wisdom is so vital. We are desperately in need of the wisdom of God if we're going to experience the work of God in our life. Look now to verse 23. He says, mail alarm which could be translated and from old from long ago, it says

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If I was poured out again, wisdom is the subject. So from long ago, wisdom was poured out. And then he says from before, and then he uses another word for that same mindset, from before or even before the Ancient of the earth. So even before that ancient history of the earth, there was wisdom being made available, made available for the creation of this world. He goes on and speaks about creation in the next verse, verse 24, when he says, when there was no depths, I was was brought forth when there was no fountains fountains of, and then we have a phrase here, the birthday Mine. Now nipa de, is a word that speaks about that, which is honorable, and what we're talking to here about the precious water, and why is water seen as precious or honorable, because water is necessary for there to be life. And therefore what we should glean from that is this, look again at verse 24. Before there was was, when there was no

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depths of water, he says, I was brought forth meaning wisdom, when there was no fountains of we could say, honorable water or heavy water. And the point here is this heavy water is the significance of water. And some will say bubbling up bubbling water is simply talking about how there's a significance to water, because it is related to life. And it's only when we are utilizing the wisdom of God. Therefore, we can be good stewards of the life and the things that relate to life that God has brought into this world, verse 25, before the mountains, sunk, and this has to be settled down, get into their locations. So Before the mountains were located, before the hills were brought forth were made. He's saying all of this was not done except by wisdom. So what he's saying here is that when we look at God's creation, a creation that was well pleasing to Him, a creation that was good, behold, very good. It was the wisdom of God, which was utilize in order to make this world the heavens in the earth. Now, why is that so important? Because if we're going to produce anything that is pleasing to God, we can't do it in our own knowledge. But we are dependent upon the wisdom of God. And therefore, with that being said, we should be people who seek God's wisdom. This is what this chapter is all about. Putting a priority on the wisdom of God and seeking it and not acting in our own knowledge, but acting only when God has bestowed upon us wisdom. Look at verse 26.

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We had the Frankish phrase, Lo, which means until not has made the earth so we could translate it until the earth was was made.

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So even before that, up to the time that the earth was, was not yet made,

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nor some Bibles will say fields, but this would be the exterior areas. So we're talking about the Earth, and also the exterior areas of the earth. He says also the old and then we have the dust of the earth,

some will say primeval, but it's word the beginning of this this dust, which is part of creation, and some will say that this Deus is related to humanity. It's a different words, it's from the word here, for for the ground. But But we see that it's it's different. It's the desk comes from the ground, but the word ground is itema. And this is a different word. When we look at it in the original language, we see that it has to do with with

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a four, which is like I say, dirt or dust, something that comes from the ground. So again, when we look at this, it's going back from before the creation of humanity. God's wisdom was you

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utilise in order to bring this world into it's been. Verse 27.

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When he established the heavens, there I was. And notice it speaks about wisdom being present. So when he established the heavens, there I was. And notice we have a phrase here for

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the root is to legislate something. Now, here, most of the Bible translations will say, draw out the circle. And this is putting forth diameter of the Earth. So he did that with wisdom. So when he established the heavens, there I was, when I was drawing the diameter of the face of the deep, so again, it's a message that that God in His creation, that which God makes, he makes with wisdom. And if we're going to experience a life that is made by God, and built by God and edified by God,

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we are dependent upon the wisdom of God. So let me ask you a question. When was the last time that you prayed for wisdom, we pray for things. We pray for God to do something to act to move. But But if we're going to be spiritually correct, we're need to ask God frequently for wisdom. And again, don't ask for wisdom unless you come before him with the commitment that whatever he shares with you, whatever he reveals to you what he teaches you that you're going to put it in to action. Look now to verse, verse 28. Now, this is a word that speaks about power, or strength. And remember, the book of Proverbs is poetic, we've made mentioned super, many, many times, about the fact that the chief characteristic of Hebrew poetry is is parallelism. And therefore we look at this word that opens up this verse, when it says, in his strength, the skies up above, and the application is with with his strength, the sky up above, and the implication was, was made. And with power, the the well, the wells have the deep meaning, those those springs have the deep. So God, he made both the heavens above and the Abyss where there's the ancient springs of water, down deep under the earth, all of this was put forth by means of the wisdom of God. And notice wisdom. What's what's the takeaway here is that wisdom gives us access to power and to strength, whereby we know how to utilize this power and strength for the will of God and the purposes of God. Verse 29,

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when he place, the the sea, and here it is, the borders of the sea, and the waters did not pass the commandment, his commandment of his mouth. So again, what we see is that wisdom was utilize in

order for God to place the borders of the sea. And notice, the waters did not we could say, transgress the commandment of his mouth. So we see that the creation obey God. And it was through the wisdom of God, that this creation was order was placed that was put in its proper location, and creation, respond to that it did not transgress the desires and the commandments of God. And therefore, he says, in the last part of that verse, he says,

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also, the foundations of the earth, so not only did he set the boundaries for the sea, and not only did the water obey those boundaries, but also wisdom was utilized for the foundations of the earth. Meaning that everything that was made in this world, wisdom, played a role, wisdom, set the boundaries for all of these things. And that's why if we're going to have a life that's pleasing to God, one that's meaningful, one that has spiritual significance, we are in need of the way

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Wisdom of God that teaches us how to order our life. What boundaries do we set? See, many times we violate the will of God we transgress, we go to places we ought not. And what does that do? It makes us vulnerable to the enemy's attack. So wisdom is a type of shelter for us, when we are walking in wisdom, we're not going to experience that, that attack from the enemy to the normal degree that those who are not utilizing wisdom, how they will be attacked. Look now to verse, verse 30, where he says,

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and I will be

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with him, and, and who else, the craftsman. And I will be a delight daily, and, and will be rejoicing, be for him at all time. Now, notice what this verse is saying, says, I, meaning wisdom, I will be with him. And the craftsmen. Now that word is is is in reference to

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the the forming of this creation, it's being used politically as a craftsman would would create something, we find that God as a craftsman created this world. And he did so by wisdom. Now, we learned that principle that I've made mentioned too many times, cow way, Homer, what we say light and heavy. And the implication is this. This is what the lesson is, if God who is perfect, if God who is without boundaries, if God is is perfect, which he is, but nevertheless he utilized wisdom for His creation, in order that things would be right and proper, and according to His will, if God utilize wisdom, then how much more so do we need to utilize the wisdom of God in order to order our life and to build our life and for our life to be edified? And if we do, what's the outcome, we'll look at the end of of verse 30, where it talks about here, in this passage, I will be a delight. Daly, who will be wisdom,

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and will rejoice before him at every moment at all times. So what we find here is that there's a delight, and there is a rejoicing, that that is the the product, the byproduct of the wisdom of God. So again, ask yourself, Am I content? Am I joyful? Am I having a delightful life? Well, if you say, not really, then that is an indication that you are lacking the wisdom of God, and your life is not going to change. It's not going

to be different until you submit to God's wisdom. And in order to do that, you have to first know the wisdom of God. And this is what Solomon is encouraging the people to seek it to pray for desire it. Look now at verse, verse 31, he says here,

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rejoicing in the world of his land, so in this world where there is land, and then he uses another word for delighting

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the sons of men, humanity. So he talks about here two things, how humanity can rejoice and delight in the creation of God. Look carefully at what he says, verse 31, and laughing, we might say, rejoicing, in the world of his land, meaning in this world, in this present creation that we live in, we can rejoice we can laugh and have delight. Who can with the sons of men, meaning humanity can rejoice and find contentment in this world, but what are we needing to utilize to achieve that wisdom? That's the emphasis of this passage. Look now to verse 32. He says, Now, my sons are literally sons, young people. Listen to me. Now again, the me Here is wisdom speaking. And now and this is word now with a sense of urgency. Sons, meaning sons and daughters, young people. Listen

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To me, and if we do listen to wisdom, notice the next word ASHRAE. I've made mention of this world words several time. ASHRAE is a word that speaks of happiness, and blessings, blessings and happiness. Now, this word ASHRAE speaks about those who are happy and blessed. And what the scripture is telling us is this. It is only when you utilize wisdom, the wisdom of God, then and only then, are you going to be experiencing God's blessings and have the joy that comes from being in God's will and accomplishing His will. So he says, And now sons, listen to me. And the ones who are blessed. My way keep. Now what he's telling us here is that it's the ways of God, if we keep them, what are we going to be? Notice the word that we use here is a word of delight. It's a word of joy. It's a word that's related to, to having fun. In fact, the same word is used today, in regard to a playground for children. Now, you've gone to a playground, you see children, they're laughing, they're having fun, they're doing things they're playing, and that plane is enjoyment. And what God is saying is when we take hold of his wisdom, and we allow wisdom to lead us and guide us and instruct us, then we are going to be moving towards this joy, this gladness, this delight that God wants the sons of men meaning humanity to have. So we're supposed to keep keep his way, if we want to be happy and bless. Look at verse 33. He says, here, and then we have that word for ethics. That word that I've made mentioned many times the word Musar. Musar, is ethics and morality, they relate to the standards of God, God's standards of ethics, God's standards of morality, God's standards of justice. So he instructs us in this passage, look at verse 33. Listen.

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And the implication is here, this ethics, and and be wise, and do not. And we have a word for for bother or, or disturbing.

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Don't be disturbing, what the wisdom is teaching us and what does that mean?

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Submit to wisdom. Don't Don't go against wisdom don't hinder wisdom, this word in the Scripture, to through has to do with bothering. It's a disruption. It is is a word as well for, for doing that, which is a nuisance to something. So he's telling us Don't be a nuisance to wisdom, but rather submit to be someone who's not a nuisance to wisdom, but someone who submits to it and finds the benefits of it. So again, he says, verse 33, listen to to ethics.

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And be wise. And don't disturb don't disturb this, this truth, verse 34.

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Blessed ones are men that listen to me. And then we have a word, this code, this is a word of diligence. Now, here's a very important truth. We can't be diligent about something till we understand it. We can't be committed to something in a serious way until we understand it. So it's the wisdom that God gives and gives free freely to his people. That allows us to demonstrate our commitment, our passion, to the things of God, without that we can't be committed believers. So he says,

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Bless it,

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are the men that listen to me, to be diligent. At were at my doors, we might say my gates daily. Now,

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usually those who are being diligent at the gates, these are individuals who are guarding and those who perhaps are the elders of the city, and it's only through wisdom that an elder can judge properly and wisdom is necessary.

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To guard the CS city to be able to discern what's going on to know if there's any true threats that are out there. So wisdom is very, very useful. Wisdom is very practical for us. It teaches us how to take knowledge and truth and apply it to our life's. Look now to verse, verse

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to keep and then we have the word Mizzou zoot to keep Mizzou Zoet of my my door. Now, what is that talking about? Well, we know something, there is a door and there's door posts, and Mezuzah, when we hear that, in Hebrew, we think that that commandment, to bind to a fix the commandments of God, upon the door posts. And when we look at this properly, and it says in verse 34, and to keep this is to value, the doorposts of my door, what's he talking about here, value the commandments of God. In other words, and this, to me is a very important truth.

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It is only when I am a recipient of the wisdom of God, then I'm able to discern the value of the commandments of God. And that's why today when people just kind of set aside the commandments of God, and says, Well, the law of God is is is only for the Jewish people. Only for Israel long ago, it's not relevant today. For believers, that is false. Now, we're not saved by the law. The law does not make us righteous, but we can utilize the law and understanding our spiritual condition, and being able to discern what is righteous and what is unrighteous. And it's through the commandments of God that we learned the character of God, a very important takeaway for us. When we have wisdom, we can learn about the commandments of God and the commandments of God, are related to the character of God. So through wisdom, we can see the character of God that we're called to imitate that we're called to be like, now look at the next verse, verse 35, where he says,

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For the one who finds me, finds life now isn't that a strong statement. And here again, the subject is wisdom, the one who finds me meaning the one who finds wisdom, finds life. And this is the life that God wants us to live. It is his life, that he calls us to live out, when I say his life, the life that he has, has, has created us to to be part of, to be faithful to, to be diligent to to be committed to so he says here, look again at verse, verse 35.

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For the one who finds me finds life, and what else via effect, which means, and he will produce, produce a favor from the Lord. So now we see another takeaway, and that is this, through utilizing wisdom, wisdom, gives me access to the favor of God. And when I possess the favor of God, I will also find favor from others as well. And is just speaking about wisdom. As we see, for example, in the book of Esther, Esther was constantly finding grace in the eyes of others, they would look to her and show her favor. We also see Daniel and his three friends where they made that request, only to eat vegetables and only to drink water. God showed them a favor. And they found favor in that official that allowed them to do that for 10 days and to show how being faithful to the Word of God was indeed a blessing. Let's wrap up. It says here in the last verse, verse 36,

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and the one who sins and the implication is sins against me. When we sin against Wisdom, what is that we don't utilize wisdom. We don't value wisdom. We don't pray for wisdom. We ignore that. And when we do, it says, And the ones who sin against me, then we have a word, whole mess, not show. The one who is sinning against wisdom by ignoring it. Is is doing violence to his soul.

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All those who hate me notice this

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To all those who hate me hate wisdom, do not value it, do not esteem it, do not seek it. Do not pray for all those who as he says here, hate me hate wisdom. Notice what it says, loves loves death. what's the implication? Very simple to understand, when I do not value wisdom, when I do not pray for wisdom to

be given to me, when I do not study this book in order to find wisdom in the Scripture, what is it saying to me? I love death, meaning this without wisdom, instead of having a ministry of reconciliation, reconciling things to God, when you act in this world, even as a believer without the wisdom of God, you are going to be ministering death. You're not going to be blessing. You're not going to be edifying. You're not going to be serving God, you're not going to have that God pleasing testimony. Why? When you reject wisdom, when you hate wisdom, you are a lover of death, you are going to be ministering death. This has nothing to do with Messiah. Because Messiah says, I come that you might have life and have it abundantly. So wisdom allows us to discern the abundant life, that life that is pleasing to Messiah. But when we move away from wisdom, do not value wisdom, do not seek wisdom, do not pray for wisdom, do not utilize wisdom. What are we doing? We are inviting death, meaning this the effects of the enemy in our life. Let me conclude by saying this. When when you do not esteem wisdom, praying for it, seeking it, and studying for it in His Word, when you ignore wisdom, instead of being used by God to influence others to this abundant life, you are going to be a minister of death. All this is saying is how much we are dependent upon the wisdom of God, if we're going to be a servant of God, if we're going to bring God's order into our life and into the life of others. Wisdom gives us the ability to discern wisdom gives us the ability to to understand and to act in power, in order that we bring about in our lives and the lives of other this joy, this delight, this happiness, these blessings that God desires to give his people but we will not be a recipient without first taking hold of the wisdom of God. Well, I'll close with that. Until next time, Shalom from Israel.

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