

Sermon Guide: Eternal Wisdom 10/12/25 (Rufus Williams)

Text: Proverbs 8

Big Idea: God's wisdom is FUEL for our souls — Free, Unique, Eternal, and Life-giving..

Summary of the Sermon - In Proverbs 8, the voice of Wisdom is the voice of Christ Himself — calling out to all humanity to receive the wisdom of God that leads to life. Jesus is the eternal Wisdom of God, freely offered to all who believe, and the only source of true understanding, righteousness, and salvation.

Discussion Questions

God's Wisdom is FREE (vv. 1–5, 10–11, 17–21)

1. What stands out to you about the way wisdom “calls out” in these verses?
2. Rufus said, “God’s wisdom is free to all who will receive it — it calls out to us.” What does that teach you about God’s heart toward people?
3. How does this “free but invaluable” wisdom compare with what the world calls “wisdom”?
4. In what ways have you seen people (including yourself) chasing silver and gold instead of wisdom?
5. Where do you need to listen more closely to the “voice of wisdom” calling out in your daily life right now?

God's Wisdom is UNIQUE (vv. 6–9, 12–16)

1. How is God’s wisdom different from “worldly wisdom”?
2. Rufus described wisdom as “truth, justice, righteousness, counsel, insight, and strength.” Which of those qualities do you most long to grow in right now?
3. Verse 15 says, “By me kings reign.” What does this teach us about where authority and discernment come from?
4. Can you think of a time when someone without faith still acted wisely — and how that still reflected God’s wisdom?
5. What habits or voices in your life most often compete with God’s wisdom?

God's Wisdom is ETERNAL (vv. 22–31)

1. How does Proverbs 8 describe wisdom’s presence during creation?
2. Rufus called this a “Messianic” passage — where the voice of Christ speaks through wisdom. How does that deepen your understanding of Jesus as the “Wisdom of God”?
3. Read John 1:1–3 and Colossians 1:15–17. What connections do you see between those passages and Proverbs 8?
4. What difference does it make for your faith to know that Jesus, God’s wisdom, has always existed — before the world began?

5. How can remembering the eternal nature of Christ give you peace or confidence this week?

God's Wisdom is LIFE (vv. 32–36)

1. What does wisdom promise to those who listen and keep her ways (vv. 32–35)?
2. Rufus said, “To reject Him is to love death.” Why is that such a hard but necessary truth?
3. Read John 14:6. What does Jesus’ exclusive claim mean for how we share our faith?
4. How can you “watch daily at wisdom’s gates” (v. 34) — what does that look like in your everyday walk with Christ?
5. What area of your life needs to move from “listening occasionally” to “watching daily” for God’s wisdom?

Living It Out — Wisdom and Christlikeness

1. Rufus said, “Most of us want wisdom for decisions, not for discipleship.” Do you agree? Why?
2. What’s the difference between asking for wisdom occasionally versus pursuing a life of wisdom?
3. In what practical ways can you “feast on the FUEL of God’s wisdom every day”?
4. How does Colossians 2:2–3 encourage you as you pursue Christlikeness?
5. How will you seek Christ — the wisdom of God — more intentionally this week in your thoughts, words, and actions?