

Proverbs 8-9 – 8 October 2026

“A Full Evaluation Of Wisdom”

Introduction

- *The Book of Proverbs is broken into 5 sections
 - *Chap 1-9 (Solomon – the only long form)
 - *Chap 10-24 (Solomon – short form)
 - *Chap 25-29 (Solomon – compiled later by Hez)
 - *Chap 30 (Unknown man Agur)
 - *Chap 31 (Unknown King Lemuel)
 - *Chap 1:1-7, 31:10-31 (Unknown book compiler)
- *1st section (Chap 1-9) is entirely about wisdom
- *Chap 1 - how to start down the path to gain wisdom
- *Chap 2-3 - the power of wisdom
- *Chap 4-5 – teaches to choose wisdom, nothing else
- *Chap 6-7 – showed the results of rejecting wisdom

Today, in chapter 8-9, we see an encapsulation of the 3 great activities of wisdom

#1 – Wisdom will come to you & show its value (Chap 8:1-11)

Read 8:1-3

1. The whorish woman of Prov 7 is stalling to target the individual at night all while wisdom calls openly for all to come
2. She wants to help you make decisions “where the pathways meet”
3. She wants to help the city’s elders make wise choices for the people’s justice system ‘at the gate’

Read 8:4-11

1. Whether you’re wise or simple, wisdom is for you to use and grow
2. God’s wisdom will only lead you on a straight, simple path to find the knowledge you need
3. It’s more valuable than precious stones & metals
 - a. W/o wisdom, what would you buy with precious stones & metals?
 - b. W/o wisdom, how do you know what to do

#2 – Wisdom exalts & produces good (Chap 8:12-31)

Read 8:12-14

1. Wisdom is filled with good and has no evil
2. Wisdom is strong and powerful

Read 8:15-17

1. If you see a ruler that is doing well, it's b/c a piece of God's wisdom is being used

Read 8:18-21

1. If anyone continues in wisdom's path, there are great results & great treasures as you endure
2. "Riches & glory", "Wealth & righteousness" show that it's not just material results but spiritual

Read 8:22-31

1. The vast extent of wisdom is here detailed; wisdom was at the beginning with God in creation
 - a. This is a detailed breakdown of many parts of how God originally created the universe

- b. God used wisdom to make the mountains & the deep seas
- c. God set boundaries for the blue & black skies and the seas by wisdom
- 2. Wisdom, vs 30, was the craftsman God used
 - a. In other words, the universe wasn't made foolishly, it was wisely created
- 3. Some have translated vs 22 'possessed' as the word created – that wisdom was created
 - a. This seems to cause a conflict b/c Jesus is called the wisdom of God in I Cor 1:24 & 30
 - b. First, it doesn't mean create but possess
 - c. Second, all wisdom is in Jesus (wisdom is a part of Jesus), it's not that Jesus is in wisdom
 - d. In other words, God possesses wisdom, wisdom doesn't possess God
- 4. In the end of creation, vs 31, God and His wisdom were pleased with what they had created
 - a. Especially the creation of man to fill it
 - b. After Day 6, God said, "it is very good"

#3 – Wisdom forces you to see the choice (Chap 8:32-9:18)

Read 8:32-33

1. As if wisdom is saying, “I’ve proven my value, now listen to me”
2. “I’ve been passed down from generations ago to help and bless you”

Read 8:34-36

1. To reject God’s way of wisdom doesn’t hurt God, but it hurts the one that reject it
2. Seek wisdom and you’ll find it

Read 9:1-6

1. God’s wisdom is inviting us in to be refreshed & receive what’s needed to continue life’s journey
2. Like a math student saying if only I had a tutor
 - a. There’s a tutor open & available 24/7
3. Like a hurting soul saying if only I had a friend
 - a. There’s God Himself open & available 24/7

Read 9:7-9

1. Jesus said not to cast your pearls before swine
 - a. The unbeliever doesn't believe that God has a good way of life for him
 - b. Unbelievers can't receive God's wisdom, they need to hear and receive the Gospel
 - c. It does no good to try cleaning up a sinner's habits – so they'll go to hell #2...no good
2. A wise person is the one that listens to reproof
 - a. When I was a new believer Scott B. would beat me w/ the Word all the time – I needed it
 - b. I was ready for the beating b/c I was a believer

Read 9:10-12

1. To know wisdom is to come to know God
2. To find God's wisdom is to find life
3. Vs 12 tells us that this must be an individual's choice
 - a. No one can make you wise, you must decide

Read 9:13-15

1. Foolishness is loud and always talking; wisdom is quiet but always available
2. Read Prov 12:23 – The loudest voice isn't necessarily the right voice

Read 9:16-18

1. Sin is always presented as pleasant and wonderful, that it will fill you up to satisfy – lie!
2. Ask those that have come before you to her house and you'll find the dead

Conclusion

God will do anything to help us see the greatness of His wisdom and take hold of it

- 1. Wisdom will come & show its value**
- 2. Wisdom exalts & produces good**
- 3. Wisdom will force you to look at the choice**