

More Valuable than Wealth
Proverbs 8

Proverbs 8.1-3 – introduction of wisdom

Proverbs 8.4-5 – invitation #1

- Wisdom is available to anyone who will listen!

Proverbs 8.6-9 – “motivational speech” #1

- What wisdom teach is true, right, “straight” (i.e. not deceptive)

Proverbs 8.10 – invitation #2

- Choose wisdom over everything of earthly value

Proverbs 8.11-21 – “motivational speech” #2

- Wisdom is worth choosing and pursuing because it has “treasures”
 - prudence, knowledge, discretion – **vs. 12**
 - counsel, insight, strength – **vs. 14**
 - justice – **vss. 15-16**
 - spiritual riches, community values, and often even material prosperity – **vss. 18-21**

Proverbs 8.22-31 – “motivational speech” #3

- Wisdom is ANCIENT, and it preceded and “delighted” in creation.

Proverbs 8.32-36 – final invitation (#3)

- The BLESSINGS of choosing wisdom are “life” and “favor from the Lord.”

1. WHAT IS WISDOM?

- WISDOM is an eternal _____ of _____ !!!

When it comes to us and our need for God's wisdom...

- Wisdom is the revealed _____ of God. – **Proverbs 8.7**
- Wisdom is the “_____” of an obedient life. – **Proverbs 8.7b-9**
 - It includes things like:
 - hating evil, pride, arrogance, perversion – **vs. 13**
 - insight - understanding reality – **vs. 14**
 - strength – comes from cooperating w/ God – **vs. 14**
 - justice – the right use of power – **vs. 15**
- Wisdom is the _____ of salvation by grace through faith. - **Romans 11.33**
- Wisdom is _____ of God's revealed truth.
- Wisdom is a humble, submissive cooperation with “the way God has made things” in the world and in human relationships.

2. WHAT IS WISDOM NOT?

- Wisdom is not _____ ingenuity, intuition, or insight.

3. WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL ABOUT WISDOM?

- This is _____ world (see **Proverbs 8.22-31**)! And if we are going to successfully navigate life in God's world, we need His WISDOM!