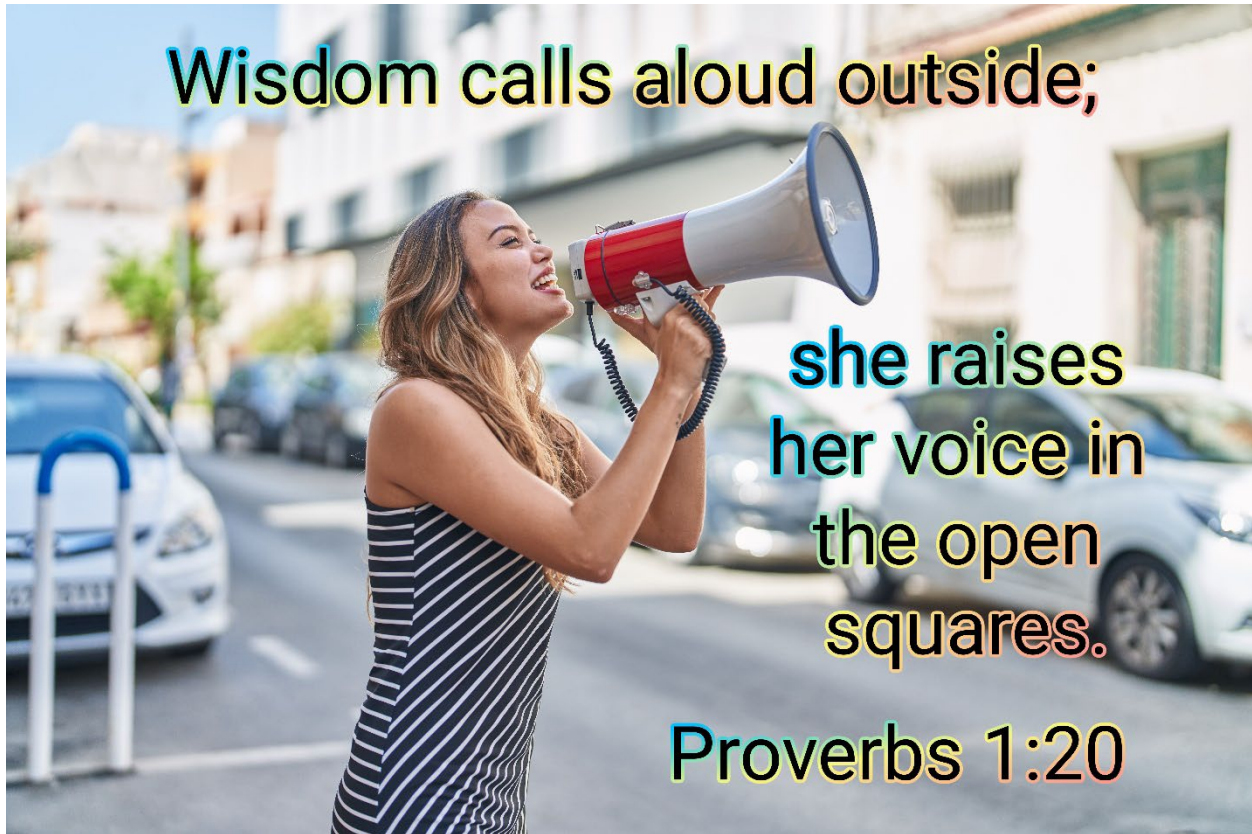


“The Voice of Wisdom” Proverbs 1:20-33



1. *The Voice of Wisdom is a beautiful, beneficial voice –*

²⁰ **Wisdom calls aloud outside; She raises her voice in the open squares.** ²¹ **She cries out in the chief concourses, At the openings of the gates in the city She speaks her words:**
Proverbs 1:20–21 (NKJV)

1. *The wisdom referenced here is God’s wisdom –*

חֵכְמָה חֵכְמָה (ḥākmôt), N. *wisdom*. Greek equiv. fr. LXX: σοφία

2. *A feminine word, that does not always mean a lot, but here Solomon also calls “wisdom” she –*

3. *A feminine voice is typically an attractive voice to men, and wisdom has REAL BEAUTY, we should be drawn, attracted to her –*

A. *Sirens were mythical creatures known for luring men with their voices / songs and killing them!*

B. *Wisdom has a beautiful voice as well, but her beauty is MORAL VIRTUE –*

⁸ **Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. Philippians 4:8**

4. *Wisdom’s voice is a RAISED (LOUD) voice in the open squares, ...*

A. *There are many ungodly voices in this sin filled world –*

¹ **Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; Psalm 1:1 (NKJV)**

B. *Wisdom is loud enough, even in the open squares ...*

Ligonier Ministries, Sermon Audio, a variety of churches ...

II. *She will press you about procrastinating ears / hands / feet –*

²² **“How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge. ²³ Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. Proverbs 1:22–23 (NKJV)**

1. *How long?*

A. *Simple ones, love simplicity – no depth with God, no deep study ...*

B. *Scorners, delight in scorning – these laugh at real Christians*

C. *Fools hate knowledge ...*

Study of the Bible gives you knowledge, knowledge of truth, knowledge of God - but...

¹ **The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good. Psalm 14:1 (NKJV)**

2. *Her wisdom’s rebuke – we live in a day-and-age when people hate being rebuked for sin!
In fact, they call rebuke HATE –*

⁶ **Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful. Proverbs 27:6**

Wisdom’s rebuke is a gracious, friendly rebuke, grace is promised with repentance -

²³ **Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. Proverbs 1:22–23 (NKJV)**

A. *God’s Spirit poured*

B. *God’s words made known ...*

III. *Gracious pressing won’t last forever, there is a fearful day of judgment –*

²⁴ **Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,**

²⁵ **Because you disdained all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke, ²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes, ²⁷ When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you.**

²⁸ **“Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. ²⁹ Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the LORD, ³⁰ They would have none of my counsel And despised my every rebuke. ³¹ Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies. ³² For the turning away of the simple will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them; Proverbs 1:24–32 (NKJV)**

1. *God / wisdom will laugh at the calamity of the unrepentant - :24-27*

2. *God will not listen to the prayers of those who have ignored Him and His wisdom - :28-32*

IV. *One more time God repeats His / wisdom’s good promise –*

³³ **But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil.” Proverbs 1:33 (NKJV)**