

Message #7**Proverbs 1:20-33**

When it comes to life, we are faced with one major choice—choose God’s way or our way. In **verses 20-33**, Solomon invites his son to pursue the wisdom of God.

EVERY PERSON MUST CHOOSE TO PURSUE GOD’S WISDOM OR HIS OWN WISDOM AND THE CHOICE ONE MAKES DOES HAVE ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES.

FACT #1 – Most have tremendous exposure to the wisdom of God. **1:20-21**

The particular word “wisdom” (**1:20**) is a plural noun. This type of plural, when used with a singular verb “shouts,” expresses intensity and fullness.

During the days of Solomon, there were three who cried out the wisdom of God: 1) Prophets; 2) Priests; 3) Sages (wise men). Jer. 18:18; II Chron. 17:7-9

Whereas evil seducers plot hidden ambushes (1:11), the messengers of God publically proclaim God’s truth in the mainstream places of public life (Jer. 7:2; 5:1; Jonah 3:4).

- 1) Wisdom is communicated in the streets. **1:20** – Specifically at town squares.
- 2) Wisdom is communicated at noisy heads. **1:21a** – Where large numbers of people were.
- 3) Wisdom is communicated at the gates. **1:21b** – Places that leaders sat.

Solomon makes an assumption that his son will go to these public places in order to learn and to hear the wisdom of God.

FACT #2 – Most have an open invitation to gain the wisdom of God. **1:22-23**

Verse 22 lists three classes of people to whom wisdom cries out:

(Class #1) - Wisdom cries out to the simple. **1:22a** - One naïve or untaught.

(Class #2) - Wisdom cries out to the scoffer. **1:22b** - Free thinker who mocks truth.

(Class #3) - Wisdom cries out to the fool. **1:22c** - One who pursues moral perversity.

Verse 23 sets forth the beautiful invitation. If a person will turn to the wisdom of God, God promises to do two things: 1) Pour out His Spirit (**1:23a**); 2) Make His Words known (**1:23b**).

FACT #3 – There are devastating consequences for rejecting the Word of God. **1:26-32**

(Result #1) - God will laugh at your calamity. **1:26a**

The preposition “at” is best taken in reference to time. The word “calamity” means heavy misfortune.

(Result #2) - God will mock at your fear. **1:26b-27**

The word “fear” or “dread” could be understood as disasters which cause one to be afraid. The word “mock” is stronger than the word laugh.

(Result #3) - God will abandon you. **1:28-32**

Two major abandonments which are spelled out:

Abandonment #1 - God will not answer prayer. **1:28a**

Abandonment #2 - God will not be found. **1:28b**

These are serious judgments, but keep in mind these people:

1. Hated knowledge when God offered it to them. **1:29a**
2. Refused to fear the LORD. **1:29b**
3. Would not accept God’s instruction and counsel. **1:30a**
4. Did despise His reproof. **1:30b**

Verse 32 makes it clear that God abandons them to their own foolishness.

FACT #4 – There are joyous results for one who responds to God’s wisdom. **1:33**

If one pursues the wise path of God, God will make that life secure, happy and successful. Each person must make a path choice. What will your choice be?