Message #25 Proverbs 8:22-36

God's wisdom cannot be <u>compared</u> to anything. It is completely different than the wisdom of this world found in books (I Cor. 3:18-20). It is a total mystery to most people (I Cor. 2:7-8). It is only given to those who are spiritual (I Cor. 2:6, 15-16).

GOD'S WISDOM SHOULD BE PURSUED BECAUSE OF WHAT IT MEANS TO HIM AND BECAUSE OF WHAT GOD'S WISDOM MEANS TO US!

SECTION #1 – The importance of God's wisdom to God. 8:22-31

- Fact #1 God's wisdom had priority over God's creation. 8:22-23
- Fact #2 God's wisdom preceded God's creation. 8:24-26
- Fact #3 God's wisdom was part of God's creation. 8:27-29
 - A. God's wisdom was involved in the creation of the heavens. 8:27a
 - B. God's wisdom was involved in the creation of space. 8:27b
 - C. God's wisdom was involved in the creation of clouds. **8:28a**
 - D. God's wisdom was involved in the creation of springs. 8:28b
 - E. God's wisdom was involved in the sea boundaries. 8:29a
 - F. God's wisdom was involved in the earth boundaries. **8:29b**
- Fact #4 God's wisdom produces joy because of God's creation. 8:30-31

SECTION #2 – The importance of God's wisdom to God. **8:32-36**

The one who perk up his ears so that he listens to, learns and obeys the Word of God will be <u>blessed</u> (8:32, 34). The word "blessed" refers to one who will be successfully happy, prosperous and upright because God is blessing him.

This text makes it clear that this blessing is not given to everyone, but only to those who <u>hunger</u> after the teachings and doctrines of the Word of God.

God's wisdom should be our number one pursuit. That is exactly what Proverbs teaches.