

The Dangerous Call of Wisdom

God's Revolutionary Wisdom (Part 9)

Proverbs 1:20-27

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Introduction:

- ²⁰ Wisdom,¹ in the street,² shouts,
In the plazas she gives her voice.
- ²¹ At the head of the noisy *streets* she calls,
At the openings of the gates in the city, her
sayings she says.
- ²² “How long, gullible ones, will you love
gullibility?
— And scorners desire scorning for
themselves?
— And stupid *ones* hate knowledge?”
- ²³ Turn back to my reproof!
Look: I will pour out for you my spirit,
I will make you know my words.
- ²⁴ Because I called, and you refused;
I stretched out my hand, and none paid
attention;
- ²⁵ And you ignored all my counsel,
And my reproof you did not willingly
accept,³
- ²⁶ I, in turn – at your calamity, I will laugh;
I will mock at the coming of your terror;
- ²⁷ At the coming, as a hurricane, of your terror,
And your calamity, as a tornado, arrives;
At the coming upon you of distress and
anguish.” [DJP]

I. Wisdom _____ (1:20-23)

A. Her Presence (1:20-21)

1. Where Lady Wisdom is
2. What Lady Wisdom does

B. Her Plea (1:22)

1. The actors
2. Their actions

C. Her Present (1:23)

1. The condition:
2. The blessings

D. What This Teaches Us

¹ The form of the noun is plural, the accompanying verbs are singular. Wisdom is personified.

² Or “outside.”

³ More literally “you were not willing.”

II. Wisdom _____ (1:24-25)

A. What She Did

B. What They Did

C. What This Teaches Us

1. Wisdom _____ a response

2. Wisdom _____ a response

III. Wisdom _____ (1:26-27)

A. What Is Coming

B. What She Will Do

C. What This Teaches Us

1. Wisdom is _____ous

2. Refusal to respond is _____ous

3. There's a limit