

## Chapter 8

- 1 Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?
- 2 She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.
- 3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.
- 4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.
- 5 O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.
- 6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.
- 7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
- 8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.
- 9 They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.
- 10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.
- 11 For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.
- 12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.
- 13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.
- 14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.
- 15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.
- 16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.
- 17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.
- 18 Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.
- 19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.
- 20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:
- 21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.
- 22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.
- 23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.
- 24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.
- 25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:
- 26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.
- 27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:
- 28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:
- 29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:
- 30 Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;
- 31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.
- 32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.
- 33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.
- 34 Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.
- 35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.
- 36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.