

Proverbs I

Wisdom shouts in the street,
She lifts her voice in the square;

*How long, O naive ones,
will you love being
Simple-minded?
And scoffers delight
themselves in scoffing
And fools hate knowledge?

Turn to my reproof...
Behold, I will pour out my
spirit on you;
I will make my words
known to you.

Because I called and you refused,
I stretched out my hand and
no one paid attention;
And you neglected all my counsel
And did not want my reproof;...

When your dread comes
like a storm
And your calamity comes
like a whirlwind,
When distress and anguish
come upon you

Then they will call on me,
but I will not answer;
They will seek me diligently
but they will not find me
Because they hated knowledge
And did not choose to
fear the LORD...

So they shall eat of the fruit of their own way
And be satiated with their own devices" v 20-31

the fear of the LORD
is the beginning of
KNOWLEDGE;
fools despise wisdom
and instruction
v7



ENTRANCE

GATHERING¹

Welcome to a time of reunion, respite, and renewal.

GREETINGS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Christ, the source of Wisdom, is with us!

Praise the Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

3056. Jesus, the Light of the World

CALL TO WORSHIP²

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

We long to learn

the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

We long to live lives of holiness and light.

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God! Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

HYMN

577. God of Grace and God of Glory

333. I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

A variety of gifts but one Spirit

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² <https://jesusscribbles.wordpress.com/2012/09/19/>

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 1 (NRSV)

The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

For learning about wisdom and instruction,

for understanding words of insight,

for gaining instruction in wise dealing,

righteousness, justice, and equity;

to teach shrewdness to the simple,

knowledge and prudence to the young—

let the wise, too, hear and gain in learning

and the discerning acquire skill,

to understand a proverb and a figure,

the words of the wise and their riddles.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;

fools despise wisdom and instruction.

RESPONSE - 70. GLORIA PATRI

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us,

and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

John 2:1-11

MESSAGE

PEACE & OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #95

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - #11

Eternal God, we give you thanks ...

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING³

May the holy wisdom of God
guard your ways and guide your paths
May the living truth of God
enlighten your hearts and open your minds
And may the living Spirit of God
give you life, and life to the full!
Amen!

CANDLES

Go Now In Peace

Go into the world, the body of Christ redeemed by His blood, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, to praise the Father and love His people.

In Search of Wisdom

In 2025, we will focus on the Book of Proverbs. Inspired by Joyce Meyer's *In Search of Wisdom*.

Jan 19	Prov. 1	Jan 26	Prov. 2	Feb 02	Prov. 3
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