

## **Lady Wisdom**

Proverbs 1:20-33

Proverbs 3:13-20

Proverbs 8 – 9

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Lady Wisdom stood on a street corner calling out, "Why do you love your purposeless life? You are a fool; you hate knowledge; you have no reverence for the Lord. Turn to me and I will counsel you. You need some common sense." Those who came to her found wisdom and understanding, leading to peace and happiness. But those who ignored her received nothing. The smug overconfidence of fools destroyed them.

Before the world was formed, before the beginning, the Lord made Lady Wisdom. She was there throughout creation, watching it all unfold, enjoying every aspect of it, and delighting in the presence of human beings.

A foolish woman sat at the door to her house calling to those who passed by, "If you are unsure of yourself, come in here. Stolen water is sweet; food eaten in secret is delicious." Those who imprudently accepted her invitation met with a lonely death and are now in the depths of the grave.

Meanwhile, Lady Wisdom prepared a banquet, set her table, and sent out invitations. She said to those who came, "If you are unsure of yourself, come in here. Eat my food. Drink my wine. Accept instruction and learn. Live with confidence and integrity. Be wise. Exercise justice and generosity. Reverence for the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Those who joined her grew in righteousness and added years to their lives.