

# Wisdom's Call and Core – and Christ

God's Revolutionary Wisdom (Part 39)

Proverbs 8:1-9

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<sup>1</sup> Does not Wisdom call,  
And Insight give her voice?  
<sup>2</sup> At the head of the heights, by the way,  
Between the pathways,<sup>1</sup> she takes her stand.  
<sup>3</sup> By the side of the gates, at the mouth of the town,  
At the entrance of the openings,  
She shouts:  
<sup>4</sup> "Unto you, men, I call;  
And my voice is unto the sons of man.  
<sup>5</sup> "Discern, gullible ones, shrewdness!  
And, stupid ones, discern intelligence!<sup>2</sup>

<sup>6</sup> "Listen, for noble things shall I speak,  
And the opening of my lips, uprightness.<sup>3</sup>  
<sup>7</sup> "For faithfulness<sup>4</sup> shall my mouth<sup>5</sup> murmur,  
And an abomination to my lips is wickedness.  
<sup>8</sup> "In righteousness are all the sayings of my mouth;  
Nothing in them is contorted and twisted.  
<sup>9</sup> "They are all straightforward to the one showing  
insight,  
And upright to those finding knowledge."  
(DJP)

## Introduction

### I. Lady Wisdom and Christ

#### A. Jesus Christ and...

1. ...the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in the NT  
Luke 11:49 // Matthew 23:34  
  
1 Corinthians \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_  
  
Colossians \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_
2. ...the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in the NT  
John 1:1  
  
Revelation \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_

The OT says God **creates** by His word (Gen. 1; Ps. 33:6), He **maintains creation** by His word (Ps. 148:8); His word **runs swiftly** (Ps. 147:15), the Word **sent** places on a mission (Isa. 55:11), the Word is **upright** (Ps. 33:4), the Word is **praised** (Ps. 56:4, 10), the Word has a **voice** (Ps. 103:20), the Word is in the **heavens** (Ps. 119:89), the Word is **light** (Ps. 119:105)

#### B. Conclusions

1. On the one hand
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. *But*, on the other hand

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<sup>1</sup> I.e. at the crossroads.

<sup>2</sup> The word is *lēb*, meaning *heart*, which in the Bible indicates the center of thinking and deciding.

<sup>3</sup> Literally "straight things," the idea being "straightness," as opposed to being crooked.

<sup>4</sup> Or "truth"; i.e. what can be believed.

<sup>5</sup> Literally "palate."

## II. Wisdom's Call (Proverbs 8:1–5)

### A. \_\_\_\_\_ of Her Call (vv. 1–3)

1. **Lady Wisdom**
  - a. Setting
  
  
  
  - b. Seeking
  
  
  
2. **Jesus Christ** (John \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_)

### B. \_\_\_\_\_ of Her Call (vv. 4–5)

1. **Lady Wisdom**
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. **Jesus Christ** (Luke \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_; cf. John \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_)

## III. Wisdom's Core (8:6–11)

### A. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 6–7)

1. **Lady Wisdom**
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. **Jesus Christ**
  - a. What He *teaches*: John \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. What He *is*: John \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_

### B. **Righteousness** (vv. 8–9)

1. **Lady Wisdom**
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. **Jesus Christ**
  - a. In His *teaching* (John \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. In His *person* (John \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_; Rev. \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_)