



# Proverbs

**Get Smart!**  
**Wisdom and Fools**

FROM THE BIBLE'S WISDOM LITERATURE

# GET SMART!!!

- So far, first 9 chapters:
  - Ch. 1 – Definition, call and warning
  - Ch. 2 – Rewards for seeking; deliverance from sinful
  - Ch. 3 – TRUST IN THE LORD!
  - Ch. 4 – Listen = learn; they will keep you from evil; Body...
  - Ch. 5 – Contrast of Women – “Stranger” VS. Wife
  - Ch. 6 – Integrity in Everyday Choices: 7 things God Hates!
  - Ch. 7 – Lust revisited, the cost of seduction = DEATH!
  - Ch. 8 – Wisdom as a choice...



# **CHOOSING WISDOM... CH 8 REVIEW**

- 1. Hear Wisdom's call! (1-5)**
- 2. The great value of Wisdom (6-9)**
- 3. Choose Wisdom over everything else! (10-13)**
- 4. Choose Wisdom for leadership empowerment (14-16)**
- 5. Choose Wisdom by seeking and loving "her" (17)**
- 6. Choose Wisdom and find great rewards... (18-21)**



# GREAT ACTIVITY

## 7. The “WHO” of Wisdom (22-31)

- This is a great debate for scholars...
- Wisdom: personified, an attribute of God or Messiah?
- Luke 11:31; 1 Cor 1:24,30; Col 2:2,3
- Did God “create” wisdom, or was it His in all eternity? (23)
- However we see it, it is a declaration of God’s supremacy
- Before anything was, Wisdom was with GOD... creating



# WISDOM FROM ETERNITY PAST

- Possessed (הַנֶּקֶד *qanah*) by the Lord – naturally, not created
  - God IS Wisdom...an eternal attribute of the Godhead
  - Before any creative acts, wisdom was there... (John 1:1)
- 24-29 show the acts of Creation
  - Before springs of water, mountains, dirt...
  - Stars, “circle on the face of the deep”
  - Sky, fixed springs, limits of the sea, foundations of earth



# WISDOM'S WORK

- Vs 30-31 – I was there... BESIDE HIM
  - As a master, architect, cunning craftsman/workman
  - I was there as He delighted, day-by-day...
  - “God saw that it was good...” with each act... (Gen 1:10, 12,18)
  - Rejoicing in HIS earth...
  - Having my delight in sons of men
  - Good came and walked with Adam and Eve daily...
  - How He loves and DELIGHTS in us...



# WISDOM'S CONDITIONAL CALL

- Do you want to be so blessed?
  - Hearken, listen to the way of Life of Wisdom
  - Keep the ways... **STAY ON TARGET!!! ON TRACK...**
  - Watch, wait at the “gates” of Wisdom
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> and great gift of wisdom is LIFE!
  - **3:2, 18, 22; 4:13, 22; 6:23; Favor 11:20; 12:22; 15:8**
  - But there is a warning... (36)