



“Hear then what Wisdom is saying...” Proverbs 8:13 – 21

“When you fear and reverence the LORD you naturally will begin to hate what is evil. Pride and arrogance, along with every evil manner, not to mention perverted talking – all of these things you too will begin to hate, just as the Lord hates them. Ah, but to love God is to love wisdom. Hear then what Wisdom saying, “Counsel is mine and keen perception too; I am understanding and power is mine. “By me leaders reign in justice. “By me princes rule righteously and nobly. “I love those who love me; and those who will diligently seek me will find me! “But look! Riches and honor, enduring wealth and righteousness will also be found when you find me! “The fruit of wisdom is better than gold, or even pure gold! Wisdom’s harvest is better than sterling silver! “But you won’t find me just anywhere – for I walk in the ways of righteousness and in the middle of the road called “Justice.” If you love me, I’ll bless you with wealth and fill your life with all manner of good things!” (Proverb 8:13 – 21 author’s paraphrase)

The writer is, of course, personifying wisdom, and it should be made as real and personal as possible for it resides in One Person – Jesus Christ! “But of Him are you in Christ Jesus, Who of god is made unto us, wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.” (1 Corinthians 1:30).

Wisdom, apparently unlike Jesus, appears to be discriminating in choosing those to whom she will open her treasures. But, of course, this is not the case. Wisdom, like Jesus, is found by those who are hungry and thirsty for it. The cry of the human heart calls to a God Who is Himself longing to reveal His salvation to all people. It is the hungry who are filled and it is the thirsty who are satisfied.

“Father, grace me to hunger and thirst for the things of Your Spirit and Your kingdom. The fear of the Lord is my wisdom and I believe You will help godly wisdom ear mark my life! In Jesus’ name!”

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