



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAKE ORION

WISDOM'S CRY

Proverbs 1:20-33

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TEXT: PROVERBS 1:8-19

Proverbs 1:20 Wisdom shouts in the street, She lifts her voice in the square; 21 At the head of the noisy streets she cries out; At the entrance of the gates in the city she utters her sayings: 22 "How long, O naive ones, will you love being simple-minded? And scoffers delight themselves in scoffing And fools hate knowledge? 23 "Turn to my reproof, Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. 24 "Because I called and you refused, I stretched out my hand and no one paid attention; 25 And you neglected all my counsel And did not want my reproof; 26 I will also laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your dread comes, 27 When your dread comes like a storm And your calamity comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you. 28 "Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently but they will not find me, 29 Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the LORD. 30 "They would not accept my counsel, They spurned all my reproof. 31 "So they shall eat of the fruit of their own way And be satiated with their own devices. 32 "For the waywardness of the naive will kill them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them. 33 "But he who listens to me shall live securely And will be at ease from the dread of evil."

I. THE CRY OF WISDOM, vv. 20-23

A. The Place of Her Cry: in the prominent places, vv. 20-21

B. The Target of Her Cry: the naive, vv. 22-23

- 1. The naive or simple-minded**— *simple; a silly person, one easily persuaded and enticed; open-minded*
 - a. Lacked experienced, Pro. 22:3.
 - b. Believed everything he heard, Pro. 14:15
 - c. Inherited folly, Pro 14:18
 - d. Lacked instruction, Pro 8:5
- 2. The scoffers**— *chatterers; someone who jeers, mocks, or treats something with contempt*
- 3. The fools**— *stupid fellow; shameless one who lacks knowledge*
 - a. The fool despises knowledge, Pro 1:7; 18:2

- b. The fool who despises knowledge is viewed in contrast to the wise who receives knowledge, Pro 10:8; 14; 12:15; 23; 13:16; 14:7, 8; 15:2, 14.
- c. The fool is quick to give his advise but has nothing to contribute to knowledge, Pro 26:7; 17:12.
- d. The fool believes he is going to advance in life in spite of his disregard for true knowledge, Pro 1:32; 11:29; 14:24.

C. The Invitation in Her Cry, v.23

- 1. Wisdom invites the naive to turn to her reasoning and arguments, v. 23a.**
- 2. Wisdom promises to “pour out her spirit” on the naive and “to make known” her words to him, v. 23b.**
- 3. Wisdom’s offer will not last forever, vv. 29-32.**

II. THE CONSEQUENCE OF REFUSING WISDOM’S CRY, vv. 24-31

- A. Wisdom Will Mock Those Who Reject Her Counsel, vv. 24-27.**
- B. Wisdom Will Offer No Answers in Times of Calamity to Those Who Rejected Her Wisdom, vv. 27-28.**
- C. Wisdom Will Offer No Hope to Those Who Treated With Contempt Her Counsel, vv. 31-33.**
- D. Wisdom Offers Hope to Those Who Listen, v. 33**

CONCLUSION: Psalm 19:7-11, especially verse 7, “. . . making wise, the simple. . .”