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## Proverbs 1 - Part II

The Voice of Wisdom

In the Part I study was identified that the purpose for the Proverbs is to enable those with ears to hear, to know wisdom and instruction; to perceive words of understanding, and therefore, increase our learning of spiritual concepts which lead to a spiritual life. In order to do this, we must understand the words of the wise, their riddles and proverbs. Jesus taught the people using proverbs/parables, as foretold in the O.T., Mt 13:34-35, Ps 78:2; and he expects those with ears to hear to understand them, Mk 4:13. Metaphorically, Jesus is the word of God, Jn 1:1, and the power and wisdom of God, 1Cor 1:24. The Father has made him to us - wisdom, righteousness, purification and redemption, 1Cor 1:30.

Read Proverbs 1:20-22:

1. As a metaphor, what does wisdom represent? 1Cor 1:24; Lk 11:49; Rv 5:12  
{when the scriptures say that the Son of God is the Word, Wisdom & Power of God, it means that God has given those capabilities to the Son who manifests & teaches them to mankind, Isa 11:1-2; Jer 23:5-6; Mt 28:18.}

2. What does it mean that wisdom cries in the openings of the gates, in the city? Pr 8:1-4; Jn 7:37-39; Rv 3:20  
Gates: Ps 24:7; 118:19-20 (Pr 31:23 place of decisions & entry to the city, Ruth 4:1-8; Dt 16:18)

City: Pr 18:11 (wealth/riches = knowledge, Pr 14:24, 18); Pr 25:28; Jer 1:18

{Figuratively a city is a mind. *Streets*, KJ; *square*, NIV; *broad places*, RV - represent the open places in your city. The spiritual wall, built of stones, is a collection of beliefs that guide & keep you in the way of salvation, cf Isa 60:18. The gates in/out of your city are the eyes, ears, nose & mouth; the gates of God into which we enter are His understanding, eyes, and the word He gives, breath of His mouth - i.e. His spirit.”}

3. Spiritually, what type people do the three entities in verse 22 represent?

Simple ones: Ps 19:7; 119:130 a simple one does not have God’s knowledge.

Scorners: Ps 1:1 related to the ungodly; 119:51 are proud/arrogant; Pr 14:6; 15:12

Fools: verse 22 - hates God’s knowledge; Pr 10:18 - hides hatred with lies, slanders; 26:7 - does not understand parables; Eccl 2:14 - walks in darkness

Read Proverbs 1:24-33:

4. In verse 26, How does Wisdom laugh and mock the wicked? 1Ki 18:17-18 (workers of God blamed for calamities); verses 24-27 (the prophets, or testimony of God through His people mock the evil).

4a. Why does tribulation come upon the wicked? Pr 1:28-32

4b. Who are those who dwell safely and are at ease from the fear of evil? Pr 1:33