

## Proverbs Week #80 (8:22-31)

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*“The LORD possessed Me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old. From everlasting I was established, from the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, When there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills I was brought forth; While He had not yet made the earth and the fields, Nor the first dust of the world. When He established the heavens, I was there, When He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep, when He made firm the skies above, When the springs of the deep became fixed, when He set for the sea its boundary so that the water would not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth; then I was beside Him, as a master workman; and I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him, rejoicing in the world, His earth, and having my delight in the sons of men.” Prov 8:22-31*

In our last lessons from Proverbs we considered different characteristics of Wisdom. Today we look at Her work in creation. She is from of old and was with God before all things were made. We are told that in Her rejoicing during creation She had Her delight in the sons of men. From the beginning of time Wisdom is at work to proclaim God’s truth. God has given Her the task of educating men and women both young and old.

*The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard. Psa 19:1-3*

### **Action Items:**

**Learn** – The task of teaching can be a joy. When students who are naïve and foolish learn the lessons that God desires to teach, do you think God is happy? Do you think it pleases our Father in Heaven when we as His children grow and mature? Learning to live by God’s standards is more than just passing a test or graduating from a course of study. As we learn with God He teaches us to be thankful and rejoice before Him.

**Discern** – As you look at God’s creation do you recognize how skillful He was in designing this world? The incredible differences in tastes, smells, colors, and textures alone teach us that God’s creativity is amazing! Do you look at His creation and see Him in it?

**Receive** – If we acknowledge Wisdom’s part in creation and we seek to know Her and be wise we should be a people who thank God daily for His goodness. One of our goals in this study time is to learn wisdom and receive instruction in skillful living. The world around us did not appear from nothing. An extremely intelligent designer fashioned it all.

**Impart** – *I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonders. I will be glad and exult in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High. Psalms 9:1,2*

As parents can we choose to sing songs that tell of all of God’s wonders? Can we sing them with our whole heart? Our children will watch us and learn many of life’s lessons not from what we talk about but from what we do. It is one thing to say thank you to God and it is another thing to do so whole-heartedly. When Yeshua spoke of the woman who was forgiven much, He said that she loved much. Our walking with God should not be merely theoretical. If we are to impart Wisdom to the next generation, we must make Her our delight too! God delights in Wisdom – we should be more like Him!

### **Suggested Activities for families:**

Consider creating a small journal with your children that lists smells, tastes, or colors that they like or dislike. Use this as an opportunity to show the variety that God has created. Consider using clip art, pictures found from magazines or online sources, or have your children draw things that God has created (trees, mountains, flowers, animals, people, etc.). Use this activity to reinforce Wisdom’s work in creation.