

Proverbs 1:20 (NLT). “Wisdom shouts in the streets.” (read vs. 20-21)

She cries out in the public square. She calls out to the crowds along the main street, and to those in front of city hall.” Wisdom is personified. “She” is pictured as a virtuous woman calling out to anyone and everyone who will pay attention. She cries out in public places. You can’t miss wisdom’s invitation or her warning. The cry of wisdom is to fear the Lord. Wisdom begins with God. There is no wisdom independent of the Almighty. Believers are referred to as God-fearing, because they take wisdom’s invitation seriously. Many take the Word literally, but they don’t take it seriously. It is one thing to believe the Bible is truth and quite another thing to do the truth. “If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth” (1 Jn. 1:6). Those who won’t take wisdom seriously won’t be taken seriously. They will be mocked when destruction comes upon them. “They will call on me, but I will not answer. They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me” (1:28). You can’t ignore wisdom in good times and cry out for it when things go bad. Wisdom must be pursued and internalized before the crisis. Wisdom begs for your acceptance. She vies for your attention everywhere in every way. Receive her counsel now, and be ready when the storms come. You may be late to the game, but you can accept the wisdom of Christ now. An old Chinese proverb says, “The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The next best time is now.”