

The wisdom Jehovah provides is far superior to anything the world has to offer. In this article, we will examine an intriguing word picture in the book of Proverbs—that of wisdom crying aloud in a city square. We will discuss how we can acquire true wisdom, why some turn a deaf ear to wisdom, and how we benefit when we respond to its call.

(Proverbs 1:20) True wisdom cries aloud in the street. It keeps raising its voice in the public squares.

#### Paragraph 1

**(Proverbs 1:20, 21) True wisdom cries aloud in the street. It keeps raising its voice in the public squares. 21 At the corner of the busy streets it calls out. At the entrances of the city gates it says:**

#### Paragraph 3

(Proverbs 9:10) The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom, And knowledge of the Most Holy One is understanding.

(Proverbs 2:5-7) Then you will understand the fear of Jehovah, And you will find the knowledge of God. 6 For Jehovah himself gives wisdom; From his mouth come knowledge and discernment. 7 He treasures up practical wisdom for the upright; He is a shield for those walking in integrity.

#### Paragraph 4

(Romans 16:27) to God, who alone is wise, be the glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

(Psalm 104:24) How many your works are, O Jehovah! You have made all of them in wisdom. The earth is full of what you have made.

(Romans 11:33) O the depth of God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How unsearchable his

judgments are and beyond tracing out his ways are!

(Proverbs 2:10-12) When wisdom enters your heart And knowledge becomes pleasant to your soul, 11 Thinking ability will keep watch over you, And discernment will safeguard you, 12 To save you from the bad course, From the man speaking perverse things,

#### Paragraph 5

(Proverbs 21:30) There is no wisdom, nor discernment, nor counsel in opposition to Jehovah.

#### Paragraph 6

**(Proverbs 1:22-25) “How long will you inexperienced ones love inexperience? How long will you ridiculers take pleasure in ridicule? And how long will you foolish ones hate knowledge? 23 Respond to my reproof. Then I will pour out my spirit for you; I will make my words known to you. 24 Because I called out, but you kept refusing, I stretched out my hand, but no one was paying attention, 25 You kept neglecting all my advice And rejecting my reproof,**

#### Paragraph 7

(Proverbs 14:15) The naive person believes every word, But the shrewd one ponders each step.

(Proverbs 1:22) “How long will you inexperienced ones love inexperience? How long will you ridiculers take pleasure in ridicule? And how long will you foolish ones hate knowledge?

(Jeremiah 5:31) The prophets prophesy lies, And the priests dominate by their own authority. And my own people love it that way. But what will you do when the end comes?”

(Proverbs 1:32) For the waywardness of the inexperienced will kill them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them.

(Proverbs 27:12) The shrewd person sees the danger and conceals himself, But the inexperienced keep right on going and suffer the consequences.

#### Paragraph 8

(1 Corinthians 14:20) Brothers, do not become young children in your understanding, but be young children as to badness; and become full-grown in your understanding.

(Psalm 19:7) The law of Jehovah is perfect, restoring strength. The reminder of Jehovah is trustworthy, making the inexperienced one wise.

#### Paragraph 9

(Psalm 123:4) We have had our full share of ridicule from the self-assured And the contempt of the arrogant.

(2 Peter 3:3, 4) First of all know this, that in the last days ridiculers will come with their ridicule, proceeding according to their own desires 4 and saying: “Where is this promised presence of his? Why, from the day our forefathers fell asleep in death, all things are continuing exactly as they were from creation’s beginning.”

(Genesis 19:14) So Lot went out and began to speak to his sons-in-law who were to marry his daughters, and he kept saying: “Get up! Get out of this place, because Jehovah will destroy the city!” But to his sons-in-law, he seemed to be joking.

(Jude 7) In the same manner, Sod'om and Go-mor'rah and the cities around them also gave themselves over to gross sexual immorality and pursued unnatural fleshly desires; they are placed before us as a warning example by

undergoing the judicial punishment of everlasting fire.

(Jude 17, 18) As for you, beloved ones, call to mind the sayings that have been previously spoken by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, 18 how they used to say to you: “In the last time there will be ridiculers, following their own desires for ungodly things.”

#### Paragraph 10

**(Psalm 1:1) Happy is the man who does not walk according to the advice of the wicked And does not stand on the path of sinners And does not sit in the seat of scoffers.**

(Proverbs 3:34, 35) For he mocks those who ridicule, But he shows favor to the meek. 35 The wise will inherit honor, But the stupid ones glorify dishonor.

#### Paragraph 11

(Proverbs 12:15) The way of the fool is right in his own eyes, But the wise one accepts advice.

(Psalm 53:1) The foolish one says in his heart: “There is no Jehovah.” Their unrighteous actions are corrupt and detestable; No one is doing good.

(Proverbs 24:7) True wisdom is unattainable for a fool; He has nothing to say in the city gate.

(Proverbs 14:7) Stay away from the foolish man, For you will not find knowledge on his lips.

#### Paragraph 12

(Psalm 32:8) “I will give you insight and instruct you in the way you should go. I will give you advice with my eye upon you.

(Psalm 32:10) Many are the pains of the wicked; But the one trusting in Jehovah is surrounded by His loyal love.

Paragraph 13

(Proverbs 1:29-32) Because they hated knowledge, And they did not choose to fear Jehovah. 30 They refused my advice; They disrespected all my reproof. 31 So they will bear the consequences of their way, And they will be glutted with their own counsel. 32 For the waywardness of the inexperienced will kill them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them.

(Proverbs 1:33) But the one listening to me will dwell in security And be undisturbed by the dread of calamity.”

Paragraph 15

(Proverbs 4:23) Above all the things that you guard, safeguard your heart, For out of it are the sources of life.

Paragraph 16

(Proverbs 23:4, 5) Do not wear yourself out to gain wealth. Stop and show understanding. 5 When you cast your eyes on it, it is not there, For it will surely sprout wings like an eagle and fly off into the sky.

(Proverbs 28:20) A faithful man will receive many blessings, But the one hastening to get rich will not remain innocent.

(1 Timothy 6:9, 10) But those who are determined to be rich fall into temptation and a snare and many senseless and harmful desires that plunge men into destruction and ruin. 10 For the love of money is a root of all sorts of injurious things, and by reaching out for this love some have been led astray from the faith and have stabbed themselves all over with many pains.

(Ecclesiastes 7:12) For wisdom is a protection just as money is a protection, but the advantage

of knowledge is this: Wisdom preserves the life of its owner.

Paragraph 17

(Proverbs 12:18) Thoughtless speech is like the stabs of a sword, But the tongue of the wise is a healing.

(Proverbs 20:19) A slanderer goes about revealing confidential talk; Do not associate with one who loves to gossip.

(Luke 6:45) A good man brings good out of the good treasure of his heart, but a wicked man brings what is wicked out of his wicked treasure; for out of the heart's abundance his mouth speaks.

(Proverbs 18:4) The words of a man's mouth are deep waters. The fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook.

Paragraph 18

(Proverbs 24:6) By skillful direction you will wage your war, And through many advisers there is victory.

Paragraph 19

**(Proverbs 3:13-18) Happy is the man who finds wisdom And the man who acquires discernment; 14 To gain it is better than gaining silver, And having it as profit is better than having gold. 15 It is more precious than corals; Nothing you desire can compare to it. 16 Long life is in its right hand; Riches and glory are in its left hand. 17 Its ways are pleasant, And all its paths are peaceful. 18 It is a tree of life to those who take hold of it, And those who keep firm hold of it will be called happy.**

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