

The Call of Wisdom

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²¹ She cries out in the chief concourses, *

At the openings of the gates in the city She speaks her words:

²² 'How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity?

For scorers delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge.

²³ Turn at my rebuke;

Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.

²⁴ Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,

²⁵ Because you disdained all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke,

²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes,

²⁷ When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction 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 Yahweh (the LORD),

³⁰ They would have none of my counsel *And* despised my every rebuke.

³¹ Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies.

³² For the turning away of the simple will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them;

³³ But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil."

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Facts Revealed:

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✧ **Wisdom** is a reference to the Holy Spirit of Yahweh.

✧ The Holy Spirit is everywhere calling all mankind to turn to the ways of God for their own eternal Salvation.

✧ The question is "How long will you ignorant ones love your ignorance?"

- ✧ Solomon then described the ways of prideful mankind.
- ✧ Scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge.
- ✧ If they repent of their ignorance and seek the Lord and His ways diligently, then Yahweh would pour out His Spirit on them, and make His Words known to them.
- ✧ **Because** I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,
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"Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. [\[Proverbs 1:24-28\]](#)
- ✧ The penalty for refusal of the Spirit's call, for disregard of His outstretched hand will result in His refusal to hear your call when your trouble comes.
- ✧ **Because** they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of Yahweh (the LORD),
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For the turning away of the simple will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them; [\[Proverbs 1:29-32\]](#)
- ✧ The price for refusing the call of the Spirit and rejecting the knowledge of Yahweh, refusing to fear Him and rejecting His counsel, despising His every rebuke is described in verses 31 & 32.
- ✧ They will receive the fruit of their wickedness **because** the turning away of the ignorant will slay them, the complacency of fools will destroy them.
- ✧ **But whoever** listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil."
[\[Proverbs 1:33\]](#)
- ✧ There is safety in listening to the voice of Wisdom, the Holy Spirit.
- ✧ His will is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and available to all who will diligently seek it out by careful study of His Word.