

Proverbs 7:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman:

Analysis

Calling wisdom 'sister' and understanding 'kinswoman' suggests intimate, familial relationship. This personification of wisdom anticipates Proverbs 8-9, where wisdom calls out in the streets. The closest human relationships become metaphor for the believer's bond with divine truth.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern wisdom literature often personified abstract concepts, but Israel's unique contribution was grounding wisdom in covenant relationship with the living God, not mere philosophical abstraction.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How intimate and familiar is your relationship with God's wisdom?
2. What practices deepen your personal acquaintance with biblical truth?

Interlinear Text

אָמַר	לְחֵכְמָה	אַחַתִּי	אַתְּ	וּמִדַּע	לְבִינָה
Say	unto wisdom	Thou art my sister	H859	thy kinswoman	understanding
H559	H2451	H269		H4129	H998
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and call					
H7121					

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