

# Proverbs 8

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## Wisdom's Call

- <sup>1</sup> Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?
  - <sup>2</sup> She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.
  - <sup>3</sup> She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.
  - <sup>4</sup> Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.
  - <sup>5</sup> O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.
  - <sup>6</sup> Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.
  - <sup>7</sup> For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
  - <sup>8</sup> All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.
  - <sup>9</sup> They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.
  - <sup>10</sup> Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.
  - <sup>11</sup> For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.
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- <sup>12</sup> I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.
  - <sup>13</sup> The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

- 14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.
- 15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.
- 16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.
- 17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.
- 18 Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.
- 19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.
- 20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:
- 21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.
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### **Wisdom's Role in Creation**

- 22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.
- 23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.
- 24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.
- 25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:
- 26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.
- 27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:
- 28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:
- 29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

- 30** Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;
- 31** Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.
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- 32** Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.
- 33** Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.
- 34** Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.
- 35** For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.
- 36** But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.
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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

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### Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

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### Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

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### Love — אֶהְבָּה / חֶסֶד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אֶהְבָּה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חֶסֶד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

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**Righteous** — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

**Truth** — אֱמֶת (Emet)

Truth, faithfulness

The Hebrew **emet** (אֱמֶת) means truth or faithfulness—reliability and conformity to reality. God is true (emet), utterly faithful to His word and character.

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**CROSS REFERENCES**


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**Proverbs 8:1**    **Parallel theme:** Matthew 3:3; Luke 24:47; John 7:37

**Proverbs 8:2**    **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 9:3; 9:14

**Proverbs 8:3**    **Parallel theme:** Job 29:7

**Proverbs 8:4**    **Parallel theme:** Psalms 50:1; Matthew 11:15; Revelation 22:17

**Proverbs 8:5**    **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 1:4; 1:22; Psalms 19:7; Acts 26:18

**Proverbs 8:6**    **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 4:2; 23:16; Colossians 1:26

**Proverbs 8:7**    **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 12:22; Psalms 37:30. **Truth:** John 8:14; 17:17

**Proverbs 8:8**    **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 8:13; Deuteronomy 32:5; John 7:46. **Word:** Psalms 12:6. **Righteousness:** Isaiah 45:23; 63:1

**Proverbs 8:9**    **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 14:6; 15:24; John 6:45; James 1:5

**Proverbs 8:10**    **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 8:19; 10:20; 16:16; 23:23; Psalms 119:72; 119:127; 119:162; Ecclesiastes 7:11; Acts 3:6; 2 Corinthians 6:10

**Proverbs 8:11**

**Parallel theme:** Proverbs 16:16; 20:15; Psalms 19:10; 119:127; Matthew 16:26

**Proverbs 8:12**    **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 1:4; 1 Kings 7:14; 1 Chronicles 28:19; Psalms 104:24; Isaiah 28:26; Romans 11:33; Ephesians 1:8; 1:11; 3:10; Colossians 2:3

### **Proverbs 8:13**

**References Lord:** 1 Samuel 2:3. **Evil:** Proverbs 6:12; 16:6; Psalms 97:10; Amos 5:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:22. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 4:24; 16:18; Psalms 119:128; 1 Peter 5:5

### **Proverbs 8:14**

**Parallel theme:** Proverbs 24:5; Ecclesiastes 7:19; Isaiah 9:6; 40:14; John 1:9; Romans 1:22; 1 Corinthians 1:24; 1:30; Colossians 2:3

**Proverbs 8:15** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 28:18; Romans 13:1. **Kingdom:** Daniel 2:21; 4:32; Revelation 19:16

### **Proverbs 8:17**

**Love:** Psalms 91:14; John 14:21; 14:23; 16:27; 1 John 4:19. **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 2:30; Isaiah 45:19; 55:6; Matthew 6:33; James 1:5

**Proverbs 8:18** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 3:16; Ephesians 3:8; Philippians 4:19; Revelation 3:18. **Righteousness:** Matthew 6:33

**Proverbs 8:19** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 3:14; 8:10; 10:20; Ecclesiastes 7:12

### **Proverbs 8:20**

**Parallel theme:** Proverbs 3:6; 6:22; Deuteronomy 5:32; Psalms 32:8; Isaiah 2:3

**Proverbs 8:21** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 1:13; 24:4; Genesis 15:14; 1 Samuel 2:8; Psalms 16:11; Matthew 25:46; Hebrews 10:34; 1 Peter 1:4

**Proverbs 8:22** **Parallel theme:** Colossians 1:17. **References Lord:** Proverbs 3:19; Psalms 104:24

**Proverbs 8:23** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 1:26; Psalms 2:6; John 17:5; 17:24. **Eternal Life:** Micah 5:2

**Proverbs 8:24** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 3:20; Genesis 1:2; 1 John 4:9

**Proverbs 8:25** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 90:2; Hebrews 1:10

**Proverbs 8:27** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 3:19; Job 26:10; Psalms 33:6; 103:19; 136:5; Isaiah 40:11; 40:22; Jeremiah 10:12; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2

**Proverbs 8:29** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 104:5; 104:9; Jeremiah 5:22

**Proverbs 8:30** **Light:** Isaiah 42:1. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 3:17; 17:5; John 1:18; 12:28; 16:28; Colossians 1:13

**Proverbs 8:31** **Light:** Psalms 16:3. **Parallel theme:** John 13:1

**Proverbs 8:32** **Blessing:** Psalms 128:1; Luke 11:28. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 5:7

**Proverbs 8:33** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 1:8; 1:21; 4:1; 5:1; Hebrews 12:25

**Proverbs 8:34**

**Blessing:** Luke 11:28. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 1:21; 3:13; 3:18; Psalms 27:4; 84:10; Matthew 7:24; Luke 1:6; 10:39; Acts 2:42

**Proverbs 8:35** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 1:33; John 3:36; 14:6; 17:3; Colossians 3:3.

**References Lord:** Proverbs 12:2; Philippians 3:8

**Proverbs 8:36** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 1:31; 15:32; 21:6; Acts 13:46; Hebrews 2:3; 10:29.

**Sin:** Proverbs 20:2; Ezekiel 18:31. **Love:** Proverbs 12:1; 1 Corinthians 16:22

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