

Proverbs 8:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?

Analysis

Wisdom personified calls publicly, demonstrating God's revelation is not hidden or obscure but proclaimed openly. The feminine personification may anticipate Christ as Wisdom incarnate (1 Corinthians 1:24, 30). Wisdom's public availability makes human rejection willful and culpable.

Historical Context

City gates and high places were public forums where legal proceedings, teaching, and commerce occurred. Wisdom's presence there shows it addresses all aspects of communal life.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. Where do you hear wisdom calling in your daily life and community?

2. How do you respond when divine wisdom confronts you through Scripture or circumstance?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

John 7:37 (Parallel theme): In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

Matthew 3:3 (Parallel theme): For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Luke 24:47 (Parallel theme): And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

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