

# Proverbs 8:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.

## Analysis

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Wisdom (personified as female, Hebrew 'chokmah') stands 'in the top of high places' and 'where the paths meet.' This public positioning contrasts sharply with the adulteress who lurks in corners and darkness (7:8-9). Divine wisdom is accessible, visible, and inviting—God makes truth available to all. The Reformed doctrine of general revelation affirms that God's wisdom is evident in creation and conscience. Wisdom's public stance demolishes excuses for ignoring God's truth.

## Historical Context

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High places and city gates were centers of commerce, justice, and public discourse in ancient Near Eastern cities. Wisdom's location in these places indicates her universal availability and relevance to all aspects of civic life.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. Where is God's wisdom publicly displayed in creation and His Word that you might be overlooking?

2. How does wisdom's accessibility contrast with excuses we make for foolish decisions?
3. In what ways can you position yourself to hear wisdom's voice more clearly?

## Interlinear Text

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גַּתִּיב וְתַּ  
בְּ יַתְּ  
דְּ כָּרְ  
עַלְּ  
מִרְמָם יִם  
בָּרָאשׁ  
in the top    of high places    H5921    by the way    in the places    of the paths  
H7218                    H4791                    H1870                    H1004                    H5410

נִצְבָּה:  
She standeth  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Proverbs 9:3** (Parallel theme): She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,

**Proverbs 9:14** (Parallel theme): For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,

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