

Proverbs 8:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;

Analysis

Wisdom was beside God as master workman, daily His delight, rejoicing always. The Hebrew 'amon' (master workman/craftsman) describes skilled artisan. Wisdom wasn't merely spectator but active participant in creation. The relationship is intimate - beside God, His delight, mutual rejoicing. This portrays wisdom as personal, not merely abstract principle. John's Gospel identifies this Wisdom as Christ, the Word who 'was with God, and was God' (John 1:1).

Historical Context

This verse's Christological significance is profound. Early church fathers saw Christ prefigured here - eternal Wisdom, with God, delighting in Father, instrumental in creation. Colossians 1:16 affirms: 'By him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth...all things were created by him, and for him.' Christ is Wisdom incarnate, Creator and Sustainer of all.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing Christ as eternal Wisdom affect your relationship with knowledge and truth?
2. What does it mean that Wisdom/Christ was the Father's daily delight?
3. How should Christ as master workman of creation shape your understanding of His authority and competence?

Interlinear Text

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Then I was by him

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אֲמִין

as one brought up

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his delight

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rejoicing

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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 42:1 (Light): Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

Matthew 3:17 (Parallel theme): And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

John 1:18 (Parallel theme): No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

John 12:28 (Parallel theme): Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

John 16:28 (Parallel theme): I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

Colossians 1:13 (Parallel theme): Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Matthew 17:5 (Parallel theme): While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

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