

# Proverbs 8:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.

## Analysis

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Hear, for I will speak of excellent things, and opening my lips shall be right things. Wisdom's speech is both excellent (negidim - princely, noble things) and right (mesharim - upright, equitable things). This verse establishes wisdom's message as supremely valuable and morally correct. Unlike deceivers who speak pleasant lies, wisdom speaks hard truths that lead to life. The call to hear emphasizes receptivity to authoritative truth.

## Historical Context

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Part of wisdom's public proclamation (ch.8), asserting authority over against other voices competing for attention. In ancient marketplace of ideas, wisdom demanded hearing based on message quality.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

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

## Study Questions

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1. What competing voices are drowning out wisdom's call in your life?
2. How do you distinguish truly excellent and right speech from merely popular opinion?

## Interlinear Text

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שְׁפַת־יְמִינָת־חַדְבָּר־תְּגִיד־יְמִינָת־אַלְבָּר־שְׁמָעוֹ  
Hear      H3588      of excellent things      for I will speak      and the opening      of my lips  
H8085      H5057           H1696      H4669      H8193

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Colossians 1:26** (Parallel theme): Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

**Proverbs 4:2** (Parallel theme): For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.

**Proverbs 23:16** (Parallel theme): Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

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