

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

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

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

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

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

שְׁמָעוּ	כִּי	נְגִידֵי יָם	אֲדַבֵּר	וּמִפֶּתַח	שִׁפְתֵי י
Hear	H3588	of excellent things	for I will speak	and the opening	of my lips
H8085		H5057	H1696	H4669	H8193

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shall be right things

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Additional Cross-References

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.