SOP: Wisdom Series: Wisdom Personified

Wisdom—All that is in God's heart and mind—that He wants to make available to us. It is His language as well as His habitation design.

Original Design

- We were created to be image bearers of God—representations of His image and likeness
- God is/will be Sovereign—therefore we have been designed with free-will
- We were to live out the same path to maturity that Jesus modeled—Luke 2:52: And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.
- We were to learn the stewardship of our freewill—relationally
- At the fall—we no longer had access to a face-to-face relationship with our God
- Submission was the key to future access.

Why is Wisdom personified in Scripture:

- Through submission and restored relationship—God's people had access to the wisdom of God.
- Personifying wisdom invites each one to build a relationship with 'her'
- With Law—it is a way of life that is rule-driven. With Wisdom—we learn to follow the way of the Spirit in any given situation.
- Wisdom is depicted as a Lady who gives guidance—and we should listen/give heed/obey
- Folly is contrasted with Lady Wisdom—and describes an adulterous relationship—of hear/mind/will
- **Proverbs 9:1—Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn out her seven pillars;**

Meeting Wisdom:

- **Proverbs 8:1-3**—Wisdom is actively attempting to influence every one of our decisions—there is a way to respond to this call—discover the path that leads to life—discover the gate to access her wisdom/voice
- **Proverbs 8:4-5**—there is an invitation to men—both the naive and the foolish—to listen
- **Proverbs 8:6-7**—this wisdom embodies truth and righteousness
- **Proverbs 8:10-11**—Each one must choose—wisdom is described as more valuable than worldly wealth
- **Proverbs 8:14**—Counsel is mine and sound wisdom; I am understanding, power is mine.
- **Proverbs 8:15-16**—King rule and decree justice by wisdom
- **Proverbs 8:17**—this is a love relationship—those who seek wisdom will find her.
- **Proverbs 8:18**—Riches, honor, enduring wealth and righteousness are found with her
- **Proverbs 8:19**—my fruit/my yield=better than pure gold/choicest silver
- **Proverbs 8:20**- Where you will find wisdom: I walk in the way of righteousness and in the midst of justice.
- **Proverbs 8:21**—wisdom endows those who love her with wealth—fill our treasuries
- **Proverbs 8:22-29**—Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way/ before His works of old/from everlasting to everlasting/ from the beginning of the earliest times of the earth/before creation…..
- **Proverbs 8:30-31**—I was beside Him as a master workman/daily His delight/rejoicing before Him
- **Proverbs 8:32-33**—listen—give heed—keep my ways—be blessed