

## PROVERBS 8

- <sup>1</sup> You shall proclaim wisdom, that understanding may be obedient to you.
- <sup>2</sup> For she is on lofty heights, and stands in the midst of the ways.
- <sup>3</sup> For she sits by the gates of princes, and sings in the entrances, *saying*,
- <sup>4</sup> "You, O men, I exhort"; and utter my voice to the sons of men.
- <sup>5</sup> O you simple, understand prudence, and you that are untaught, take in knowledge.
- <sup>6</sup> Listen to me, for I will speak solemnly, and I will proclaim the truth from my lips.
- <sup>7</sup> For my mouth shall meditate truth, and false lips are an abomination before me.
- <sup>8</sup> All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing in them wrong or perverse.
- <sup>9</sup> They are all evident to those that understand, and right to those that find knowledge.
- <sup>10</sup> Receive instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.
- <sup>11</sup> For wisdom is better than precious stones; and no valuable substance is of equal worth with it.
- <sup>12</sup> I, wisdom, have dwelt *with* counsel and knowledge, and I have called upon understanding.
- <sup>13</sup> The fear of the Lord hates unrighteousness, insolence, pride, and the ways of wicked men; and I hate the perverse ways of bad men.
- <sup>14</sup> Counsel and safety are mine; prudence is mine, and strength is mine.
- <sup>15</sup> By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.
- <sup>16</sup> By me nobles become great, and monarchs by me rule over the earth.
- <sup>17</sup> I love those that love me, and they that seek me shall find me.
- <sup>18</sup> Wealth and glory belong to me; yes, abundant possessions and righteousness.
- <sup>19</sup> *It is* better to have my fruit than *to have* gold and precious stones; and my produce is better than choice silver.
- <sup>20</sup> I walk in ways of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment;
- <sup>21</sup> that I may divide substance to them that love me, and may fill their treasures with good things.
- If I declare to you the things that happen daily, I will remember also to recount the things of old.
- <sup>22</sup> The Lord made me the beginning of His ways for His works.
- <sup>23</sup> He established me in the beginning, before time was, before He made the earth.
- <sup>24</sup> Even before He made the depths, before the fountains of water came forth;
- <sup>25</sup> before the mountains were settled, and before all hills, He begot me.
- <sup>26</sup> The Lord made countries and uninhabited *lands*, and the highest inhabited parts of the world.
- <sup>27</sup> When He prepared the heaven, I was present with Him; and when He prepared His throne upon the winds;
- <sup>28</sup> and when He strengthened the clouds above, and when He secured the fountains of the earth;
- <sup>29</sup> and when He strengthened the foundations of the earth;

<sup>30</sup> I was by Him, suiting myself to Him, I was that in which He took delight; and daily I rejoiced in His presence continually.

<sup>31</sup> For He rejoiced when He had completed the world, and rejoiced among the sons of men.

<sup>32</sup> Now then, *my son*, hear me: blessed is the man who shall listen to me, and the mortal who shall keep my ways;

<sup>33</sup> (This verse omitted in LXX)

<sup>34</sup> watching daily at my doors, waiting at the posts of my entrances.

<sup>35</sup> For my outgoings are the outgoings of life, and *in them* is prepared favor from the Lord.

<sup>36</sup> **But they that sin against me act wickedly against their own souls, and they that hate me love death.**