

#### Studies in the Book of Proverbs by John T Polk II For The Fellowship Room

# (#23) Eight Reasons Why Listen To Reason:

## #5 8:22-36: She Speaks Powerfully

## Verses 22-23: Before the Creation

Wisdom was not acquired by God, but was inherent in God, "before there was ever an earth." It was with His Word of Wisdom, He "created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). Christ was that Word, for "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). It is true of the Christ that: "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist" (Colossians 1:15-17). This was never true of any other "prophet."

### Verses 24-31: In the Creation

These verses follow the day-by-day account of the Creation, as recorded in Genesis Chapter 1. All scientific studies are simply efforts to discover, and reveal, the magnificent Wisdom of God in this Creation. For those who follow after the "god" of Chaos, a.k.a. "The Big Bang," "Evolution," "Darwinism," there is no Wisdom to discover, but only more words to keep adding Time and Chance to their unproven, unscientific Theory! Wisdom, including Intelligent Design, is found in all of God's Creation, and every time it is discovered, it makes sense!

Wisdom was used (**verse 24**) on Day 2, to balance between the "depths" and "fountains" of water. The undersea "fountains" feeding warm water have been found throughout the seas;

Wisdom was used (**verses 25-26**) on Day 3, to shape "mountains" and "hills," forming natural barriers and boundaries to regulate life on earth, and to plan the very dirt surface that would give life to vegetation;

Wisdom was used (**verses 27-28**) on Day 4, to set the stars, sun and moon in their places to give seasons, tides, and day and nights;

Wisdom was used (**verse 29**) on Day 5, to give the sea "its limit," that is, assign it its place and purpose;



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Wisdom was used (**verses 30-31**) on Day 6, to make whatever was Created on each day "good." The making of man and woman "in His image" (Genesis 1:26-27) was of particular "delight," so "the sons of men" should feel a special attraction to Wisdom.

#### Verses 32-36: For the Creation

God's children, made with His Wisdom, should "hear instruction, and be wise," not rejecting any of it. "Blessed" (happy) is every person who "listens to" Wisdom, eagerly "watching daily" for the "gates" or "doors" (openings, either of the Word of God or scientific research). Wisdom is "life," and it is in Jesus Christ, "and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). Jesus later prayed, "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent" (John 17:3). To summarize this, John wrote, "And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son" (1 John 5:11). Everyone living without Jesus Christ has failed to find God's Wisdom, either in Creation, or Recreation!