

True Wisdom. Proverbs 8:10-16, 22-31

We live in a pluralistic society, people disagree about morality.

Secular culture: science and facts

Moral community: Post Christian: beyond Scripture

We need wisdom. More than knowledge.

Moral standards don't always cover our issues.

Our life will be mucky if we don't get wisdom

1. Importance of wisdom, 10-13

A. Principal thing (4:7) More than gold or silver, anything else

Some say I'll be happy when its perfect: NEVER

B. Wisdom is not moral goodness: its related

Some have talent, no success/some have success/no talent

Difference? Wisdom

C. When do you need it?

Some just need facts: math, bank account

Others are principles

But vast many decisions wisdom: who marry, confront, risk

You feel sick today because you lack wisdom

2. Definition of wisdom, 12-16

A. Synonyms: Prudence (12), understanding (insight) 14

Wisdom has understanding (Heb) how things really work

Wisdom has prudence: small distinctions (Sherlock Holmes)

Gerhart Umrod: competent to the realities of life

B. Wisdom does right things even when rules don't apply

1 Sam. 15-17 Absalom rebels against David

Apinothel sides with Absalom, David knew that was bad

Sends in Bashi to confuse. Absalom takes Bashi's

Apinothel goes to his house and dies: he rejected wisdom

3. Problem with Getting Wisdom, v. 22ff

A. Creation account is unique: all others are born of chaos/conflict

God is beauty, order, joy, and peace

It is foolish to move against the pattern

Pattern: 1. It is there (principles of life) 2. Can't know it all

Job's friends: thought it all was facts

4. Clue to solution

A. How Proverbs works

Not one verse by itself, 22:6

But story of wisdom vs folly and deceit

B. Not many have wise parents or leaders

Wisdom is not a list of rules, but a love affair with truth

Mt. 11:28 Come to me all heavy laden, give you rest.

C. Parallel: Proverbs 8 in septuagint: wisdom=logos

John 1 In beginning was word, with God, was God, nothing

made without him.

Jesus is wisdom