

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Proverbs 2.

Proverbs 1:20-21 "Out in the open wisdom calls aloud, she raises her voice in the public square; on top of the wall she cries out, at the city gate she makes her speech." (NIV)

Wisdom is personified. In the Hebrew, the noun is a feminine plural, as though this Wisdom were the queen of all wisdoms, uniting in herself all their excellences. She lifts up her voice, not in solitude, but in the halls of men, outside the walls, in the streets, at the highest point of all places of concourse, in the open space of the gates where the elders meet and the king sits in judgment, in the heart of the city itself Proverbs 1:21; through sages, lawgivers, teachers, and yet more through life and its experiences, she preaches to mankind. Socrates said that the fields and the trees taught him nothing, but that he found the wisdom he was seeking in his converse with the men whom he met as he walked in the streets and agora of Athens." (Barnes)

Job 28:12-23 "But where shall wisdom be found?

And where is the place of understanding?

Man does not know its worth, and it is not found in the land of the living. The deep says, 'It is not in me,' and the sea says, 'It is not with me.'

It cannot be bought for gold, and silver cannot be weighed as its price.

It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir,

in precious onyx or sapphire. Gold and glass cannot equal it, nor can it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold.

No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal; the price of wisdom is above pearls.

The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it, nor can it be valued in pure gold.

“From where, then, does wisdom come?
And where is the place of understanding?

It is hidden from the eyes of all living
and concealed from the birds of the air.
Abaddon and Death say, ‘We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.’

“God understands the way to it,
and he knows its place.” (ESV)

Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path." (ESV)