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(#21) Eight Reasons Why Listen To Reason: #1-3: 8:1-11

Having shown the worst some women have to offer, and the wisdom to avoid it, Wisdom is now personified as a woman who has only good to give, and, accompanied by "understanding," represents the best advice for anyone to follow in life. This description certainly puts women in a better light, but also obligates them to follow it themselves, and provide God's Wisdom for the rest of humanity.

#1 Verses 1-5: She Speaks Publicly

Wisdom is not hard to find or recognize, for she is said to "cry out," and "stand on the top of the high hill," "where the paths meet," "by the gates," "by the entry of the city," "at the entrance of the doors." This means God intends His Wisdom to be easily seen, known, and followed, for it is in the best interests of all who will hear. There is no place people travel by, gather at, or look up to, where God's Wisdom cannot, and should not, be proclaimed to benefit mankind. Jesus Christ brought Heavenly Wisdom to mankind and said, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing" ([John 18:20](#)). Wisdom addresses "men," "sons of man (Adam)," just as the Gospel of Jesus Christ is for "every creature" ([Mark 16:15](#)). Even the "simple" and "fools" are invited to listen, for they can change with the application of Wisdom.

#2 Verses 6-9: She Speaks Plainly

On the one hand, Wisdom offers to "plainly" speak only "excellent things," "right things," "truth," "righteousness;" and on the other hand, NOT offer "wickedness," nor anything "crooked or perverse." How difficult is this decision? Those who "understand," or "find knowledge" will catch on, but for those determined to follow their own ways and continue in sin, it will be too confining! There was a time when "Jesus answered and said, 'I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes'" ([Matthew 11:25](#)). God's Wisdom appeals to minds ready to listen, so Jesus said further: "Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" ([Matthew 18:4](#)).

#3 Verses 10-11: She Speaks Preciously

"Silver," "gold," and "rubies," though considered precious and a sign of wealth, "cannot be compared with" God's Wisdom. Think about it: All precious wealth on earth cannot get one soul into Heaven forever, but Wisdom can! Christians are still offered this judgment: "Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly

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all things to enjoy. *Let them* do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life” (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

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