

8:1 Doth not wisdom cry,
 And understanding put forth Her voice?
 8:2 On the top of high places by the way,
 Where the paths meet, She standeth;
 8:3 Beside the gates, at the entry of the city,
 At the coming in at the doors She crieth aloud:
 8:4 Unto you, O men, I call;
 And my voice is to the sons of men.
 8:5 O ye simple, understand prudence;
 And, ye fools, be of an understanding heart.
 8:6 Hear, for I will speak excellent things;
 And the opening of My lips shall be right
 things.
 8:7 For My mouth shall utter truth;
 And wickedness is an abomination to My lips.
 8:8 All the words of My mouth are in
 righteousness;
 There is nothing crooked or perverse in them.
 8:9 They are all plain to him that understandeth,
 And right to them that find knowledge.
 8:10 Receive My instruction, and not silver;
 And knowledge rather than choice gold.
 8:11 For wisdom is better than rubies;
 And all the things that may be desired are not to
 be compared unto it.
 8:12 I wisdom have made prudence My dwell-
 ing,
 And find out knowledge [and] discretion.
 8:13 The fear of YHWH is to hate evil:
 Pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way,
 And the perverse mouth, do I hate.
 8:14 Counsel is Mine, and sound knowledge:
 I am understanding; I have might.
 8:15 By Me kings reign,
 And princes decree justice.
 8:16 By Me princes rule,
 And nobles, [even] all the judges of the earth.
 8:17 I love them that love me;
 And those that seek Me diligently shall find Me.
 8:18 Riches and honor are with Me;
 [Yea], durable wealth and righteousness.
 8:19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine
 gold;
 And My revenue than choice silver.
 8:20 I walk in the way of righteousness,

In the midst of the paths of justice;
 8:21 That I may cause those that love Me to
 inherit substance,
 And that I may fill their treasuries.
 8:22 YHWH possessed Me in the beginning
 of his way,
 Before His works of old.
 8:23 I was set up from everlasting, from the
 beginning,
 Before the earth was.
 8:24 When there were no depths, I was
 brought forth,
 When there were no fountains abounding
 with water.
 8:25 Before the mountains were settled,
 Before the hills was I brought forth;
 8:26 While as yet He had not made the earth,
 nor the fields,
 Nor the beginning of the dust of the world.
 8:27 When He established the heavens, I was
 there:
 When He set a circle upon the face of the
 deep,
 8:28 When He made firm the skies above,
 When the fountains of the deep became
 strong,
 8:29 When He gave to the sea its bound,
 That the waters should not transgress His
 commandment,
 When He marked out the foundations of the
 earth;
 8:30 Then I was by Him, a master workman;
 And I was daily [His] delight,
 Rejoicing always before Him,
 8:31 Rejoicing in His habitable earth;
 And My delight was with the sons of men.
 8:32 Now therefore, [my] sons, hearken unto
 me;
 For blessed are they that keep My ways.
 8:33 Hear instruction, and be wise,
 And refuse it not.
 8:34 Blessed is the man that heareth Me,
 Watching daily at My gates,
 Waiting at the posts of My doors.
 8:35 For whoso findeth Me findeth life,

And shall obtain favor of YHWH.
 8:36 But he that sinneth against Me wrongeth
 his own soul:
 All they that hate Me love death.

Proverbs 9

9:1 Wisdom hath built her house;
 She hath hewn out her seven pillars:
 9:2 She hath killed her beasts;
 She hath mingled her wine;
 She hath also furnished her table:
 9:3 She hath sent forth her maidens;
 She crieth upon the highest places of the city:
 9:4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither:
 As for him that is void of understanding, she
 saith to him,
 9:5 Come, eat ye of my bread,
 And drink of the wine which I have mingled.
 9:6 Leave off, ye simple ones, and live;
 And walk in the way of understanding.
 9:7 He that correcteth a scoffer getteth to
 himself reviling;
 And he that reproveth a wicked man [getteth]
 himself a blot.
 9:8 Reprove not a scoffer, lest he hate thee:
 Reprove a wise man, and he will love thee.
 9:9 Give [instruction] to a wise man, and he
 will be yet wiser:
 Teach a righteous man, and he will increase in
 learning.
 9:10 The fear of YHWH is the beginning of
 wisdom;
 And the knowledge of the Holy One is
 understanding.
 9:11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied,
 And the years of thy life shall be increased.
 9:12 If thou art wise, thou art wise for thyself;
 And if thou scoffest, thou alone shalt bear it.
 9:13 The foolish woman is clamorous;
 [She is] simple, and knoweth nothing.
 9:14 And she sitteth at the door of her house,
 On a seat in the high places of the city,
 9:15 To call to them that pass by,
 Who go right on their ways:
 9:16 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither;
 And as for him that is void of understanding,

she saith to him,
 9:17 Stolen waters are sweet,
 And bread [eaten] in secret is pleasant.
 9:18 But he knoweth not that the dead are
 there;
 That her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

Proverbs 10

10:1 The proverbs of Solomon.
 A wise son maketh a glad father;
 But a foolish son is the heaviness of his
 mother.
 10:2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing;
 But righteousness delivereth from death.
 10:3 YHWH will not suffer the soul of the
 righteous to famish;
 But he thrusteth away the desire of the
 wicked.
 10:4 He becometh poor that worketh with a
 slack hand;
 But the hand of the diligent maketh rich.
 10:5 He that gathereth in summer is a wise
 son;
 [But] he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that
 causeth shame.
 10:6 Blessings are upon the head of the
 righteous;
 But violence covereth the mouth of the
 wicked.
 10:7 The memory of the righteous is blessed;
 But the name of the wicked shall rot.
 10:8 The wise in heart will receive
 commandments;
 But a prating fool shall fall.
 10:9 He that walketh uprightly walketh
 surely;
 But he that perverteth his ways shall be
 known.
 10:10 He that winketh with the eye causeth
 sorrow;
 But a prating fool shall fall.
 10:11 The mouth of the righteous is a
 fountain of life;
 But violence covereth the mouth of the
 wicked.