

True Wisdom

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Proverbs 8:22-36

In Proverbs we encounter wisdom personified. She is older than “In the beginning.” She was “the first of God’s works” and a joyful witness to creation (v. 30). Still, wisdom herself is one of God’s creations. She is not a co-god. Wisdom would blush at any such insinuation.

This does not mean that wisdom has nothing to offer. Camp on her doorstep and you will learn valuable things. Turn “your ear to wisdom and cry aloud for understanding . . . then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God” (2:3, 5). Wisdom will save you from much sorrow and guide you to a life marked by “favor from the LORD.”

Wisdom has its counterfeits. “Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become “fools” so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight. As it is written: “He catches the wise in their craftiness” (1 Corinthians 3:18-19). True wisdom honors and glorifies God, and she will help us learn to do the same.

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