

Wisdom's Origin (#13)

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“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?” (Job 34:4)

“Wisdom’s presence at creation suggests that she knows how the world was put together and therefore knows how it works.” [Koptak]

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 - Wisdom was a “master workman”
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Watch at Wisdom's Gates

“We notice that while Wisdom begins by going to the entrance to the city to find hearers, she ends by inviting her hearers to come to her door, staying clear of the other woman’s door (5:8).” [Koptak]

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2. The Choice of Life or Death

Lessons on Wisdom

1. Wisdom existed before creation, and has its origin in God. Therefore the first step of wisdom is a right attitude toward God (“the fear of the Lord”).
2. Wisdom is not a goddess or a being separate from God. To worship wisdom apart from God is idolatry.

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3. Wisdom rejoiced greatly at the creation. We too should rejoice in the wonders of what God has made.
4. Wisdom calls out to us to come and learn. But we must actively seek her and act on what we hear.

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