

Persons in Proverbs: Part II

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Like Father, Like Son: Proverbs 3:1-12

Wisdom for the Wilderness

Prov. 3:1 with Deut. 5:29; 8:2

Prov. 3:2 with Deut. 30:20

Prov. 3:3 (see also 6:21 and 7:3) with Deut. 6:8-9

Prov. 3:5 with Deut. 6:5; 13:3; 30:6

Prov. 3:7 with Deut. 6:2, 13, 24 (and many others)

Prov. 3:11-12 with Deut. 8:5

[See "Wisdom" in Deut. 4:5-6]

You Promised! (3:2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12)

Clothed with Yahweh (3:3-4)

Knowing the Lord (3:5-6)

Faith like a Child (3:7-8)

Wise Stewardship? (3:9-10)

Fatherly Delight (3:11-12; see Heb. 12:5-11)

ADDENDA: The Tree of Life (3:18; see also 11:30; 13:12; 15:4)

Introducing Lady Wisdom and Lady Folly

Lady Wisdom in Proverbs 8

Cometh by Hearing (8:1-11, 32-34)

Embodies Proverbs (8:12, 14)

One with the Lord

Counsel, Wisdom, Understanding, Strength (8:14; Job 12:13)

Kings Kinging (8:15-16; Ps. 21:1)

Seek and You Will Find (8:17; Jer. 29:13)

Loving Those Who Love Me (8:17, 21; Ex. 20:6)

Riches and Honor (8:18; 1 Chr. 29:12)

Righteousness and Justice (8:20; Ps. 103:6)

Begotten before All Worlds (8:22-36 [*text on back*])

Conclusion: Persons in Proverbs and *the* Person in Proverbs

Proverbs 8:22-36

22 “*Yahweh* possessed me
at *the beginning* of his way,
before his works of old.
23 From everlasting I was formed [“woven”],
from *the beginning*,
from before *the earth*.
24 When there were no *depths*
I was brought forth,
when there were no springs
weighted with *water*.
25 Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I was brought forth,
26 when he had not yet made *the earth*
and the fields,
nor *the beginning* of *the dust* of the world.
27 When he established *the heavens*,
I was there;
when he inscribed a horizon
upon the face of the deep,
28 when he made firm the clouds above,
when he strengthened
the springs of *the deep*,
29 when he set for *the sea* its boundary,
that *the waters* might not
transgress his command,
when he inscribed
the foundations of *the earth*,
30 then I was beside him,
[like] a master craftsman,
and I was delighting *day after day*,
rejoicing [“playing”] before him at all times,
31 rejoicing [“playing”] in his inhabited *earth*,
and my delights are ***the sons of man***.

32 “And now, sons, listen to me:
blessed are those who keep my ways.
33 Hear instruction and be wise,
and do not ignore/neglect it.
34 Blessed is the one listening to me,
watching vigilantly at my gates day after day,
waiting at my doorposts.
35 For whoever is finding me finds life
and obtains favor from *Yahweh*,
36 but whoever is missing me
does violence to his soul;
all those hating me love death.”