

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

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¹ Doesn't Wisdom cry out
and Understanding shout?

² Atop the heights along the path,
at the crossroads she takes her stand.

³ By the gate before the city,
at the entrances she shouts:

⁴ I cry out to you, people;
my voice goes out to all of humanity.

²² The Lord created me at the beginning of his way, before his deeds
long in the past.

²³ I was formed in ancient times,
at the beginning, before the earth was.

²⁴ When there were no watery depths, I was brought forth, when there
were no springs flowing with water.

²⁵ Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I was brought forth;

²⁶ before God made the earth and the fields
or the first of the dry land.

²⁷ I was there when he established the heavens,
when he marked out the horizon on the deep sea,

²⁸ when he thickened the clouds above,
when he secured the fountains of the deep,

²⁹ when he set a limit for the sea,
so the water couldn't go beyond his command,
when he marked out the earth's foundations.

³⁰ I was beside him as a master of crafts.
I was having fun,

smiling before him all the time,
³¹ frolicking with his inhabited earth
and delighting in the human race.

Psalm 8

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Leader: O Lord, our Lord,

People: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Leader: Your glory is chanted above the heavens by the mouth
of babes and infants:

**People: you have set up a defense against your foes, to still
the enemy and avenger.**

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

**People: the moon and the stars which you have
established;**

Leader: what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

People: and mortals that you care for them?

Leader: Yet you have made them little less than God,

People: and crowned them with glory and honor.

Leader: You have given them dominion over the works of your
hands;

People: you have put all things under their feet,

Leader: all sheep and oxen,

People: and also the beasts of the field,

Leader: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

People: whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Leader: O Lord, our Lord,

People: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

John 16:12-15

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¹²“I have much more to say to you, but you can’t handle it now.

¹³ However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you in all truth. He won’t speak on his own, but will say whatever he hears and will proclaim to you what is to come.

¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and proclaim it to you.

¹⁵ Everything that the Father has is mine. That’s why I said that the Spirit takes what is mine and will proclaim it to you.