

Proverbs 8:1–3 ▫ "Wisdom's Loud, Clear Call"

- 1 Does not wisdom cry out, And understanding lift up her voice?
- 2 She takes her stand on the top of the high hill,
Beside the way, where the paths meet.
- 3 She cries out by the gates, at the entry of the city,
At the entrance of the doors:

Pastor teaches his family a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In these three verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that wisdom's loud, clear call means that we should be thankful to God for it, and humbled that we don't heed it more.

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Proverbs 8 verses one through three, these are God's words. Does not wisdom cry out. And understanding lift up her voice. She takes her stand on the top of the high hill. Beside the way where the paths meet. She cries out by the gates at the entry of the city.

At the entrance of the doors. So far. Breeding of Gods inspired and andering toward. And these three verses, the Lord shows us how kind he is, how urgent he is to us to Save us to give us his word. That points us to himself as our creator that offers us his grace as Our Redeemer.

If we were to take the rest of this section and go to verse 11, we would see the sweet and good and beneficial offering of wisdom and Everything that wisdom says and does. Is right and good and how valuable it is to us. But just, tonight in just these three verses, we have repeated many times.

How plain and Urgent God is with us. And this ought to humiliate us because we have not listened to his wisdom. We have not desired it. We have been happy to remain ignorant even though, He has been so urgent with us and we ought to come. And when his word shows this to us, and we realize how obvious he has made it in his world and in his his creation, and in his Providence, We need his wisdom that we must be delivered from our own foolish and sinful selves.

That we Need to have our minds and hearts changed and to have them shaped and made consistent with his. We see how much he's told us this and we haven't, we haven't heeded it. We are ought to be humiliated about ourselves and yet grateful to him and see that he's still being patient with us.

He's still bringing us to his word and his word is still pointing this out to us. And here we are at the end of the day. We've there's a lot that we should have done that we didn't do. There's a lot that we did do that. We shouldn't have done.

There's a lot that we did do that. We should have done that, we have not done as we ought and yet God is bearing with us patiently because he's saving. Because he's saving us. And he will not abandon the work of his hands. He has begun the work and us will bring it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

And because he's still saving others. All upon whom. He has set his love, all whom he has determined to take as his children and conform to Christ. And so, he Bears with us patiently and we should be strengthened and encouraged by that. And We ought. Praise Him and be grateful to him and honor him from our hearts and response.

And one of the ways that we honor him, From our hearts then is by heeding his art by paying attention to it. Taking it to heart, thinking about it, living by it. So listen to the piling up. Of. The language here in these three verses. Wisdom cries out. Doesn't whisper quietly.

No wisdom is obvious and loud. Understanding lifts up her voice Making sure that. Wheel here, because Otherwise we would ignore it. And so God comes and and he his word as it were lifts up its voice and grabs our attention. Like someone here in a public place and everyone's talking it about the same level and then someone lifts up their voice and speaks above the crowd.

God's word speaks above everything else that is vying for our attention and urges us to listen, she takes her stand on the top of the high hill. The Lord making wisdom plain putting it putting it in plain sight. Not hard to find. Beside the way where the paths meet.

Not tucked away somewhere, but right in the middle of the square, as it were the easiest places to to find at the main intersection. She cries out by the gates at the entry of the city so if you're going in or out, you have to go Past wisdom at the entrance of the doors.

And so, six different things in these first, three verses showing us. How kind how merciful? How urgent, how obvious God has been. And calling us to attend to him. And calling us to wisdom. And so, indeed, let us be humbled. And let us be thankful and praise him for his goodness.

And let us respond. Let's not sleepwalk or ignore all the signs and then end up in self-destruction. And have no one to blame but ourselves because God has been so urgent with us. and so playing and so obvious. Let's pray.

Father, thank you for your word. Thank you. For this part of your work. Thank you for your patience with us. Indeed, many times we have Ignored the Obvious signs that we needed to be repenting and heeding your word. All right, thank you for Giving us evenings and mornings and giving us your word.

Which has been preserved for us these many centuries and translated into our own language. Thank you for giving us a moment. Just now to Pause and consider. Please Lord. Don't let us live on autopilot and be ruled by our own foolish Hearts. Grant that we would be governed by your wisdom.

That we would hear your word crying out to us and see what you put in plain sight for us and come running to you believing all that you teach obeying all that you command. We know that we do not have this in ourselves and we do not deserve to have it from you, but Christ has it in him for us and he has deserved it.

deserved to give it to us. He has earned it. And so we come to you through him knowing that you gave him in your love. To be our worthiness and to be our wisdom. And so hear us and help us, we pray for his sake and continue your work, until you have finished, conforming us to His Image and he is at the last, the firstborn among many Brethren and glorified in his church.

And you glorified in your son. Grant that we ask in his name. Amen.