

## The Best Deal Around > Proverbs 1:20-33

**1:20-23** The call of wisdom: contrary to what we might think or assume of the Lord, He isn't purposefully hiding wisdom from us. Instead, He provides it freely. The challenge isn't so much to "find" wisdom, but to embrace it.

**1:24-28** The rejection of wisdom: those who decide to live apart from the Lord shall not have any of the benefits of wisdom – including help when times of distress come. Embracing wisdom really does make a difference in a person's day to day life. So does rejecting wisdom.

**1:29-33** Embracing wisdom: while those who reject wisdom are ultimately rejecting the Lord (**verse 29**) and inviting judgment upon themselves, those who embrace wisdom will dwell securely, be at ease, and need not fear any disaster that is coming (**verse 33**).

**Context:** Chapter 1 of Proverbs opened with a portrait of what wisdom is and what it does, we now continue with the call to embrace wisdom – to heed it and live by what it teaches us about the Lord and His world.

**Aim:** We are to see that there is a real danger – an eternal danger – to rejecting the Lord's wisdom. Yet there is also a true and genuine blessing for those who embrace it.

**Gospel:** Wisdom points to Jesus – it teaches us about how He alone perfectly embodies what is true because He created it in the first place. Wisdom leads us to faithfulness.

**Applications:** Is your lifestyle embracing wisdom or the world? Are you guided most by what the Lord has taught?

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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