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In this passage before us this morning as we continue to work through the prologue to the book of Proverbs, wisdom is calling and the key question is are we listening? Do we have a teachable spirit? We all assume automatically that we are teachable. Which of us wants to admit that he has a hard heart and does not have a teachable spirit? But the stakes are high and the consequences are eternal. Wisdom is giving her sermon and the stakes are life and death. We will examine wisdom's call this morning from three perspectives. **(1) The Passion of Wisdom's Call.** The text tells us that wisdom cries aloud in the street. In the markets she raises her voice, and at the head of the noisy streets she cries out. This is not impassioned teaching, but passionate imploring. **(2) The Power of Wisdom's Call.** This is seen in v.23 where wisdom calls that is we repent, if we change our life direction then she will pour out her spirit and make words known to us. **(3) The Promise of Wisdom's Call.** This has both a negative and positive promise. Negatively, vv.24-32 describe the terrifying and dreadful consequences of choosing a course of hating knowledge and not fearing the Lord, while v.33 holds out hope that if we listen to this passionate, powerful call we will dwell secure, be at ease without dread of disaster.

Gospel Connections

How can we dwell secure and not fear disaster? How do we ultimately listen to wisdom? The answer is the gospel. Think about it. What is our ultimate disaster, beyond any disaster, terrible as it may be in this life, that can overtake us? It is the disaster of being under the final wrath and judgment of God. And what does the gospel tell us? Paul writes in Romans 8:31-32, ***“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things.”*** How can we dwell secure and be at ease without the dread of disaster? Because Jesus has taken our ultimate disaster. The One who always perfectly feared the Lord and personified wisdom was given up, mocked, laughed at, and took the ultimate disaster for those who did not fear the Lord and deserved the ultimate disaster. Do we have a teachable spirit?

Application and Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn from this sermon? Specifically
 - a. What insights did you learn?
 - b. What questions do you have? Are there any areas you don't

understand?

c. What areas of your life (be specific) do you sense God wants to change as a result of this passage of Scripture?

2. Do you feel you have a teachable spirit? Where can you be more teachable? Look at vv.20-22. How do you respond to the passion of wisdom's call?

3. Look at v.33. What confidence can Christians have about the events in their lives? Why?