Proverbs 1:20–21 (ESV) states:

“Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks.”

This passage vividly portrays wisdom as a person who openly calls out to all people, inviting them to hear and receive her counsel. Theologically, wisdom in the Bible is far more than human knowledge or intellectual skill. It is a divine attribute—God’s own ability to discern, judge, and govern rightly on earth.

Biblical Examples of Divine Wisdom

- Creation by Wisdom: Proverbs 8:22–31 (NASB) reveals that wisdom was present with God before creation and was actively involved in the formation of the heavens and the earth: *“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, before His works of old. From everlasting I was established, from the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth… When He established the heavens, I was there…”*

- Solomon’s Prayer for Wisdom: In 1 Kings 3:9–12, Solomon humbly asked God for wisdom to govern His people well, and God granted him unparalleled wisdom. This shows that divine wisdom is a gift from God, not merely a human achievement.

- Daniel’s Wisdom: Daniel 1:17 describes how God gave Daniel knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom, and in Daniel 2:20–23, Daniel acknowledges God as the source of all wisdom and revelation.

Wisdom Personified in Christ

The Bible also personifies wisdom as a person, and this person is ultimately Jesus Christ.

- 1 Corinthians 1:24 (ESV) declares,
  “But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”
  This shows that Christ embodies the fullness of divine wisdom.

- Colossians 2:3 (NASB) affirms,
  “In whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”
  Christ is the inexhaustible source of true wisdom, surpassing all earthly understanding.

How Do We Receive This Wisdom?

To receive divine wisdom, one must encounter Jesus Christ personally. To “see” wisdom means to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, as Romans 10:9 (ESV) explains:
“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Following Jesus by walking in His ways is the path of living out divine wisdom in daily life.

Where Is This Wisdom Found?

Proverbs 1:20–21 describes wisdom’s voice being raised in public spaces—markets, city gates, and busy streets. Theologically, this corresponds to the preaching of the Gospel, which is God’s

wisdom revealed to humanity and proclaimed openly to all.

Jesus commands His followers to preach the Gospel everywhere (Mark 16:15), and the church fulfills this by sharing the message in public spaces—on streets, marketplaces, gatherings, and through modern media.

The Urgency and Universality of the Gospel Call

The wisdom of God is available everywhere and at all times. The real issue is not the absence of wisdom but the rejection of it by many. Proverbs 1:24–28 warns of the consequences of ignoring wisdom’s call.

Anyone who believes in Christ opens the door to true understanding and eternal life, unlocking God’s mysteries and transforming their life.

May God bless you richly as you seek His wisdom and walk in His truth.

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