

Prov 8:1 Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? 2 On the heights along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand; 3 beside the gates leading into the city, at the entrances, she cries aloud: 4 "To you, O men, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind. 5 You who are simple, gain prudence; you who are foolish, gain understanding. 6 Listen, for I have worthy things to say; I open my lips to speak what is right.

WE NOW COME TO THE CLOSE OF THE FIRST SECTION OF PROVERBS. THE OVER ALL THEME WE HAVE BEEN STUDYING IS HOW THE LORD JESUS CHRIST CAN BUILD A YOUNG MAN'S LIFE. LIFE IN CHRIST IS MORE THAN JUST ATTENDING CHURCH, LEARNING THE LINGO OF FUNDAMENTALISM. DEVELOPING A "CHURCH LIFE-STYLE." LIFE IN CHRIST IS THE BUILDING OF A YOUNG MAN'S LIFE SO THAT HE CAN LIVE IN A HOME THAT PROTECTS HIM. THAT HOME IS THE HOME THAT WISDOM BUILDS - THAT HOME IS YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST.

Prov 9:1 Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out its seven pillars. 2 She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table.

YOU SEE, LIFE IN CHRIST IS NOT ABOUT BEING RELIGIOUS - IT IS ABOUT A LIFE THAT IS EXCITING, FULL OF LIVING, REWARDING. IT IS A LIFE THAT GIVES A YOUNG MAN PURPOSE - A FRIEND WHO WILL STICK WITH HIM THROUGH THE MOST DIFFICULT OF TIMES. IT IS A LIFE THAT WILL GIVE HIM A CIRCLE OF FRIENDS, A FAMILY AND MOST OF ALL A LIFE OF CONFIDENCE OF AN ETERNITY IN HEAVEN WITH GOD'S FAMILY.

WISDOM'S CALL IS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE ADULTEROUS WOMAN'S CALL. THE CALL IS LIFE IN CHRIST OR THE SELF-LIFE. A LIFE THAT BUILDS OR A LIFE THAT TEARS DOWN. LIFE OR DEATH. IN CHRIST WE LIVE. IN OUR SELVES WE DIE. THE CALL IS THAT SIMPLE.

#### THE DECISION IS OURS

Prov 8:10 Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, 11 for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

WHEN IT COMES RIGHT DOWN TO IT IT'S OUR CHOICE. WE LIVE IN A NATION WHERE GOD'S WORD IS RIGHT NEXT TO US. ESPECIALLY IN THE CHRISTIAN HOME. THERE ARE NATIONS WHERE THAT IS NO SO. IN THOSE NATIONS THE FAMILY UNIT IS IN DEEP TROUBLE. RUSSIA IS PAYING FOR 70 YEARS OF OPPRESSING THE PRESENCE OF THE BIBLE WITH AN IMMENSE DRINKING PROBLEM. CRIME IS ON THE INCREASE. THE VERY EXISTENCE OF FREEDOM IN RUSSIA IS VERY QUESTIONABLE.

IN OUR COUNTRY, YOUNG PEOPLE FACE AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE WITHOUT CHRIST. IT REALLY COMES DOWN TO CHOICE. YOUNG MAN WILL YOU CHOOSE CHRIST AND HIS WORD OR WILL YOU PUT THE DECISION OFF UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE AND YOU HAVE MADE ENOUGH WRONG DECISIONS THAT YOUR OPTIONS FOR A FULFILLING LIFE IS EXTREMELY LIMITED OR NON-EXISTANT.

#### THE PRE-EMINANCE OF WISDOM (JESUS CHRIST)

1 Cor 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

JESUS CHRIST IS THE KING OF HISTORY. WHETHER A YOUNG MAN DECIDES FOR CHRIST OR NOT - JESUS IS SOVEREIGN OVER HIS LIFE. EVEN THE KINGS AND PRESIDENTS ARE UNDER HIS SOVEREIGNTY;

Prov 8:15 By me kings reign and rulers make laws that are just; 16 by me princes govern, and all nobles who rule on earth.

THE DIFFERENCE IS HAVE YOU DECIDED TO PLACE THE LORD JESUS *AND HIS WORD* FIRST IN YOUR LIFE. IF YOU DO THEN THE PROMISE IS SURE; Prov 8:17 **I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. 18 With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity.**

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD. HE WAS WITH