

The Danger of Ignoring God

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Out in the open wisdom calls aloud, she raises her voice in the public square; on top of the wall she cries out, at the city gate she makes her speech: “How long will you who are simple love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge? Repent at my rebuke! Then I will pour out my thoughts to you, I will make known to you my teachings. But since you refuse to listen when I call and no one pays attention when I stretch out my hand, since you disregard all my advice and do not accept my rebuke, I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you;

I will mock when calamity overtakes you— when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you. “Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me, since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the Lord. Since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke, they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes. For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.

Verse 20

Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice.

Verse 23

"If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you."

Shuv= Turn

“Turn” is a beautiful word in the Hebrew. It's the word shuv, and it literally means “to turn around,” “to return,” or “to come back.”

Verse 24

"Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded..."

Verses 31–32

"Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices. For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them."

Big Idea

You can put God on hold.....but you can't put the consequences on hold.

Verse 33

"But whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster."

Jesus Calls

The same God who called people back through Wisdom came personally to call people back through His Son.

Jesus Said:

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

He said: "Follow me." He said: "Repent and believe."

Benediction

Church, this week, when God speaks... answer.

Don't put Him on hold. The God who calls you is the God who loves you, and His voice will always lead you to life.

May the Lord give you ears to hear, a heart that is quick to obey, and the peace that comes from walking with Him.

Go in the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.